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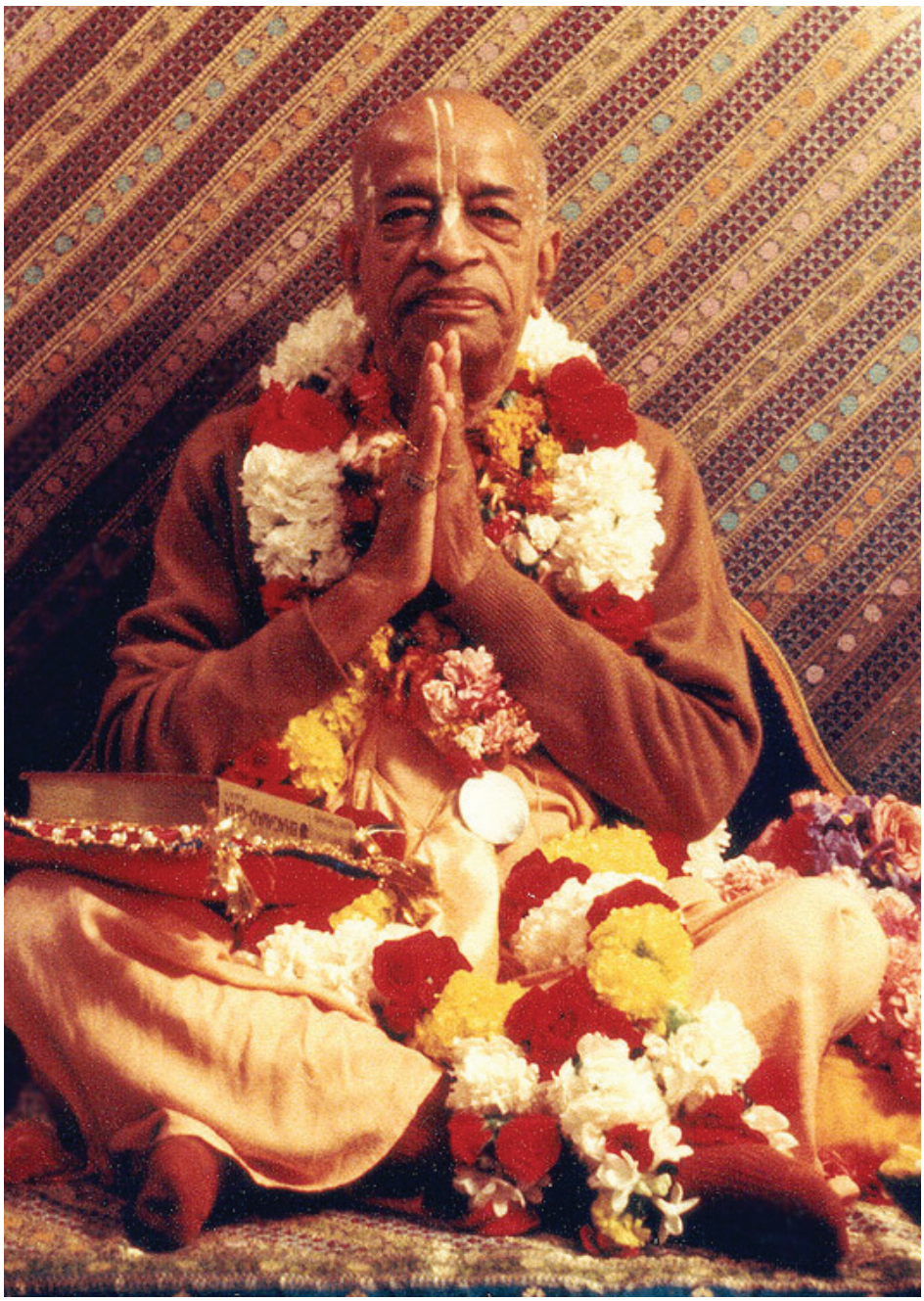
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BG 4.34

Just try to learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. Inquire from him submissively and render service unto him. The self-realized soul can impart knowledge unto you because he has seen the truth.

PURPORT

The path of spiritual realization is undoubtedly difficult. The Lord therefore advises us to approach a bona fide spiritual master in the line of disciplic succession from the Lord Himself. No one can be a bona fide spiritual master without following this principle of disciplic succession. The Lord is the original spiritual master, and a person in the disciplic succession can convey the message of the Lord as it is to his disciple. No one can be spiritually realized by manufacturing his own process, as is the fashion of the foolish pretenders.

The Bhāgavatam says: dharmaṁ hi sākṣād-bhagavat-praṇītam—the path of religion is directly enunciated by the Lord. Therefore, mental speculation or dry arguments cannot help one progress in spiritual life. One has to approach a bona fide spiritual master to receive the knowledge. Such a spiritual master should be accepted in full surrender, and one should serve the spiritual master like a menial servant, without false prestige. Satisfaction of the self-realized spiritual master is the secret of advancement in spiritual life. Inquiries and submission constitute the proper combination for spiritual understanding.

Unless there is submission and service, inquiries from the learned spiritual master will not be effective. One must be able to pass the test of the spiritual master, and when he sees the genuine desire of the disciple, he automatically blesses the disciple with genuine spiritual understanding. In this verse, both blind following and absurd inquiries are condemned. One should not only hear submissively from the spiritual master; but one must also get a clear understanding from him, in submission and service and inquiries. A bona fide spiritual master is by nature very kind toward the disciple. Therefore when the student is submissive and is always ready to render service, the reciprocation of knowledge and inquiries becomes perfect.

SIGNIFICANCE OF SRI VYASA-PUJA

BY RUKMINI DASI

It is not what you but who you know. Sri Vyasa puja is a celebration of connection.

"The original guru is Vyasadeva because he is the speaker of the Bhagavad-gita and Srimad Bhagavatam, wherein everything spoken relates to Krishna. Therefore guru-puja is known as Sri Vyasa puja. In the final analysis, the original guru is Krishna, His disciple is Narada, whose disciple is Vyasa, and in this way we gradually come in touch with the guru-parampara." [SB 8.24.48, purport]

The spiritual master is one who places us in divine touch. Places—not 'placed' as in only at the time of initiation nor 'will place' as if only at a magical, back-to-godhead moment. This connection is a live wire. One hand of the guru reaches upward to his spiritual master and all the sages in turn, to Gauranga Mahaprabhu and His associates, and to Radha Shyamasundar. Each mega-personality being transparent, yet adding to, the sheer force of grace. A tide of mercy plummets onto that open palm. The other hand of the guru reaches downward to sometimes clenched fists, resistant minds, or cold hearts. He offers divine touch.

Adau gurupadasraya. Seeking the shelter of our spiritual master is the unfurling fingers of a disciple reaching upward to the outstretched hand of guru. By doing so at every moment, we remain in dynamic contact. Because "If I hold on tightly to the lotus feet of my spiritual master and you to yours then in the end, we will all go back to Godhead." (Letter to disciple, May 2005)

And oh! Is that not the test?

"Taking shelter at the lotus feet of an acarya in this way is the real meaning of the term Vyasa puja." (Caitanya Bhagavata Madhya Kanda 5)
In honouring the Vyasa puja of our spiritual master, we assess our connection. Where the insulation from material affection has worn thin, we work on repair. We refurbish frayed wires with matured realization. And we reset for another year.

But it is not just another year, is it? And will Vyasa puja ever be the same?

I, with you, stand at the precipice of eternality. We have heard that the guru-disciple relationship is eternal, we may have said so ourselves but now we not only have to believe it, we have to live it. Now it is our responsibility to keep the wire live. How fortunate are we that every possible advice on how to do this was given from the lotus lips of our spiritual master over the last six months where we grappled with the truth of imminent separation? In essence, the guru never dies. He is alive if you keep him alive through devotional service.

"If you ever miss me and want to feel connected to me, chant your japa and I will always be connected to you through your beads." Conversation with disciple, Mayapur 2010
No, Vyasa puja will not be the same. But the meaning of Vyasa puja, its essence and its ability to link and transform us will be. If we choose for it to be. Because with every ceremony of worship, we don't get purified only by the offering of petals and the bathing of lotus feet. We are purified by the words of our God-brothers and God-sisters. A verbal offering has the heart of the disciple as the plate. Their years of service are the offering bowls, each filled with a flavour of our spiritual master that is unique to the individual. Our spiritual master lives in his disciples, and we can meet him, in ways that we never experienced him, in their words. O Vaisnavas, the bell is in your hands, my spiritual master now lies within you, please share him with me.

Why should we be eager to hear of the different dimensions of our spiritual master? Should I not be simply satisfied with remembering the version of him framed in my mind and heart, uncontradicted by anyone? No! It is our duty as disciples, our privilege, and our life mission to perceive the glory of our spiritual master, to want to know each petal of that Kadamba in its full bloom. "I don't invest in buildings." Maharaja once said, "I invest in people." As disciples, this is our inheritance.

To know one's spiritual master, to understand the depth of his service, the impact he had on others' lives, his sacrifice in honour of previous acaryas and his contribution to the Gaudiya Vaishnava sampradaya is not a luxury for a few close servants but the desperate need of every disciple. To know him, and to keep discovering him, is to remain enthused in service to him. To know him is to love him.

His Divine Grace, Srila Kadamba Kanana Swami found home in Vrindavana, where he served in countless capacities from managing the restaurant on his second day to serving as temple president for five years. He possibly knew every black and white marble tile. Fortified by many of Srila Prabhupada's men, Prabhupada's desires became his single-pointed focus. Every samadhi mangal arati and every chime of the temple bell solidified him as a Prabhupada man.

He took a bullet for it. Vrindavana is where he joined and where he will most likely leave this world. And he brought us all to Vrindavan in his final days to cement the mercy of the dhama within us.

Mayapur was no less. He served in the final construction of Srila Prabhupada's pushpa samadhi. He didn't want to, but he humbly submitted and it was all consuming. Although the samadhi was the giant offering, there were many little details. He pointed at a dome on a Mayapur building on a random walk and said, "I designed that. Ugly, isn't it?" Early mornings with the holy name and 12 semesters of deeply studying and teaching the Nectar of Devotion made Mayapur a place of nourishment for him. Later he drew the blueprint for a Mayapur city complementing the new temple—always a visionary.

He said in Vrindavan it felt like Radha and Krishna were just around the corner, but still out of reach and over time, he gravitated away from Radha Shyamasundar towards Gaura Nitai during the mangala arati. When the one-book version of Caitanya Caritamrta was published in 1984, he purchased it in advance, devoured it and travelled with the 2kg book for years. The Caitanya Caritamrta was his lifetime study. Exploring the Caitanya biographies, the history of Bengal in the 16th century, and visiting Bangladesh with all its Gaudiya pilgrimage sites resulted in a multi-volumed thesis. This is his magnum opus for which he left directions for completion. He left his dream of having a world-class university dedicated to the Life of Lord Caitanya with His Holiness Jayapataka Swami. "We have to establish Gauranga!"

His meditation on Lord Caitanya is not a scholastic pursuit. Krsna sent him Srila Jayadvaita Swami, a guru bold enough to give him sannyasa and allow him guru-ship at a time in ISKCON when both acts, especially the latter, would cause a complete outcry. In our sampradaya it is practically unheard of that a guru initiates his own disciples within the lifetime of his guru. Srila Jayadvaita Maharaja, in utter humility once said, "I didn't want to stand in the way. Why should my being present obstruct him of what was his destiny" (Paraphrased). Kadamba Kanana Swami bowed down to that order. Under the pressure of, "so when will you fall down?" He remains loyal, pure, and acting with integrity..

But above all things, he is a man of action. The mercy of Lord Caitanya leaped off the pages of the Caitanya Caritamrta and translated into him zipping across the globe for 37 years, the Flying Dutchman . The Spanish Farm, the Bhaktivedanta College in Radhadesh(Belgium), Nrsimhadev's home in Simhachalm (Germany), Govinda Valley (Australia), Soweto Ratha Yatra (South Africa), School of Bhakti in London(UK), and Brookland Temple (New York) to name a few. He invested in people and he expected that those people would inspire the world. 1100 disciples. It's definitely not the most of any guru nor the least. If there is one principle

that makes him unique, I would humbly suggest that it's how personal he is. He looks into a person's life and finds a way to carve a place within ISKCON society where that person can exist and serve no matter how different or challenged their background. He never placed a second-in-charge, and answers all correspondence personally. Even when in considerable pain, he wanted to update us himself. As a guru, he makes his mission to transmit transcendental knowledge and give us a vision of how to practice it. He also makes it his personal mission to conquer our hearts. "Guru tattva is about stealing peoples' hearts and dragging them back to Krsna."

And often it is in a full-throttle, Kadamba Kanana Swami kirtan that life changes. Sila Narrotam Das Thakura was known for his unique kirtan style and it was in his kirtan at the first Gaura Purnima festival in Keturi that the Pancha Tattva appeared. Styles of kirtan are possible. For Kadamba Kanana Swami, kirtan is his joy. His taste. Maybe his reason for existence. "A day without singing is a sad day." Yet kirtan is not just his internal connection with the Lord. Maharaja often said, "I don't play the instruments, I play the people." He chants to make others chant. He manages the instrument players with his eyes or his expression or a whopping slap on the shoulder. He drives the kirtan from peak to peak, pushing people beyond their limitations, all in service to the holy name. Dancing for Lord Jagannatha down the streets of the world, Ratha Yatra was his passion. Those kirtans do not speak of just high energy, but a determined mind and ceaseless compassion. Now he is unable to lead them. Yet, as I write this, his kirtan resounds in recorded form across the streets of Vrindavana. It does so every morning. The kirtan of Kadamba Kanana Swami will echo into the future.

"Thus He spread kirtana even among the untouchables. He wove a wreath of the holy name and prema, with which He garlanded the entire material world." (CC Adi 4.40) In Lord Caitanya's garland of the holy name there is certainly a Kadamba flower.

This Kadamba flower is now at full bloom. I have not described the full lustre of each delicate spoke. I don't know them all, there is much that I'm still to discover. And we have still to hear of his final mission, his final lesson and the nobility, integrity, determination, and love with which he faces it; A revelation of his depth of character that I can't comprehend and have no adhikara to enter into. We have still to discover...

May this Vyasa puja, and every one that follows, deepen the discovery of a servant of Srila Prabhupada that the earth is blessed to bare. May that discovery propel us to be worthy followers.



OUR ETERNAL CONNECTION

In one letter Srila Prabhupada writes about his spiritual master Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, "My spiritual master has now entered into his nitya-lila, into his eternal pastimes as a manjari." Then there's a second letter, where Srila Prabhupada writes: "Even now that my spiritual master has entered into his eternal pastimes, he is still seeing everything that I do."

It was striking to read how Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura was still active in his disciple's life after his physical departure. This is very beautiful because it is not just that the spiritual master remains with us in vani, in the form of his instructions; there is more than that. There is still an element of vapuh. We understand from these letters that the spiritual master can again just look at his disciples!

When Srila Prabhupada left, his disciples fell into a vacuum. Then they realised that now they had to do it. Now the only connection left with Srila Prabhupada was to fulfil his expectations and to live by his vani, his instructions. The instruction of the spiritual master is like a jewel, siromani, that we are carrying on our head. That instruction is our treasure, and we take it happily.

You see, my dear disciples, when the spiritual master is present, we can always reach out to get some mercy. We can
always try to connect, try to meet him or send a message and of course, we will get something. But the real connection after the departure of the spiritual master is that now the disciple has to really become what the spiritual master wants the disciple to be - that's when the relationship will be totally alive and magical. That's where we will experience his presence very much.

Some of you haven't been my disciples for very long and maybe you feel that the relationship has not reached its full depth. But that relationship can reach its full depth even after the departure of the spiritual master. If we carefully listen to his instructions, if we try to fulfil his desire, then the relationship will grow. In my case, the doctors have given me a limited time to live and some of you may not have developed a deep relationship with me yet. Is it too late now? Not really! I hope that the relationship is deep enough to keep you fixed in Krsna consciousness and it can still grow deeper and deeper as time goes on. You have a whole life in devotional service to make it deeper.

Vasudeva Dasa

The life of Srila Kadamba Kanana Maharaj – drinking and distributing the mercy of Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

This praṇāma-mantra was composed by Nityānanda Dāsa (BVS) and Vāsudeva Dāsa on April 24, 2014 in Śrī Vrindāvan Dhāma. For the pleasure of Guru Mahārāja and all his dear disciples, we again submit this praṇāma-mantra, along with an updated translation and commentary, for the present Vyāsa-pūjā book.

namo oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya
kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tāle
śrīmat-kadamba-kānana
-svāminn iti nāmine

gaura-kṛpāmṛtaṁ prāpto
vraje māyāpure'pi yaḥ
prabhupāda-priyo lokam
pāyayaty anivāritam

gaura— of Gaura; kṛpā-amṛtam — the nectar of mercy; prāptaḥ — having obtained; vraje — in Vraja; māyāpure — in Māyāpura; api — also; yaḥ — who; prabhupāda-priyaḥ — the dear servant of Śrīla Prabhupāda; lokam — the world; pāyayati — enables to drink; anivāritam — ceaselessly.

"Let us offer our respectful obesiances to Śrīla Kadamba Kānana Swami Mahārāja, who is most dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa, having taking shelter of his lotus feet.

Śrīla Kadamba Kānana Swami Mahārāja, Śrīla Prabhupāda's dear servant, obtained the nectar of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu's mercy in the holy dhāmas of Vṛndāvana and Māyāpura, and ceaselessly enables the people of this world to drink that nectar."

Śrila Kadamba Kānana Swami Mahārāja's Kṛṣṇa conscious life started in Vṛndāvana-dhāma in 1978 at the Kṛṣṇa-Balarāma Mandir, just after Śrīla Prabhupāda's departure from this world. Śrila Prabhupāda personally established the Kṛṣṇa-Balarāma Mandir, and considered it the heart of ISKCON. Mahārāja has said that Prabhupāda's presence was always felt in that temple. For example, Prabhupāda wanted that every hour the temple bell would ring, and the punctuality of that bell-ringing, he said, showed how well the temple was managed. Mahārāja

eventually became the temple president of ISKCON Vṛndāvana, and became responsible for that bell—the symbol of Śrīla Prabhupāda's vāṇī which became his life and soul. Mahārāja performed countless austerities in service to Śrīla Prabhupāda in Vraja and thus became prabhupāda-priya, Śrīla Prabhupāda's dear servant. Mahārāja has often said that for him the two most holy places in all of Vṛndāvana are Śrīla Prabhupāda's house and Śrīla Prabhupāda's samādhi, because only through Prabhupāda can we access Lord Caitanya's mercy, and only by Lord Caitanya's mercy we can go back to Godhead and enter the pastimes of Vraja-dhāma.

In Vṛndāvana Mahārāja obtained the association of Śrīla Prabhupāda's intimate disciples. Among them, Śrīla Jayādvaita Swami Mahārāja became the most prominent. In Vṛndāvana Mahārāja surrendered his life to him and thus he further received Lord Caitanya's mercy through the guru-paramparā.

In his early years as a devotee, then Kadamba Kānana Rasa Parāyana Dāsa would stand between the altars of Kṛṣṇa-Balarāma and Rādhā-Śyāmasundara during maṅgalārāti. But gradually his focus shifted towards the altar of Gaura-Nitāi, as he realized the need to obtain Their mercy to progress in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Their mercy gradually led him to travel the world and spread Their mercy to all. In Mahārāja's own words— "I am a Gaurāṅga man, a saṅkīrtana-devotee."

Now, in his final days on this planet, Mahārāja has again returned to his eternal home, Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma, to depart from this world under the protection of Śrīla Jayādvaita Swami, Śrīla Prabhupāda, and his worshipable Deities—Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi, Śrī Śrī Kṛṣṇa-Balarāma and Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Śyāmasundara. In Vraja he continues to drink the nectar of Kṛṣṇa consciousness and continues to share that nectar as far as he is physically able.

In Māyāpura, Lord Caitanya's own abode, Mahārāja intimately served Śrīla Prabhupāda by overseeing the construction of his samādhi-mandira. By that service, which involved severe austerities, he has endeared himself to Śrīla Prabhupāda and his associates, and by pleasing them he has obtained the nectar of Lord Caitanya's mercy in Māyāpura-dhāma.

The nectar of Lord Caitanya's mercy is primarily manifest in the congregational chanting of the holy names. Māyāpura-dhāma is the abode of nāma-saṅkīrtana, the yuga-dharma. After taking sannyāsa Mahārāja has spent much time in Māyāpura to again and again drink the nectar of the mercy of Lord Caitanya. From this most sacred place he has distributed the nectar of the holy names all over the world, always faithfully following in the footsteps of Śrīla Prabhupāda as his intimate servant.

Mahārāja has often said that when we join Lord Caitanya's movement, we get a small cup to

drink of His mercy. As we distribute that mercy the size of our cup increases, and so we can drink and distribute more nectar, ad infinitum. This is perhaps the essence of Mahārāja's life—to drink the mercy of Lord Caitanya again and again, and to selflessly distribute that mercy to suffering people of this world (lokam). This was the mood of the Pañca-tattva:

sei pañca-tattva mili' pṛthivī āsiyā
pūrva-premabhāṇḍārera mudrā ughāḍiyā

pāñce mili' luṭe prema, kare āsvādana
yata piye, tṛṣṇā bāḍhe anukṣaṇa

punaḥ punaḥ piyāiyā haya mahāmatta
nāce, kānde, hāse, gāya, yaiche mada-matta

"Although the storehouse of love certainly came with Kṛṣṇa when he was present, it was sealed. But when Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu came with his associates of the Pañca-tattva, they broke the seal and plundered the storehouse to taste transcendental love of Kṛṣṇa. The more they tasted it, the more their thirst for it grew. The Pañca-tattva themselves danced again and again and thus made it easier to drink nectarean love of Godhead. They danced, cried, laughed and chanted like madmen, and in this way they distributed love of Godhead." (Cc. Adi 7.20-22)

Lord Caitanya's mercy is nectar—it enlivens the soul, mitigates all suffering, and makes us immortal. We see the effects of that nectar powerfully acting in Mahārāja's life. Even while undergoing much physical inconvenience, Mahārāja is internally unaffected, and never stops drinking the mercy and distributing it to the suffering souls of this world. This is the proof of his sādhutva, his saintliness:

titikṣavaḥ kāruṇikāḥ
suhṛdaḥ sarva-dehinām
ajāta-śatravaḥ śāntāḥ
sādhavaḥ sādhu-bhūṣaṇāḥ

mayy ananyena bhāvena
bhaktiṁ kurvanti ye dṛḍhām
mat-kṛte tyakta-karmāṇas
tyakta-svajana-bāndhavāḥ

"The symptoms of a sādhu are that he is tolerant, merciful and friendly to all living entities. He has no enemies, he is peaceful, he abides by the scriptures, and all his characteristics are

sublime. Engaged constantly in chanting and hearing about Me, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the sādhus do not suffer from material miseries because they are always filled with thoughts of My pastimes and activities." (ŚB 3.25.23-24)

Out of our immense good fortune, Lord Caitanya has manifested His mercy amongst us in the form of Śrīla Kadamba Kānana Swami Mahārāja, who bestows upon us the firm faith and conviction that the mercy of Lord Caitanya, received through Śrīla Prabhupāda, is the most valuable attainment in all of creation. Such faith enables us to fully drink the nectar of the mercy of Lord Caitanya and go back to Godhead.

By his love, kindness, and patience Mahārāja has purchased our hearts, and thus, with love and affection, we eternally offer our most respectful obeisances at his feet, and pray to follow in his footsteps.

In service to Śrī Guru and the Vaiṣhṇavas,
Vāsudeva Dāsa

Acyuta Kesava Dasa

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Gurudeva,

What does it mean to be a disciple of his holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami?

Disciple means to be disciplined. Discipline is not an imposition on the mind. Discipline is an outcome of developing a higher taste. A higher taste that takes us back home to the lotus feet of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Dearest Gurudeva, you are a living example of how to lead a life of higher taste. By Sri Krsna's arrangement you have situated yourself in the holiest of places. You could have just focused on your personal bhajan as you prepare for your final journey. However, you still continue to distribute the nectar to all who have a desire to receive it. In this regard the following verse comes to mind:

vayaṁ tu na vitṛpyāma
uttama-śloka-vikrame
yac-chṛṇvatāṁ rasa-jñānāṁ
svādu svādu pade pade

'We never tire of hearing the transcendental pastimes of the Personality of Godhead, who is glorified by hymns and prayers. Those who have developed a taste for transcendental relationships with Him relish hearing of His pastimes at every moment.'
(SB 1.1.19).

Srila Gurudeva you are always giving your energy and time to Srila Prabhupada's mission. You are always glorifying the Supreme Personality of Godhead and relishing your relationship with Him. Your question and answer sessions with his holiness Jayadvaita Swami, your parikrama's in Vrindavan, the weekly Zoom meetings, kirtans in the temple, and your worship of your most beautiful deities are keeping us enthused and inspired.
I find myself hanging on to your every word. Every word that you say is full of depth and so instructive for me as a disciple.

Some of the instructions you have given me over the years are as follows.
1. I want you to be a Prabhupada man.
2. Turn your house into a temple.
3. Take shelter of Srila Prabhupada's books and the holy name.
4. Organize a Ratha-yatra festival in East London, South Africa.

I have a strong desire to serve you in Vrindavan and wish to come to the dham soon with your

blessings. However, each time I think of you in the dham, I also remember your instructions with enthusiasm.
I would like to think that I have to some extent by your mercy implemented instructions, 2, 3, and 4. However these instructions are not one off instructions, they are eternal instructions and therefore I attempt to implement your instructions daily. Instruction 1 is the most challenging for me. More especially so because you gave me this instruction at my first initiation, "I want you to be a Prabhupada man."

As I reflect on the above instruction I recall when we were together in Cape Town in March 2022. I was fortunate enough to drive you to a program in Rylands. When we returned to the Cape Town temple, I was commenting to you that Gokulesh Dasa is a good man. You then sweetly said to me, "Yes Gokulesh is a good man, and you are also a good man." This is another example of your boundless mercy Gurudeva. You are so kind. I meditated on this sweet comment of yours for a while.

I now realize that you have also given me an instruction via this comment. It is nice to be good, but to be a Prabhupada man is the highest. I will keep striving Srila Gurudeva to be your "Prabhupada man." As long as I keep myself connected to you, I know that the mercy will flow, and I can one day make your instruction come alive.

Your servant,
Acyuta Kesava Dasa
(Iskcon East London, South Africa)

Adi Ganga Dasi

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Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I always remember your words, “Sometimes you're on top of the elephant and sometimes the elephant is on top of you.” I wish to report that in most cases, it's the former that applies but actually, more often than not, it's the latter.

In an introspective mood, to try and improve myself, I look back over my small life, the lost years when I was merely existing. It looks, so far, like 3 blocks of colour, much like a Mark Rothko painting. My early family life was characterised by the mode of ignorance - there was meat-eating and cinema and bottles of alcohol consumed by relatives. My later work life was characterised by the mode of passion - targets, 12 hour days, weekend work and burnouts.

Now, I am here in Krsna consciousness, endeavouring and flailing to acquire some sort of piety, reaching vainly for the mode of goodness. I take small, faltering steps and I struggle. I struggle to leave the other modes behind. Yet, I am not undone, there is positivity and all to hope for. Because there is one shining light that beams through the mist - you. You open my darkened eyes with the torchlight of knowledge and by your personal example. The words I have to convey my gratitude to you seem very insignificant, because you have given me everything.

You gave me my first instruction. I met you during London Ratha-yatra in 2016 and told you that I had attended your class the month before. I had risen for Mangala Aarti 3 times in a row (no mean feat in those days) and it was a shock to the system; I was nodding off - yet somehow you kept me awake and listening despite myself because you were so engaging. I also told you that I had started chanting 16 rounds at that time, because of your grace and you said: “You must keep it up.”

You gave me my love of harinam. I remember Vyasa-puja 2017 in Amsterdam, when you approached me as we were walking back to the bus after our marathon and asked: “So, how was it?” And I said that I loved it; I burbled on about how I always thought I didn't like harinam, because having gone out in Watford a short time before, a lady came up to me and said, “You're all very strange people.” And you, in a fatherly way, said: “Oh, she's our, “Aand you told me your experiences of harinam when people were less than friendly. You buoyed me then as you do now.

You encouraged me when I started giving classes. After my initiation in 2020, you told me that if there was a question I couldn't answer from the participants, to tell everyone, “That I don't know and I'll get back to you next week.” You also said I could kindly contact you if I couldn't find the answer to difficult questions myself.

You gave me an insight into how to preach. I remember when I had gone to Krishna Kirtan Prabhu's house to pick up a consignment of your books for the book table last summer, 2022. I was speaking to your servant Nitai at the front door and then I heard your voice, saying: “Adi Ganga, you will never be able to get anything done from the doorstep. Come inside.” I believe you were instructing me not to be so timid, to not stand on the outskirts, or keep on the periphery, to be bold and undertake my services stridently.

I could go on and on and indeed, I have started a whole journal in which I have written down all my memories of you and all your instructions. You wear challenges lightly, remaining upbeat and jolly even as you are facing the ultimate test. You overcome the incapacitation of your material body and engage in continued and uninterrupted service and keep giving all that you have so we may stand on your giant shoulders and push the movement on, as you have instructed.

I have told you that from the earliest days I had the feeling that, out of all the wonderful personalities in Iskcon, I had chosen exactly the right spiritual master. That feeling will remain undimmed with time due to your exceptionality. Yes, the elephant is on top of me, more than I would care to admit. But I will keep trying to mount it, as large as it happens to be, in your service and following your shining example.

Ever your grateful servant,
Adi Ganga Dasi

Adi-hetu Devi Dasi

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

To my dearest Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Guru Maharaj, one thing that I have been reflecting on recently is your deep compassion and kindness to all of us fallen souls. You distribute your mercy like sun-rays, it touches every living entity, and we all feel your warmth. Sometimes I think, how can you give so much to so many and not expect anything in return? But this is because you are kindness personified, you are an ocean of mercy. I pray that I can also adopt this mood of yours so I too can be kind in every one of my dealings.

One realisation I've recently had is that you do not need our service, but in fact it is you that has been serving us. On one of our weekly Zoom meeting you said: "Our service is covered by Kali yuga - laziness, lethargy, slack, cutting corners, not focused - this is our poison." But you still accept it so gracefully, just like Krsna accepted Putana.

I hav e been meditating on what I can offer back to you in this lifetime. You say: "All of our activities are meant to be an offering to the spiritual master. Offer the whole day to your spiritual master. Our whole life is an offering - your time, your energy, your possessions, your intelligence, your words. Even in our weakness we still hold on to our spiritual master, even if we slip, you hold on to him. We have to go back because we belong to our spiritual master." This is something that I am really trying to imbibe this coming year, with your blessings and mercy.

I sincerely pray that I can give this one life to Prabhupada, so that we may meet again.

Your most fallen servant,

Adi-hetu devi dasi

Adikarta Dasa

Lieber Guru Maharaj,

Dank Ihrer grundlosen Barmherzigkeit, die Barmherzigkeit des echten spirituellen Meisters, Srila Guru Maharaj Kadamba Kanana Swami, Ihre Barmherzigkeit, die für das ganze Weltall nie abnehmend wird, ist die Zeit gekommen, zu der Gelegenheit Ihrer Vyasa-puja, dass ich erneut eine Opferung an Ihnen schreiben darf.

Vor allem möchte Ich Ihnen nicht nur bei der angeführten Gelegenheit einer Opferung, aber auch langfristig, den besten möglichen Stand Ihrer aktuellen und auch der folgenden Gesundheit wünschen. Dazu auch viel Kraft um alle auferstandene Gesundheitsprobleme, auf die

äußerst erträglichste Art wie möglich, erfolgreich überqueren zu können.

Sie sind und bleiben ein für alle Male ein Nektar Ozean der grundlosen Barmherzigkeit. Das ist eine Tatsache, die nie ein Ende nehmen mag und auch nicht kann, unabhängig von allen möglichen mehr oder weniger ungünstigen Umständen Ihres Daseins auf diese Erde, im Bezug zu beschädigten Gesundheit Ihres Körpers.

Sie nehmen stets ununterbrochen das Leiden der materiellen Welt auf sich, und jetzt noch intensiver, um die meisten Lebewessen zu retten, und Ihre unendliche Gnade denen gegenüber zahllos bekannt machen.

Unter anderem, zeigt schon die ganze unendliche Reihe der Vorlesungen eindeutig auf diese Tatsache. Diese Schnur von Ihren Vortrags Tätigkeiten scheint Tag für Tag noch länger zu werden. Es kommen immer wieder neue und neue Lektionen heraus, auch jetzt aus Vrindavan. Und das ist weitaus nicht alles von Ihren transzendentalen Unternehmen.
Ich habe die Hoffnung, dass wir, alle Schüler, mit den weiteren Bearbeitungen der Vorlesungen fortfahren dürfen. Die Bearbeitung der Umsetzungen Ihrer Vorträge, die äußerst wertvoll sind, ist jetzt noch hochwertiger, sowie die Vorlesungen selbst sehr schätzbar sind.

Als Teilnehmern an diesem Prozess, haben wir die Gelegenheit viele Erfahrungen zu erwerben, und auch wichtige antworten auf die vielfältigen Fragen zu bekommen. Mein Glück ist, ich darf immer noch an den Tätigkeiten des Prozesses mein Teil nehmen.
Mit Dankbarkeit und Demut, möchte ich stets Ihre lotusfüße, die lotusfüße meines spirituellen Meisters, Srila Guru Maharaj Kadamba Kanana Swami, ununterbrochen verehren, und auch daher neige ich mich stets erneut vor Ihnen, und bringe Ihnen meine respektvolle Ehrerbietungen dar.

Ihr ewiger Schuldner und unansehnlicher Schüler,
Adikarta Dasa

Adirasa Dasa, Citra Malini Devi Dasi & Gauranga

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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Please accept our humble obeisance.
All glories to you on this auspicious day of your appearance day.

We remember the day when you accepted us as your disciples one year ago in Radhadesh and showered your mercy and blessings upon us. That day you connected us to the guru-parampara and gave us hope that fallen souls like us can also get out of the clutches of maya and get chance to embrace Krsna consciousness.

As you always instruct to live in devotees association, we find ourselves very fortunate that we are in a very good devotee community in Duisburg guided by Sudama Prabhu ji. Under his guidance, we participate in various temple and home programs, conduct online journey of self-discovery courses and try to introduce Krsna consciousness whenever we meet new people.

Under his guidance, we are also planning for book distribution in and around Duisburg. Whatever the menial services we intend to do, your blessings and mercy is the driving force which keeps us going otherwise we will be like a car without fuel.

Last year in September for two weeks, you showered your unlimited blessings and empowered all of us with your teachings, instructions and ecstatic kirtans. Your wonderful association

gave us the vision in our spiritual life and strengthen our faith to see things as they are.

Your mood of distributing the mercy of Mahaprabhu all over the world always motivates us on the path of bhakti and guides us and inspires us on how we can be better instruments in the mission of Srila Prabhupada.

Your love and care has given us the shelter in this material world otherwise we would have been busy only in sense gratification. By the time you receive this offering, we would have been blessed with a new baby girl in our life. We beg for your blessings Guru Maharaj that she could serve in the mission of Srila Prabhupada and also for our three years boy Gauranga Dasa that he also takes the spirit of guru-parampara wholeheartedly.

We wish you a very happy appearance day Guru Maharaj and we pray at the lotus feet of Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy to give you many more years of life to preach and spread the message of Mahaprabhu around the world.

Your insignificant servants,

Adirasa Dasa, Citra Malini Devi Dasi & Gauranga Dasa

Aditi Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

You are an ocean of mercy and all transcendental good qualities. Your compassion to devotees knows no bounds. You are always bestowing your causeless mercy. By your transcendental divine qualities, you attracted disciples all over the world. You are patita pavana, saviour of the world despite your health issues.

When I visited Maharaj in Vrindavan last year, I asked you to bless my beads, and you put it on your head - that was the most precious moment for my heart. As I left and was closing the door, you gave such an everlasting smile which I will cherish for eternity.

I may not serve you directly but those devotees that serve you and Giriraja are doing the top most service beautifully. I always remember Maharaj as being so joyous, loving and caring. I hope to one day make dhokra again for Maharaj.

May Krsna and Srimati Radharani make the final days easy for you Maharaj. I pray that I may always be attached to serving at your lotus feet.

I beg to remain your servant eternally,
Aditi Devi Dasi

Advaita Candra Dasa

Hare Krishna My Dear Gurumaharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all of our previous acharyas,
without whom I am lost.
All glories to You!

What a gift it is that I have the opportunity to take shelter of
you.

The end is near,
another year
has passed since your last Vyasa Puja.
It's time to reflect,
"Hey! How've I kept
myself steady on the path back to Krsna?"....

Bhakti Yoga

New beginnings,
new paths,
often less travelled.
Hey, who's that?
Another traveller.
And another.
Check this out, there are so many others.
All my brother's,
and sisters,
and mother's,

and father's,
all marching toward the same goal;
toward the same Soul.
We, sometimes tired and fully gone
are reassured "be fired up, full on".
We, hoping to find out who we are
are encouraged,
"We're nearly there now, not far".
Thank you.

Guru Krpa

I cannot understand how many times we have been saved by the mercy of Sri Guru. Realisations and spiritual connections in Krsna consciousness manifest and deepen in interesting ways which are hard to describe. It sometimes feels like the pure distillation of Krsna's mercy flowing through oneself; Gurus mercy flowing through oneself. Do we see the material platform? Or do we see it for what it is? The tattva, guru tattva and Krsna tattva. Sri Guru is one such manifestation of Krsnas causeless mercy and he assumes the form of this human body to relate with us. Caitya Guru is also there but Sri Guru suffers for us, he works for us, thinks about us, cares for us, and above all, you love us. What else could possibly prompt you to do so much for us? You teach us, by example and instruction, how to love Krsna. I feel like I have not yet started even touching the outer limits of what is means to love Krsna and that excites me.

Determination. Patience. Enthusiasm.

I am standing at the edge
of a deep, deep dive.
Why can't I jump?
There's work to be done,
I need to be just a bit stronger.
Who will help me?
Guru and Gauranga.
What will I lose and what will I gain?
Drowning in the ocean of material suffering,
I will be taken out, dried off and plunged

into another ocean.
I will be forcefully taken deep into the waters.
Oh, what a miracle it is that someone like me is looked after by the great Nimai.
How will he look after me?
By submerging me in that ocean.
"But I am not qualified, I still like the land!"
I like seeing what the Earth has to offer me.
I look at Her gifts like a buffet fit to serve only my senses.
I am a lion.
Desperately searching for a gazelle to devour.
Unsatiated, anxious.
And the hunter scavengers of the savanna watch me,
scurry away with my winnings.
Time, old age, disease, and death are their names,
who hunt the hunters of material prizes,
tinging apparent gain with real suffering.
I am also a gazelle,
who, running from her demise
knows not that her meeting with Death is but a matter of time.
And isn't time the enemy?
What a pity I sleep so deep.
Deep, comfortable sleep.
Unaware that Death watches me closely.
Even when I am awake I am asleep,
because I am ignorant to what I will not reap,
If I don't take the hand of Gaura
and jump, and float atop the waves.
The turbulent waves in the ocean of prema will carry me, inert as I am,
here and there due to the currents of rasa.

Nitai! Gurudeva! more koro sukhi !

It is painful to walk the path,
but in the wake of that pain comes bliss.
And whosoever claimed
that to go another way is to be the wiser,
is but an ignorant fool and, sadly a miser.

Encouragement

Encouragement is but one of the gifts given
by you on this journey.
We, who are like the vagabond class of men,
with no means of nourishment,
wander, quite aimlessly.

We speculate about this,
desire that,
chase this,
run away from that,
use this person,
quarrel with another,
hate someone,
love another,
work hard,
and not hard enough,
for no good reason,
or no reason at all.
Imbued with all the most abominable qualities,
we find you.
With compassion and love in your heart, you risk the safety of your home to take us in and shelter us. And you give us all the facilities to nourish ourselves. You remind us again and again, "What is the first step?, chanting, hearing, remembering." Sometimes it seems we can't hear the instruction, or even remember to chant, but you are always there to encourage us and to assure us that whatever our shortcomings may be, we will be able to build a home for Krsna in our minds. It is at that time that He, out of His own sweet will may feel like dancing on the stage known as the tongue. May pure devotees like yourself help me, an incapable fool unfit for spiritual life, to clean up and prune the garden of my heart so He feels that He may, out of His own sweet will, dance and loiter there with his dearest and choicest companions.

I am not fit to go before Krsna, gurudev please help
me.

Dear guru,
I will build a well
to fill with love for you,
and one blackish boy, a girl with a moonlike face and he who holds a plow.
Dear guru, no more ado,
I will do it now.
Watch over me as I deepen the well.
Please give me the strength to excavate it
using the tools of sadhana.
Please give me the strength to maintain it using sadhu sanga and sastra.
Grant me the day when I will behold it being filled up with an ambrosial substance
and allow me to be intoxicated by it.
I never want to be a sober man again.
Watch it overflow!
Drowning myself, and those around me in Krsna Prema.
This is my wish.
I am an instrument in your hands,
play the tune you wish to play.

Your lowly servant, eternally,
Advaita-candra Das

Advaita Simha Dasa

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

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

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

And all glories to you Gurudeva,
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

My meditation recently is about fear and how it is related to our relationship to Krsna.
My realisation is that for us devotees it is not so much about the fear of death rather more the fear of facing Krsna and meeting him in person.

The pain we caused him when we decided to enjoy in this material world. Why I'm not a pure devotee yet and why am I not giving everything in the mission of spreading his glories all around the planet?

Am I ready to meet Krsna and just surrender to him, with all my heart and being or is there still something more for me to enjoy other than service to him? I really wished I could talk to you about it and hear from you about your dealing with this situation. Thinking about fear in that way somehow brings me closer to the Lord. It feels like I want Krsna but also I don't want him, yet. I guess for you it must be different? After serving for so many years finally our sweet Lord decided to take you back to Him.

I'm sorry that I took your association for granted, thinking we have still so many years to come. Only now I remember all the instructions you gave me and all the time we spent in different places all around the world.

After my first initiation you told me, “It's not enough to know that Krsna is all attractive. No we need to know how he is all attractive.” And you told me to see Lord Caitanya’s and Lord Nityananda’s mercy everywhere. And I need to be part of it and to help spread the movement all around.

I'm a complete mercy case and it just shows that Lord Nityananda’s mercy is unlimited, if a fool like myself can be part of such a wonderful family of devotees.

I beg for your blessings so that I can overcome my fears and to be ready to face the Lord, I pray that I can understand how Krsna is all attractive and that Lord Nityananda’s mercy will flood the whole world with Krsna prema and that I am part of it. I can never repay my debt to you, I can only try to follow your instructions and adapt your merciful mood of spreading Krsna consciousness in whatever way I can.

As I'm writing this with a heavy heart and tears in my eyes, realising I might never see you again in this lifetime.

I just want to thank you and tell you that I love you from the depth of my heart. Knowing you will be always there for me to guide me, knowing that you are my ever well-wisher, knowing that soon you will be with Krsna and Prabhupada. I'm so much more confident in my spiritual practice knowing that you will be watching me and instruct me from within.

You will live forever in my heart through your vani and I promise that I will be, as you many times ask me to be, a Prabhupada man.

You aspiring servant,
Advaita Simha Dasa

Akshobhya Dasa

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śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

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guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Since my childhood I have been seeing, how many motivational speakers start their speech by asking questions to their audience like “what is the true meaning of success?” Or “What is the definition of a successful person? “And hence I also used to wonder about these questions, but could find no person who can be awarded this tag of successful person until I met you. You are the personality who made his life a true success by applying himself in this process of Krsna consciousness with full sincerity and seriousness. You are the proof that this process works.

Observing your personal behaviour and dealings is like reading shastra for me. I myself have learned a lot from the personal association that you have mercifully awarded to me.
You often talk about, how Srimati Radharani gives the last fibre of her existence, her complete being, in service of Krsna. And then we see you, who uses even the deepest layer of his intelligence and even the last bit of energy for serving Lord Caitanya's mission.
Another thing that stood out for me, is the extraordinary kindness and genuine behaviour of your disciples. I also desire to cultivate such transcendental good qualities, especially kindness. All glories to my god siblings.

Maharaj as per your instructions, I, humbly wish to contribute and take responsibility in this preaching mission of Srila Prabhupada. Also I also wish to absorb myself into reading scriptures. Although I am lacking very much in this regard, but I wish to surrender myself completely unto you. Then only I can truly become, 'immovable from Krsna's Lotus Feet.'
śrī-guru-caraṇe rati, ei se uttama-gati, (Guru Vandana, Narottama dasa Thakura).

Your eternal servant,
Akshobhya Dasa

Anakulya Devi Dasi

My dearest Gurudeva,

At this point we are all in a state of anxiety and for selfish reasons praying for your recovery. How will we continue in the material world without your guidance and a reassurance? I know this bond is forever but we are still feeling like we are drowning in an ocean of suffering and hypocrisy.

As we are aware on the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja Sri Krsna allows me a small amount of mercy to be able to reflect on the past year with a deeper and more spiritual understanding, as well as a deep gratitude for your contributions in our lives.

This year is particularly difficult knowing that Gurudeva's health is not what it should be .It feels like my world is crumbling and just the thought of being in the material world without our special Gurudeva. The best memories were the time spent in Vrindavan with Gurudeva and the rest of our god family. These will remain with us eternally. This quote of Srila Prabhupada continues to allow me daily to get through lives big hurdles:

“Krishna doesn’t like his devotees to suffer or become frustrated or depressed. He will not stand by idly in any such case. So do not fear on that account. Krishna has a plan for you, always think in that way and very soon he will provide everything to ensure that you are in the highest abode where you belong. (Srila Prabhupada, 19 December 1972).

My only wish at this stage is for our precious Gurudeva not to suffer. Dearest Srila Prabhupada protect his holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami as he is your most dedicated follower and has shown us how to try to be the same.

Through you dear Srila Prabhupada, our dearest Gurudeva has allowed us to embrace a Krsna conscious way of life and this is only because our spiritual grandfather and father is a pure devotee of Lord Krsna. Our fondest memories are the ones of the days in Vrindavan as this is the most spiritually charged place one the planet. Dearest Srila Prabhupada you have brought Krsna to us in the form of his many names, and you shared with us the knowledge that Krsna and his names are non-different from each other.

You have taught us that every syllable of the maha mantra allows Krsna to be ever-present with us at that time. We see now that there is no other way except a Krsna conscious path and life style. It is with great humility that I am able to reflect on the matter that our kids have realised the potency of Krsna and his ability to ensure all our wellbeing.

Being the selfish being that I am, I ask you to protect his holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami and do what is best for him. He belongs in the spiritual world with you , we have one request that he never forgets us , his disciples and helps us to empower ourselves to continue Lord Caitanya’s mission here in the material world, in every town and place, so that Krsna is always remembered and never forgotten. Kadamba Kanana Maharaj’s kirtans transports us to a transcendental place and this is definitely where he belongs with his dearest Srila Prabhupada.

Our prayer is that Gurudeva feel stronger and is able to impart much of his wisdom upon us.
One more opportunity to see you in Vrindavan is my biggest desire currently.
We love and appreciate you our dearest father.

Thank you.

Hare Krsna,
Your most unworthy daughter,
Anakulya Devi Dasi
(East London, South Africa)

Ananta Dasa

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Krsna dear Gurudeva,

I didn't step up before by writing an offering because I thought I am not a man of words nor a poet. The mind is playing tricks and creates all sorts of illusions in the name of humility. Another reason was that I have many god brothers and god sisters who are more qualified than me, who are doing much more service and even personal service to your lotus feet. And are dearer and more eligible to be heard regarding their service and personal spiritual realisations. This is also a fact not a mind trick.

I took me some years and also now with the present situation, to understand that as a disciple I have a duty to say something in glorification of my spiritual master. Merciful you kindly took under your shelter Sweden after the disaster created by the so called zonal acarya when he left. Many devotees were confused and being driven by their Nordic cold and impersonal nature and values were more or less like phantoms. You showed mercy by taking them under your shelter befriending them first and step by step bringing them closer to Krsna and teaching them basic standards of Krsna consciousness. They were mesmerized by your humoristic classes yet tattva and Siddhanta were established without compromise. You lift them up with your melodious Swedish mind and body warm cocoon. Bodily platform was forgotten when

circles and other formations were build up in the temple and for a while devotees actually looked at each other, smiled at each other and hold hands while dancing in ecstasy. Two times a year sometimes three... when no one wanted even to look where Sweden was on the map. You were, are and always be a true ambassador of Lord Nityananda's mercy.

Kind - I was afraid to commit and take initiation. I didn't want to take shelter thinking that I have all time in the world to do that. Another trick of the mind. After some heavy pushing's of family inside influence, I came last after a long queue of matajis having a word, with you and I spilled the beans asking for shelter. With the big smile you say, "Haha and now Arjuna surrenders to Lord Krsna," Making a point that all previous association we had I took you for granted and had casual friendly relationship without understanding the difference in seniority regarding all aspects of devotional life.

After the second Vyasa-puja in Simhachalam I had the opportunity and privilege to pick you up from the airport in our way to Munich temple and with the sad heavy voice when we passed by Alianz Arena I've said full of disappointment. I couldn't get tickets to the derby Bayern Munchen - Bayern Leverkusen. It was Aus Ferkauft. You replied: I am coming to Korsnäs for Janmastami and I will give you initiation. Then few moments of complete silence. I had a feeling that I wet my speedo, at least cold sweat on my back. I felt a mixture of joy and fear. Fear of the unknown - what it will be like? To be initiated.

Janmashtami day a beautiful summer day full of different emotions and expectations.
I am forever grateful and with a heavy heart I confess: I will never be able to repay you for everything you have done for me by connecting me with Srila Prabhupada, guru parampara and Lord Krsna. For all wonderful association and guidance, for saving me from the ocean of material existence, for your friendship and your love.

"Your name is Ananta Dasa," You have said, "The servant of He who with His thousands of mouths glorifies Krsna." Being in the same mood I offer a small humble glorification of you and the qualities you possess in huge quantity and you want us to develop also.

I am in deed fortunate, privileged and proud to have a spiritual master like you. Whenever we disciples utter your name people are filled with appreciation and praise. Throughout the years you touched so many hearts. You do not compromise on standards encouraging us to be serious about serious things yet you are always jolly and youthful. You surpass the laws of nature when it comes to do something extraordinary. I witnessed one Janmashtami in Zagreb when you led harinam throughout the city the whole day fasting without even water and -Krsna it was hot that day. After only couple of hours I was almost dead. You are inclusive, you welcome everyone and have their best Krsna conscious interest in mind. A perfect example of unity in diversity.

You encourage us disciples to think for ourselves, to reflect and be ourselves (higher nature) and whatever we do, be always engaged in Krsna's service and giving out the mercy.
There are millions of ways to praise your unlimited glories but as I've mentioned in the beginning of my offering attempt, I am not a man of words neither a poet.

All glories, all glories, all glories to my beloved spiritual master Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj.

Your insignificant disciple and servant,
Ananta Dasa

Antaranga Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Dear eternal spiritual father,

By your mercy and shelter you allow this soul to enter your presence and for that we are most grateful. Your open life of love and constant invitation to participate is of greatest inspiration. The amount of depth, kindness to your good persona is intrinsic part of our mediation. By your kind instruction to come to the holy dham of Vrindavan you open our eyes to emotions I never thought to experience. By your deep connection with the dham, we (your disciples and well-wishers) are able to see beyond the veil of mundane observation.

Every time we visited some sacred place of pilgrimage we felt great fortune and pride in our heritage and greatness of our connection to this sampradaya. We became more and more astonished to the fact how amazing you are and what a great position you play in life of a disciple. Yet we simultaneously fell so far from the devotional standard of great vaishnava acaryas. So close yet so far. You gave us everything, yet we not able to see it due to our contaminations.

It seems on this most auspicious occasion of Vyasa-puja we can only offer our-selves, in small desire to participate in sankirtan (book distribution), teaching variety of devotional courses,

mentoring and caring for vaishnavas, we insufficiently place ourselves at the dust of your lotus feet.

“Let the twice-born enter the fearless kingdom of yoga, Vedic study, and solitary meditation in the forest. Let them become liberated in that way. As for us, we will spend hundreds of thousands of births chanting the holy name of Lord Krsna, whose splendid dark complexion and yellow garments are like host of blue lotus flowers blooming in a grove of yellow flower bearing kadamba trees.” (Padyavali, Introduction, text 18)

We repeatedly beg for courage and strength to be of some use and not be an embarrassment to you and your mission on this world.

Your servant,
Antaranga Dasa

Anupama Gopika Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

I am extremely grateful to you for accepting me as your disciple and giving me brahmin iniatation in May of 2022.This has opened up further opportunities for devotional service. When I was asked to cook my first raj bhoga, I was thrilled but in, "awe." I knew it was possible only with guru’s mercy. For me the finale was getting their Lordships 8 plates ready on time for the offering. To my surprise I managed it and learnt it can be done. The joy was immeasurable. Thank you so much.

I was also very fortunate to visit you in Vrindavan in September 2022.I had the great opportunity to see you, listen to your melodious kirtans and hear your classes.
I just pray that you are keeping well with both guru’s and Krsna’s mercy.

Thank you once again.
Your humble servant,
Anupama Gopika Devi Dasi

Anuttara Devi Dasi

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

All glories to you and to your service to the movement,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to the parampara,

I don't know where to start. These days I hear that your health is deteriorating rapidly and so I question myself on whether I can do something for you right now, but the only thing I can do is to pray to Sri Sri Prahlad Narasimhadeva and write this letter.

I remember of many conversations we had with you Maharaj when I was still in Radhadesh and how you clearly pointed out to me that my period was only a short passage before entering ghrastha ashram. Everything was still to manifest, but you graciously shook my stubborn mind that didn't even want to surrender to the idea of finding shelter in married life, but here I am a few years later. Krsna Carana Dasa and I just moved to an apartment very close to Simhachalam and now it is real, the road is ahead of us we just have to follow.

Gurudeva thanks to you, my life has changed and keeps changing for the better not because of material and temporary circumstances, but because even if the struggles are there and even if I don't have a clue on how I will manage to create a family with Krsna Carana Dasa, you gave me solid spiritual foundations. Nothing else matters. You planted the seed and now it's is unbearable to think that we will have to take care of it by ourselves, that you will not be personally there to see it grow. But as I said previously you knew since the beginning what was there for us. You knew this time would have come and spent so much time to prepare all of us for your departure.

You gave me hope that I can do well and that I can follow in Srila Prabhupada's movement. Even if sometimes I was discouraged because I come from a different tradition you are that close example I needed to be pacified and as you told us many times, "I chose to take shelter of the devotees." I mean everything is there, it is available, your instructions are clear and there's no way I can get lost. I am very thankful for that, for all the time spent together, for the chances you gave me to listen to you talking to senior disciples, for the privilege you awarded me in being in the circle of your spiritual family.

I pray that Krsna will always help me remember how fortunate I am. Lots of mercy was there in front of me. I was intelligent enough to grab it but now it's time to share it as you did Gurudeva. You didn't keep the mercy for yourself so please help me understand how I can also give and preach in the position I am.

"It is very much like falling in love when you find your guru," You told us a few months ago. This is indeed the experience I have. I would say the love never fades, but keeps growing, it is no material affair, it is eternal and I can really see it. Please then, accept this offering as a very tiny letter of appreciation. I'm no great writer, I just want to focus on your incredible generosity and expertise in dealing with so many people from so many different paces of life. This is visible mercy, it is real and you have touched deeply so many hearts. Your life in this planet has been glorious in service and I'm certain that you have only glorious service in front of you at the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada.

Maharaj you certainly made me understand that if we are serious and follow your footsteps we will also be granted service so it's up to us and the mercy is there. It's been a remarkable journey Gurudeva and despite my lacks, after I found Krsna consciousness there's no way I would relapse into depression or lose faith. I also am very grateful because I have a husband who is your disciple too and this is of great support. We will remind each other of your instructions and on how we should not be too rigid with others but firm with ourselves.

Thank you for having given us the shelter of your own guru, his holiness Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj and your most beloved preacher and disciple his holiness Svayam Bhagavan Keshava Swami. In them I could personally see how powerful is the disciplic succession and how Srila Prabhupada grounded his movement in these holy foundations.

I am your humble and eternal servant dear Gurudeva, please make sure that I will not stop serving because of my mind playing tricks with me. Let it play its games. No worries. Please let me follow you wherever you intend to go.

Your servant in service,
Anuttara Devi Dasi

Arcita Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada, and all the vaishnavas.

Maharaj, your 2022 homage to Srila Prabhupada ends with your prayer to receive the manifestation of his divine grace's teachings within your heart, so that you may render some useful service for the remainder of your life. Oh but Gurudeva, the services you have enacted in this life have already uplifted countless conditioned souls, myself included! Srila Prabhupada writes: "If we can convert one person to Krsna consciousness, that is our success of life," (Letter to Satsvarupa, December 23, 1967).

It will be 10 years this year since you offered me first initiation, where you said to me that you wish to be a source of spiritual inspiration for me. I thought how wonderful this sounded, and imagined what this would look like. Yet what transpired across the years was beyond my visions nor anticipations, beginning with a beautiful notebook that you acquired, wrote in, and offered to me through Guna Mani Nitai Devi Dasi, after my first initiation.

In the book, you begin by writing, "May this little book be a place of rejuvenation, a place of inspiration, filled with quotes from scriptures and the mouth of the Vaisnavas that are full of transcendental power and can deliver the reader from birth and death." You conclude by saying, "Oh Arcita, may you design and construct a wonderful spiritual life." I then skip forward a few pages and see that you have begun my spiritual inspiration journey, that would begin my love of studying sastra, with a quote that you have written: "Sarvatma: by using the word Sarvatma, the speaker says that the Lord is most dear to everyone."
(Sridhara Swami, SB comm. on SB2.1.5 – quoted by Bhurijana Prabhu: Unveiling Lotus Feet, pg. 279).
You must have known that I had a healing heart, with the desire to help many. However, I would often get my hands dirty in material contaminations and become ill. You then kindly corrected me the night before my surprise second initiation in 2018, after you offered a most epic kirtan in Newtown Sydney, and on your way out of the yoga studio, you looked at me direct in the eye and said, "You can't save everyone". Thank you for this humbling moment. When we first met in 2007, at Pratapana's home in Sydney, before it became Govinda's ashram, my ignorant understanding of how to heal and 'save' someone was misplaced. Although I

thought it was spiritual, my offering was material; healing through interior design, behavioural sciences and the subtle energies. You then reawakened in me the true practice of spiritual healing via bhakti yoga; full of compassion and sincerity from the heart, sparked by transcendental sound vibrations.

Your writing in the book continues: "Oh King, constant chanting of the holy name of the Lord after the ways of the great authorities is the doubtless and fearless way of success for all, including those who are free from all material desire, those who are desirous of all material enjoyment, and also those who are self-satisfied by dint of transcendental knowledge." (SB, 2.1.11).

Guru Maharaj, this verse reminds me of mornings in Melbourne Mahaprabhu mandir, when us brahmacarinis would chant in Srila Prabhupada's room, just down the hall from where you would stay. Sometimes I would sit outside your room, and hear you chanting. I would listen to how you would take care to chant the Hare Krsna maha mantra slowly and with clear pronunciation. It was beautiful. I'm not sure if you knew that I was sitting there. Sometimes your door would start to open, and I would quickly run back to Prabhupada's room, as if I was there all along.

This verse also reminds me of when we were in Mayapur, 2015. Besides leading kirtans in the temple, or harinama on parikrama, or chanting japa around the compound, you would be heard singing heart-felt bhajans from your bedroom. These beautiful spiritual sounds would float around the streets of the building, creating a peaceful spiritual atmosphere for the pleasure of the devotees. I would just sit below, listening in wonderment.
Maharaja, what is witnessed in your countless offerings of Sankirtan is the spiritual upliftment of the conditioned souls. An offering that will never dwindle, nor entangle. I have realised that this is the only valuable healing work for this age. This is supported by the following statement that you wrote in the book: "Sridhara Swami comments that nothing is more beneficial than chanting the Lord's holy names," (SB 2.1.11).

As you have taught us by example and experiential learning, the power of the maha mantra is without limit. Miracles occur! The most sinful of rascals can become pure devotees from chanting without offence. Srila Prabhupada confirms this: "The Lord's holy name is called sravana-mangala. This means that one receives everything auspicious simply by hearing the holy name. In another place in Srimad-Bhagavatam, His holy name is described as punya-sravana-kirtana. It is a pious act simply to chant and hear all about the Lord," (SB 2.7.15).

Therefore, I have concluded that you are the embodiment of kindness. You are offering countless conditioned souls everything auspicious. Only Krsna knows how many jivas around the

world have been eternally uplifted by your sharing of Hari Nama, and who are now playing their part in Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's lila, whether they realise it yet or not. I have witnessed sober and poised strangers on the streets of Melbourne transform in to a whirl of drunken spiritual ecstasy as you chant with a transcendental voice that reaches beyond this material world, and awakens their souls.

This spirit of compassion and kindness are qualities that you appear to embody so naturally, and inspire your disciples to develop and be known for. In this regard, Srila Prabhupada writes: "Devotee means very liberal and kind to everyone, and always gentleman under all kinds of conditions of life," (Letter to Hansadutta, December 10, 1972).

In your Bhakti Vision lecture series, from October 2020, you share the saintly qualities of a devotee, where you elaborate on what it means to offer kindness and compassion; that it is active, not passive. You emphasise that non-violence means we have to do something to save the conditioned souls: "If you don't jump in to save, it's also jiva-himsa. We have to do something" (Kadamba Kanana Swami, Bhakti Vision: Saintly Persons, 24 October, 2020).

Srila Prabhupada elaborates: "The word jiva-himsa (envy of other living entities) actually means stopping the preaching of Krsna consciousness. Preaching work is described as paropakara, welfare activity for others. Those who are ignorant of the benefits of devotional service must be educated by preaching." (Caitanya Caritamrta, Madhya-lila, 12.135).

Spiritual education is how I came to meet you again in this life. Your seminars in Australia and Nectar of Devotion recordings from Mayapur are beautiful gems that locked me in, further to your kirtans.

You once said, "A bonafide spiritual master can lift us above our limitations," Which I continue to realise in my service to and via you, and I also witness in your disciples' incredible offerings. Srila Narottama dasa Thakura says in this connection:

"chāḍiyā vaiṣṇava-sevā nistāra pāyeche kebā: Unless one serves the spiritual master and acaryas, one cannot be liberated. Elsewhere he says: ei chaya gosani yanra - mui tanra dasa tan-sabara pada-reṇu mora panca-grasa: I simply accept a person who follows in the footsteps of the six Gosvamis, and the dust of such a person's lotus feet is my food." (Caitanya-caritamrta, Adi-lila, 8.7).

I see you in this way, following the six Goswamis and their teachings. At your Vyasa-puja in Cape Town, 2017, at the end of the day during the kirtan led by Vraja Krsna Dasa, I was sitting nearby, and you just happened to have cake on your foot. You looked at me, and I quickly

offered a tissue. I am beyond grateful that I was able to accept the dust from your feet in this way, and I still have that tissue.

Oh Guru Maharaj, your life is one of a spiritual hero's journey. You have embarked on unlocking the hearts of the conditioned souls in this frightful age of kali, with an energy not of this world, which empowers you to take the diamond that is Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mercy into the darkest of places, where it shines brilliantly. There have been battles, and unbelievable stories of ultimate victory. I am reminded of your devotional life when Sri Krsna says in the Bhagavad Gita: "I am victory, I am adventure, and I am the strength of the strong," (Bg 10.36).

Guru Maharaj, I now refer back to the book you offered after my initiation that has since been decorated with many quotes from the vaishnavas, and passages from sastra. Your love for the spiritual texts inspires my devotional services. You have created spiritual wonderment for your disciples to explore in your books and lectures. They are intellectually stimulating, uplifting, unique and diverse, suitable for all levels, and are timeless offerings. For every taste you have accounted for and for every material woe, you have offered a solution for every spiritual desire, you have offered a possibility, and most of all, you have offered us Srila Prabhupada. His shelter is permanent and eternal it is indisputable, it is reliable and always a place to recharge, recenter, and heal.

Similarly, your devotional life also offers timeless shelter of pure spiritual inspiration, which will continue to keep us on the path back home, back to Godhead. In this way, you have exceeded the goal of inspiring me into designing a spiritual life beyond what I could have imagined on my own. I am now in the construction phase, and every day I am pinching myself with gratitude when I realise how exceedingly beautiful it is.

Maharaj, I am eternally indebted to you, as I offer this life to Sri Krsna through you and our acaryas, every day. Even if I am not successful until the very end, there is no turning back. Please forgive me for my disappointments and failings as your servant. I promise to continue learning, growing and choosing for spiritual life and I look forward to your corrections and inspiring moments appearing in dreams.
Sincerely, in service to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, Srila Prabhupada, Jayadvaita Maharaj, and to you,
Arcita Devi Dasi

Arjunacarya Dasa

Lord Chaitanya said to Haridas Thakur as he prepared to leave his body:

Text 38: “But whatever happiness is Mine is all due to your association. It is not fitting for you to go away and leave Me behind.”

Lord Chaitanya teaches us how the great devotee bestows happiness unto everyone including the Lord himself.

As you are a pure devotee, Lord Chaitanya is constantly with you, with all his associates. They surround you in every kirtan. They see every endeavour you have made over this life and are conquered by you.

The arrows which pierced Bhisma may represent the austerities of his life. Similarly the cancer which is slowly over taking your body is just like that.

In both cases the Lord looked at Haridas Thakur and Bhisma with immense appreciation.

In their situation, the associates of the Lord were leaving his direct association in the material world, to which the Lord replied you can’t leave me behind as whatever happiness is mine, is due to Your association.

In your situation, you are slowly preparing to rejoin Lord Chaitanya again, who must be eager to welcome you back into his eternal pastimes. You have already left him from the spiritual world countless times, to come and save us. Whilst worthless and totally undeserving, your mercy is so powerful that it reaches even me.

When Lord Chaitanya spoke to Ramananda Raya and asked him to say something, he quoted from Bhagavad Gita with various philosophical points.

Nothing could please Lord Chaitanya until Ramananda Raya went into the depths of love which were exchanged between Krishna and his Gopis.

It is that ecstasy, and the separation between the Lord and his Gopis which gives him so much pleasure. The separation which you and the Lord are feeling is incomparable and unique. It is the relationship with each individual which gives the Lord eternal pleasure; it is the unique and special nature of each Jiva which satisfies him.

The entire purpose of this Sankirtan mission is to satisfy the Lord who is in deep separation from the Jiva's who have left the spiritual world, by helping them to become reconnected to Krishna.

You have come here, giving your Syamasundara feelings of separation by leaving him, just so you can bring more people back to him. If a son leaves his mother to find 10 other lost sons, and then returns even with one more son, the mothers temporary anxiety and separation totally disappears when she sees her son return with her other children. In fact her love increases for the son who brings back one or all of her other sons back.

You have uplifted and bought so many back onto the path of remembering Krishna. Our greatest reciprocation of love is to be who you want us to and come back to the spiritual world with you. This is what will please both yourself and Krishna. In a way, by taking advantage of your mercy, and becoming pure devotees some day, Krishna's love which is ever increasing for you independently of our actions, increases more still.

The only solace you have whilst here on your mission is unflinching faith that the Lords love increases when you are away from him. He is indeed in deep separation yet also with you at every moment. When you return to him, he will be overjoyed, more than ever before. You are so powerful that you will not go back alone as you are bringing us back with you. In this way Krishna's love for you increases exponentially and as does mine, both for you and Krishna.

As our guru you will always be with us, in service to Krishna. And we will always be with you, in service to you and Krishna. What do I know about loving separation? Nothing, besides the separation I feel from you. You are teaching me the emotions of separation between Krishna and the Gopis by your continued journey back home to godhead, away from me in this material world. Your life is exemplary and full of lessons. I hope I can learn every lesson you have set for me and make you proud of me one day.

If I come back to the spiritual world it will be to get a hug from you, and if you like, to serve you more as your associate in your eternal service to krishna. Maybe krishna will see me too and hug me like he hugged Gopa Kumar. But if he does it will only be because of you.

I remain fallen and unworthy, but yet lucky enough to have fallen within the proximity of your mercy.

Your servant eternally,
Arjunacarya dasa

Arundhati Devi Dasi, Istvan & daughter Vaisnavi

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

namas te sárasvate deve gaura-váni-pracárine
nirvisesa-súnyavádi-páscátya-desa-tárine

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

I would like to start my offering to your lotus feet with the words of Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura in the song Sri Sri Gurvastakam verse 7:

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

In Verse 8 we sing:

"By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the benediction of Krishna. Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancements. Therefore, I should always remember and praise the spiritual master. At least three times a day I should offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master."

My dear Guru Maharaj, you are for me the best example, how to live a life completely dedicated to Krsna. I always get incredibly inspired by your bhajans. When you sing for Krsna I forget my material life and jump immediately up on to the spiritual platform. I can focus so much better on my service. The curtain to the spiritual world opens. For example I can experience that I am really cooking for our deities Sri Sri GauraNitai. I am not just cleaning, but cleaning for Krsna.

It sometimes happens that my daughter and I get fully overwhelmed in your kirtans and start dancing very wildly. Even those times the two of us have celebrated festivals alone in our house, we get soaked up in the spiritual mood which you are transmitting with your full heart accompanied by your powerful sweet voice.

You are at this time giving so many clear instructions. Honestly I feel worried sometimes and wonder how I will ever be able to do all this? But when I hear your voice, I get confident that Krsna will help me to make all these changes. Life for Krsna is not easy. But when you do it - it is the biggest joy. Everything just starts to glow.

My dear Guru Maharaj, you are the biggest example of how to prepare for the spiritual world. It is nice to hear in Srimad Bhagavatam how Pariksit Maharaj prepared his last days. Seeing you do the same is mind blowing to me. I think Pariksit Maharaj had it much easier than you. He just had one week - that's it. For months and months you are preparing us disciples. You are just giving, giving and giving. You are so kind and approachable - every week. You are answering countless questions, inspiring and motivating us. I feel I am just taking, taking and taking. How can I ever repay you for what you are doing not only for me for me, but for us disciples and for the whole world? We are indebted forever.

You show the whole world what Srila Prabhupada mentioned in the purport 10.4-5 of the Bhagavad-gita:

"A devotee of Lord Krishna must not worry about his future. It is sure that he is going back to the spiritual world. Why should we worry or lament? His future is very promising!"

“Just 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.”(Verse 8, Sri Sri Gurvastakam). Please give me your blessings that I can share again.

After 2 and a half years in Hungary we came to the point that we have to move on. We cannot maintain ourselves financially there. The other point is that we want to be more involved in the mission of Srila Prabhupada and give Krsna to others. Living in the countryside is nice,

but now we will go out again - in the desert, searching the green land. It is not exactly the desert, but rather the cold Scandinavia. It seems that this is a good place for us to distribute prasadam and maintain our life in the service of Srila Prabhupada. Later we focus again to build up our self-sufficient project in Hungary.

Every morning we sing in the Verse 1 of Sri Sri Gurvastakam,

"The spiritual master is receiving benedictions from the ocean of mercy. Just as a cloud pours water on a forest fire to extinguish it, so the spiritual master delivers the materially afflicted world by extinguishing the blazing fire of material existence."

Please help us so that we can stay focused on the spiritual platform. We need your blessings to do our best in the mission of Srila Prabhupada, to please you.

Your disciple,
Arundhati Devi Dasi together with husband Istvan and daughter Vaisnavi

Arya-Carita Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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 dilo yei, janme janme prabhu sei (Guru Vandana, Narottama Dasa Thakura).

You are my master birth after birth. Guru Maharaj, you made all arrangements, not only for your disciples, but also for humanity at large by many innovative ways of getting your association, like your lectures, live streaming and so on. By your example way, you teach us the mood of becoming an eternal servant by displaying your unconditional pure love to Srila Prabhupada.

Last but not the least your health is very important for our tender spiritual life. We beg the mercy of their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Krsna and Sri Sri Krsna Balarama to keep you in best health for preaching Krsna consciousness all over the world. Thank you for always answering my questions and clear my doubts.

Thank you for everything you gave us, we look forward to serve you more and more.

Please bless us so that we can follow your instructions and become worthy servant.

Your servant,
Arya-Carita Devi Dasi

Audarya Lila Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

'I was born in ignorance, then my spiritual master saved me and opened my eyes with the torchlight of knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.' (Bg, Introduction).

On this unique day of your Vyasa-puja, I find it hard to find the words to describe your importance in my life. I remember fondly the time in Croatia when I was so shy to tell you something but you saw my hesitation and called me offering me maha prasadam. That day even though I was sick, that maha prasadam changed my whole day, chanting the maha mantra all the way to Romania. By your causeless mercy, you accepted a fallen soul like me to serve you and take me back home to Krsna.

Guru Maharaj, you are an ocean of mercy, an inspiration through your lessons so deep in Krsna consciousness, but also through your entertaining style of engaging us in Krsna pastimes, kirtans and bhajans that warm our hearts and remind us every time of the holy name. Your whole life is a living model for me how to serve Guru and Krsna. Guru Maharaj please bless me that one day I too can love Krsna.

Thank you for the wonderful instructions and for being with me every step of the way, like a parent, in my devotional life. I wish you good health and a wonderful Vyasa-puja.

Your insignificant servant,
Audarya Lila Dasi

Bahulasva Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

It's more than 20 years now sins I first start to take instructions from you. During these years I have struggled with different life situations. First marriage with 2 children and working full time. Working hard to try to follow the standards and keeping the family intact. No support from home, but convinced about that the path was the right thing to do. After 21 years in that marriage we brook up.

Not very long after I met Anuradha and a new chapter started. Now it was light and fun doing service together. And we were planning for a life ahead together in service. Then that ended very abruptly more than five years ago. A new situation again to adapt. Definitely the hardest so far. It's just a vacuum there. I wish I could fill it with Krsna consciousness, but I'm not able to do that. I do appreciate the service I do and the regular association with friends at Iskcon Stockholm, Brahmakund. But everything is do to with Krsna's will so I accept and hope I'm coming closer to Him.

It's not that my problem are special, this is the problem of the material nature, so I will try to have a spiritual vision on myself and my life. Then Srila Prabhupada's books and sadu sanga in so many different forms is the remedy. But there will still be moments of loneliness and emptiness. Srila Prabhupada is the founder acarya of this movement and we can only do our best to follow his instructions and desire.

Now it's going on for more than 50 years on the basis of vani seva. Luckily it's still going on because of dedicated followers, Prabhupada's men. There are many such dedicated devotees. In my eyes you are definitely one of them. And I'm very fortunate to be a dasa on dasa on dasa of all of you. I love when you speak about Srila Prabhupada.

One of my greatest moments with you was once we were going from New Radhakund in Sweden for a program at Hare Krsna Center in Stockholm, and you were reading from a book of Satsvarupa Das Gosvami, It was a book in prose, almost like a diary. I think the title

is Remembering Srila Prabhupada. I could see how much pleasure you had while reading and contemplating on Satsvarups notes. I think that one of the greatest gift you give me during the years is that of loving to hear about Srila Prabhupada. I'm most thankful for that.

Life itself is also an eye opener for what this material life is about. As I'm getting older I get more trust and faith that Krsna will help and guide to continue this bhakti path. And the way we can understand how he helps is trough guru, sadhu and shastra.

Thank you for accepting me.

Your servant,
Bahulasva Dasa

Bali Mardan Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Just wanted to share with you that I've not been well from the past couple of months yet I am still going on harinams during the week and unfortunately can't go on for longer harinams in the week due to cold weather.

I also attend the Sunday program and help out by setting up the sound system and laying out the chairs and mats. I generally start the kirtans at the beginning of the program too, stay for the class and then help out in the kitchen. When I first read Srila Prabhupada books, I was really touched by what he had gone through. And my life had changed after reading Srila Prabhupada books. Thus I was inspired to help in any way I could.

One thing I remembered from reading and listening from devotees was the importance of having a spiritual master and thus I was told personally too that I needed a spiritual master to help me in my spiritual life. Listening to this, I prayed to Krsna Balarama for a spirtual master.

“Just try to learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. Inquire from him submissively and render service unto him. The self-realized souls can impart knowledge unto you because they have seen the truth.” (Bhagavad-gita 4.34).

Thus I was blessed by guru and Gauranga to have the good fortune to receive diksha from you and am honoured to be your disciple. But after being your disciple for quite some time now, I understand the importance of your instructions. Therefore I will try the best I can to carry out

your instructions and continue in your mission to please Srila Prabhupada and his movement.

Thus your instructions is my life and soul and will never forget the amount of spiritual wisdom and strength you have provided me in my Krsna consciousness.

Your servant,
Bali Mardan Dasa

Bhaja Govindam Dasa

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Kadamba Kanana Maharaj,

This is my first time writing a Vyasa-puja offering to you. Last year, I wasn't sure of my situation with regards to my aspiration, but I watched the Vyasa-puja offerings online and was very moved by many of the heartfelt offerings by my senior god brothers and god sisters.

Of course, the offering by Svayam Bhagavan Keshava Maharaj, then known as Sutapa Prabhu, really melted my heart. The relationship between a guru and disciple is so wonderful, so much more so for a disciple who has made it their life's mission to live by the words of the spiritual

master, fulfilling his desires without even being told.

After finally getting your association in person, on 8 May 2022, I immediately felt guru kripa. Reading back through my diary entry from that day, I relive the flow of potency, the shelter from the mercy, and the empowerment to do something meaningful in Srila Prabhupada's mission. It's said that a disciple is a fool in front of his spiritual master. I feel I fulfil that very well. From being wordless in your presence, to speaking the most absurd things. From being unable to unbuckle a buckle, to not being able to unplug a cable. From constantly trying to be in your association to hear, to not knowing when to go away when you tell me to.

Though it was an interesting ride, I finally came to a point where Krsna was ready to have me connected to the parampara, and for me to be initiated by yourself. This wasn't easy by any means. Health challenges from both sides, multiple meetings being cancelled, service opportunities being redirected, multiple initiations being skipped. Krsna really tested my determination to seek shelter, and despite the anxiety at the time, I look back and smile at the roller-coaster of a journey. After all, spiritual life is difficult, but material life is impossible.

I recall our phone call days before my initiation on 23 August 2022. You patiently heard me out as I spoke all sorts of irrelevant nonsense. You had made up your mind to have me as your disciple, and yet there I was, feeling the need to present my situation. Your shower of mercy upon me knows no bounds. As you shared about the observations and knowledge you have of me, my nature, and my direction in life, I felt like an open book. Everything you shared reaffirmed my decision, and my doubts about the guru being directed by the Supersoul washed away.

I reflect on the initiation day – I was full of so much pride, arrogance, and a sense of superiority. I was thinking "Maharaj knows me, he likes me, and he'll talk about me before he gives me my beads." The moment comes and none of that manifested. A spiritual master cuts ones ego. But your mercy is such that as my ego got checked, you extended your hand out to me, with love and affection. You gave me this name, Bhaja Govindam Dasa, and you want me to really relish, appreciate, and love the name. You say you don't know where the name came from. You told me Krsna inspired you to give me this name. You call this a preaching name, and you yourself call me that name with so much love and affection. How can I not cherish the name that my spiritual master has given me after so much deliberation? The name itself, coming from Adi Shankaracharya's Bhaja Govindam poem, is one you see as revealing its sweetness to me over time. I wait for the day where I can really absorb myself in being a servant in the capacity that you desire me to be. This past year, one of my biggest meditations has been on Srimad Bhagavatam:

uttamaś cintitaṁ kuryāt, prokta-kārī tu madhyamaḥ
adhamo 'śraddhayā kuryād, akartoccaritaṁ pituḥ, (SB 9.18.44).

'A son who acts by anticipating what his father wants him to do is first class, one who acts upon receiving his father's order is second class, and one who executes his father's order irreverently is third class. But a son who refuses his father's order is like his father's stool.' (Srimad Bhagavatam 9.18.44).

Directly, the verse talks about the relationship between a father and a son, but as I understand from scriptures, a spiritual master is a father. My blood father gave me this body, but you, as my spiritual master, have given meaning to my life, and a vision, greater than what I could have for myself. In the short time I have got to personally associate with you. You have given me so much love, so much care, so much attention, so many direct instructions, and taught me so much about what it means to be a real vaishnava.

In many of your classes now a days, you talk a lot about wanting your disciples to be lions, about how we, as your disciples, now need to mature and take responsibility for the movement, and how we should be able to come in front of Srila Prabhupada and our spiritual master being able to present all the wonderful things we have been doing for the mission. I feel you are giving us all, and especially me, the opportunity to be at least a second class disciple – you have told me exactly what you want from me, and now I need to mature and become what you desire me to be.

I am weak, I am clumsy, I am full of so many unwanted things, and I fall again and again. I know I can't be who you want me to be by my own endeavours. But I have hope. You've given me this vision and all these instructions, not because I am someone great but because Krsna, Mahaprabhu, Srila Prabhupada and you have bestowed upon me the mercy to be an instrument in that capacity. All I need to do, is take your shelter as I endeavour to fulfil your desires. All I need to do, is stay connected with devotees and Krsna. All I need to do, is not let my false ego get in the way of being an instrument in your hands. All I need to do is -Bhaja Govindam.

Your servant, aspiring to be a first class disciple,
Bhaja Govindam Dasa

Bharadvaja Dasa

My dear Kadamba Kanana Swami Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Today, on the anniversary of your arrival on this planet, I would like to thank you for what you have done for me and all of us. No words can express the gratitude I feel for you. Thanks to you, I have found the meaning of my life. The thanks that would be truly appropriate is to surrender as a servant to your desire, to please the servant of the servant of Krsna.

Thank you very much.
Sincerely your servant,
Bharadvaja Dasa

Bhargava, Shobhamayi & Tadiya Seva

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Your dedication, commitment and love for Krsna shines bright like the North Star. These past few months at your lotus feet have been a gift sent from above. We've spent all our life-times to come to this moment of taking shelter at your lotus feet over these months. It has meant more to us than life itself. Dear father, we've been searching for you all over, through highways and subways, small towns and big cities. Alas, through divine intervention, we came to your lotus feet. You mean more to us than words can say. It's a relationship created by the god, the ultimate god, the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Your mood and mission keeps us in rapt attention, your divine love for Krsna softens our hearts and your desire to please Krsna keeps us absorbed in devotional service. You walk ten steps ahead, you give unlimitedly and your heart embraces all who come your way. You have

built a house big enough for all to serve and love Krsna. You have shown us how to walk, run and sprint in Krsna consciousness. You have given us the keys to unlock all the treasure chests. You have walked solid, tough as anything, pure as molten gold and you have paved the way for us to walk your way.

Dearest father, the winds of change are blowing all too soon and it crushes our hearts. May the Lord envelope you in His warm embrace, may He soften every challenge that it feels like a walk in the park. May He shelter you at every step. May He bring warmth when it's cold, may He bring coolness when it's hot, may He bring comfort when there is discomfort, may He bring hope when there is despair. May all the burdens disappear, may all the work that lies unfinished be completed, and may you relish in the nectar of His divine love.

Your fallen children,
Bhargava, Shobhamayi & Tadiya Seva

Bharuni Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

I would like to express my immense gratitude for the shelter you gave me. Thus, a new amazing and even more inspiring possibility for service emerged in front of me - to be a pujari. I am in the very beginning and have a lot of things to learn. And although I am still quite nervous, I try not to miss any opportunity to enter the altar and to serve to our beloved Sri Sri Jagannath, Baladeva and Subhadra Devi, Sri Gaura Nitai and Sri Sadbhuja Mahaprabhu.
At the same time, Guru Maharaj, you are an invaluable example for us about the qualities we should try to develop. It is hardly to believe that there is a person in the material world who would remain indifferent and would not admire the humility with which you go through all the adversities, diseases and sufferings that life brings you. And what to tell about your firm faith in Krsna and in the process that Srila Prabhupada had left to us? I guess, exactly this faith is the reason for the strength, easiness and for the smile with which you accept everything that is happening to you. And the way you put all your energy and emotions into everything you are doing for us - your disciples?

We appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts. Maharaj, thank you very, very much:

sādhu-saṅga', 'sādhu-saṅga'
sarva-śāstre kaya

lava-mātra sādhu-saṅge
sarva-siddhi haya
(Cc. Madhya 22.54).

I am praying for you to recover soon. Wish you a successful serving and may Krsna always be with you.

Your eternal servant,
Bharuni Devi Dasi

Bircandra Dasa

Hare Krsna dearest Guru Maharaj,

I remember after your announcement about your health, how you said, it's time to change. To take responsibility. I saw how truly you were upset to leave us. But by your example you are showing that despite any circumstance. We should move forward in spiritual life. To remain fixed on the goal, to travel on this journey back home together. That if we please the vaishnavas with a life of service, they will help us on journey back home. Through your example you've shown us that adversity should deepen our connection with Krsna and strengthen our commitment to being an example to others. That Krsna consciousness does raise one above the material conception of life.

Since my initiation I've tried to think deeply about why you chose the name you gave me. It's a big responsibility. I remember you saying that we are not the name, we are the servants of the name. So, I am trying to serve the name you gave me. I'm happy to say that despite my stubborn and lazy nature, with the encouragement and blessing of the vaishnavas, the journey has started. The devotees have been very kind to me to, in allowing me to serve you and Srila Prabhupada through service. They have been patient with my nature in order to nurture me to become a better devotee. I'm very grateful for the opportunities that have been given to me. They are a blessing.

Although this is my first Vyasa-puja offering to you, it will not be the last. I pray that I have at least 35 years ahead of me to try contributing to the movement and please you. To take my service seriously, to serve my seniors, to support others in the Krsna consciousness just as I have and continue to be supported and to be kind to everyone. Although I don't expect the journey to be easy, I know as long as I remain humble, seek and pray for your guidance and

reach out for help from my god family. I will not stray away from the road you've set out for all of us. Please bless me that despite the distance between us, every year I can place a smile on your face through my offerings and meagre attempts of service. Please bless me that I can surround myself with Krsna consciousness. So, in the end I'll be able to follow you wherever you go to serve you and our amazing sampradaya again and again.

Please Guru Maharaj, bless me that I can develop qualities of a worthy disciple. My desire is to please you through service.

Your grateful disciple,
Bircandra Dasa

Caitanya Lila Devi Dasi

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Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisance.

All glories to you,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I remember last year having your Vyasa-puja here in Melbourne, thinking that I really would like to be able to attend to your live Vyasa-puja in Radhadesh one day. I thought to myself, perhaps maybe next year could be the one.

The big news came not long after the Vyasa-puja, as we all know and we also know, that you held this news for a bit, even though you already knew it by the time the Vyasa-puja took place last year, so that the whole celebration could go ahead as usual, plus other important event in our god family like Keshava Maharaj taking sanyasa.

The way as you have handled the whole situation since then, it is only like great sages could embrace such situations. To keep giving example to the rest of us as your disciples and the rest of the community and humanity in general.

Your determination, desires to keep serving and dedication, has only seemed to have increased since then. And even though you are unable to keep traveling physically around the world, your weekly meetings keep happening, allowing us to have you in our screens simultaneously all around the world, so that we all can keep having your association. Those lectures are our saving grace and will continue to be so for many years to come. Thank you for giving so much of yourself in every single one of them. Thank you for receiving questions all the time, it is such a nice way to keep enlightening one another. I am usually shy and also don't know what to ask many times, but I am glad many of the family members know, so that we all can get benefit from it.

I couldn't make it for the big parikrama you organised back in September due to previous commitments that I couldn't change, I was a bit sad for a while for this, but at the same time, I was grateful that I could follow most of the sessions and watched the recording later, which I know it is not the same, but at least that option is there nowadays.

I was also grateful that I could go and see you later on in November and be part in real time, face to face in the Zoom meeting for a couple of Saturdays. That I will always remember it. That amazing kirtan at Kusum Sarovar that you delighted us with, have been one of the most magical moments in my Krsna consciousness journey. The atmosphere was completely enchanting and one could really feel like we were dancing with Radha and Krsna in those special grounds adorned with your voice and the ones from the other kirtaneer who had accompanied you that day.

Thank you for keep giving yourself so unrestricted despite the situation, putting all your energy and enthusiasm in everything you do for us. I want to believe that maybe you can recover from all of this, all of the sudden and who knows, maybe we all could go and attend many more live Vyasa-pujas in the future. But I also know that maybe, that may not be the case and regardless of that happening or not, we will keep trying to honour and glorify your presence in our lives, trying to give us so much impetus and inspiration for our spiritual lives, and that we will commit to keep doing so, whether you are physically present with us or not.

Thank you so much again for all that you have done for me, for all my god family here in Australia and all around the world and of course for the whole Isckon community. I can't thank you enough I know that as well. But I am trying anyway from the bottom of my heart and also want to say that I would try with your mercy and Prabhupada's mercy, to spend the rest of my life trying to serve you, glorify you and giving Krsna consciousness to others in any way I can.

Your aspiring servant and daughter,

Caitanya Lila Devi Dasi

Champakalata Devi Dasi

Dankbaarheid.
Great fullness.
The first meeting with Maharaj was in Nieuwerkerk aan den IJssel.
De Namahatta of Gourmohan and Ninja Manjari. Maharaj Kadamba was explaining and telling so wonderfully. That moment Sri Krsna became so dear to me. And changed my life by stopping smoking and drinking wine. Meat I never eat anyway. But I liked a cigarette after dinner. First after attending namahatta I used to smoke in the car. But this lecture of Swami made me change those habits right away. It might have been 1989. Haribol.

Thank you Maharaj,
Your servant,
Champakalata Devi Dasi

Citrakeli Devi Dasi

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami,

Thank you for taking mercy on me and for choosing to take me under your shelter, despite how gravely fallen I am. Thank you for providing me with such profound guidance and lectures; I would be so lost without them. I am eternally grateful that you had such confidence in me, even when I did not have any confidence in myself.

Within such a short period of time since my initiation, I see many positive changes in my life and I know that they are taking place by your mercy and blessings. Never have I imagined a





Without the mercy of the vaishnava one cannot develop that initial faith in devotional service



world where I would be so fortunate to receive harinam initiation, but by your mercy, I have been able to attain this. How can this lowly servant offer anything to you, Maharaj, but on this most auspicious day, I offer the poem below:

Kadamba Kanana Swami
K- Kindness, which you show to us all.
A- Adventurous, driven by boundless energy so tall.
D- Dependable, on you we can rely.
A- Amazing lectures, with them is how we get by.
M- Merciful, giving us shelter each day.
B- Benevolent and patient, helping us to find our way.
A- Altruistic, caring for all, we must say

K- Knowledgeable, teaching about Krsna is what you do.
A- Amazing storyteller, sharing lovely pastimes of Krsna and about hiding pastries in plants too.
N- Nurturing, encouraging us to go on with ambition.
A- Adept, also an expert musician.
N- Noble, teaching by example.
A- Accommodating, giving guidance so ample.

S-Sincere and scholarly, teaching us to be humble.
W-Warm-hearted, picking us up when we stumble.
A- Articulate, teaching us that Krsna is Who we seek.
M- Motivating, inspiring us to develop our own techniques.
I- Inspiring, Maharaj, you are absolutely unique.

Maharaj, I thank you for continuously saving me, each and every day. I once again offer my obeisances to your lotus feet.

All glories to Guru and Gauranga.
Your eternal servant,
Citrakeli Devi Dasi
(Cynthia Harry— Queens, New York)

Citralekha Dasi

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Where do you begin thanking someone who saves your soul from oblivion in ignorance? From fading into darkness; someone who with tremendous tsunamis of mercy drags you to the shore of Krsna's grace; someone who does it all with a warm smile; Nrsimhadev-like power and tunes that make the heart dance; someone who, with ease, penetrates the mist surrounding your true self; who swirls things around at the right moment; who guides you with a flow of deep truth and connection; who can give you a small peak under the thick curtain of illusion? Such questions have no answer, as to such a person you remain forever indebted. And you, Guru Maharaj, are that person.

Dear Guru Maharaj, I wholeheartedly pray to Lord Krsna that I will continuously have the strength to follow your guidance, to do what pleases you and to become who you want me to become. Just as Srila Prabhupada prayed, I hope to become Krsna's puppet, but may the strings of my arms, legs, mind and heart first and foremost be connected to you and your eternal instructions.

The first instructions came most unexpectedly, on a mellow afternoon somewhere far between the green fields on the edge of the Dutch Eastern border. While the smell of fresh smoke was

slowly finding its way back to the clear sky, the yajna pit looked deserted, as the devotees, still filled with joy and inspiration, were slowly gathering their loved ones and said their final goodbyes. As I entered my car, ready to head home, I found myself trapped between what seemed to be no less than a hundred small flowery statues, cramped together in a tiny space, surrounding my every direction. Completely stuck, I tried to move the car forward and backward inch by inch in an attempt to free myself, all the while hearing the anxious shouting of many voices around me, either warning or helping me. Almost ready to give up the endless struggle, you suddenly appeared at my window: "Listen to me, just follow what I say. First gear, turn the wheel fully to the right, yes, more, even more, okay now forward. Stop yes, now reverse, turn the wheel, slowly let go of the brakes, yes." Surprisingly, you made it so easy, within moments I was relieved from the seemingly hopeless entanglement. With a grateful smile, I answered you: "Maharaj, I did not expect that your first instructions to me would be driving instructions." After which we broke into a warm laughter.

Looking back on this pastime, the different layers of this moment seem to be uncovering only now, showing a depth beyond the surface of perception. How from the very beginning, you have led me out of literal and metaphorical entanglement. Whether it be flowery statues, the chaotic web of the mind. Or the ever increasing allurements of master trickster maya, there is no difference between them. You taught me how to look at all these entanglements from a distance, how to simplify them, how to take everything in this material world with a pinch of salt, including (and most importantly) ourselves.

Also, in this moment and beyond, you approached me in a very practical way, providing something tangible to hold on to and to strive towards. An approach that suits me so perfectly, because where would I be without those practical grips that allow me to create a path forwards? Probably, I would be caught up in tornado after tornado of thought. You taught me to look at both my mind and obstacles that are to be faced with a light heart (and a pinch of sarcasm), instead of an unshakable seriousness. Our material troubles do not deserve such gravity. They fade in the face of the blissful and loving nature of the Absolute, of which you always remind us.

Finally, you also did not leave me a choice, but to surrender. Whether it be through my car window, or the window of my heart, you mercifully reached out to me, without obligation or me asking for it. You were just there, effortlessly reaching out all the while, your hand for the taking, but I could not see it at first. Taking it for granted, my eyes dwelled here and there trying to independently search for solutions and answers, not knowing that all I needed was right in front of me and not to be found in distant lands, mystical encounters or a far never-to-be-reached future. Nevertheless, you did not let go, again you drew me in, until your tsunami of mercy hit the shores of those hesitating on the beach. With no time or means to escape, you

took our souls under your loving wings, ready to bring us back home, following the path of the transcendental sound of your voice.

Dear Guru Maharaj, thank you. Thank you for showing us the deeper reality of our existence. Thank you for always bringing us closer and closer to Krsna. Thank you for finding newer and newer ways to balance us, to help us grow and thrive. Thank you for the endless ways in which you inspire us to make our life into an offering for Krsna, to never be ordinary, to go beyond the limitations of our conditioning, to smile at our not so very important problems, to be kind, loving and independently thoughtful. Thank you for all that was, for all that is and all that is yet to become.

I know you will be there, always. I pray that at least once in my life, I could do something back for you, that once in my life, I may be transparent medium of your mission. If there is a single drop of pure love, devotion or surrender that is to be found within the depths of my heart, please may it always be yours.

Hare Krsna.
Your aspiring servant,
Citralekha Dasi

Citta Hari Dasa

Dear beloved and respected Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

It is so beautiful that you exist. A truly rare opportunity and the causeless mercy of Sri Krsna that I met you in this life and you accepted me as your disciple. I am deeply indebted to you and do my best to dedicate my life to you. You are giving me the perfect example of a vaishnava, a friend, a father, a teacher and a simple, good-hearted person. I am learning a lot from you. Everything that has any value and meaning at all, I learn from you. I wish and pray to follow you uprightly and successfully and to implement your instructions earnestly. In this life as well as the next. Time flies by and the moments shared together remain in my memory from

which I eternally draw deep inspiration. This inspiration nourishes my life and gives me the confidence to continue on the path Srila Prabhupada showed us. Back home, back to Krsna.

Thank you for your care, inspiration and guidance. Thank you for your love. I look forward to seeing you again. I send my best wishes and prayers on your 70th appearance day.

With eternal gratitude.

Your servant,
Citta Hari Dasa

Dahani Devi Dasi

Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami and our dear Prabhupada.

Here where we're standing now,
Words are cannot be found,
To express my deepest admiration
And gratitude to you.

For your repeated selfless love and care,
For the blessing and encouragement,
For setting for us an example
That is beyond this world.

Thank you again and again
For giving me the ticket
In your blessed train.
May all the Goswamis,
Panca-tattva, Narasimhadeva,
All the enchantingly beautiful deities
Shine upon you eternally.

Whatever the reason may be
For accepting and guiding me,
I thank you again and again.
You are the ocean of causeless mercy,
The only one I know of.

Thank you dearest Gurudeva,
I am sure that merciful Srimati Radharani
Will guide you through.

Your humble servant,
Dahani Devi Dasi

Dainya-Bodhika Devi Dasi

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

In your book, 'Guru and Disciple,' you have mentioned that the guru-disciple relationship

is not one way. It is not just that the spiritual master is endlessly nourishing the disciple. The spiritual master is also nourished when he sees the disciples flourishing and doing so many wonderful things. That is what gives him life. Same as Srila Prabhupada said that when he heard the books scores, that it would give him life. I know that when you hear about book distribution and book scores, your heart feels immense happiness. I beg for your mercy and blessings so that I can continue with the book distribution service till my last breath. I will always do my best to do book distribution and preaching in order to make you happy.

Last year on your Vyasa-puja, you mentioned that your dream is that your disciples become very advance. Though I am not great devotee and I have lots of weaknesses, but I sincerely pray that I always take shelter of Krsna and Prabhupada so that I can fulfil your dream and help others in doing so. May I get enough maturity and take this golden life which you gave me to become serious. Serious about taking responsibilities to preach and going back home back to godhead.

Guru Maharaj, you are so empowering and practical. You came to us as a precious jewel, giving us opportunities to be more closer to Prabhupada and experience the mercy of Lord Chaitanya's mission. May I always take shelter of every drops of nectar you gives us through your lectures and kirtans.

I will do my best to become serious and mature.
Your dear daughter,
Dainya-Bodhika Devi Dasi

Damodara Dasa

Dear Gurudeva,

It has been almost a year since you visited South Africa after a long waiting period due to covid. We were hoping to get more of your association after that. Then the news of your health shattered my heart. It has been very difficult to come to terms with that. Thank you very much for your invaluable guidance and inspiration over many years.

I made a trip to Vrindavan for the first time last year after your transcendental encouragement. You requested your disciples to go Vrindavan for Radhashtami. It is generally said that one must visit Mayapur before Vrindavan. By your special mercy, I somehow went Vrindavan dham before I visit Mayapur dham.

I have not been doing much service lately. I have participated in a few harinamas. I have moved to Durban since July last year due to work. Am sort of still adjusting. I know you want your disciples to preach. I keep this instruction at heart and hope that I will give it a try sometimes.

I pray that your health improves and hope to have your association soon.
Your aspiring servant,
Damodara Dasa

Damodari

Hare Krsna,

I only have my experience from Sommerlager in Kienthal (Switzerland) in one of the last Summer times before lockdowns. I remember Maharaj very well and I liked his bhajans, his music, his nice lectures, his qualities and his realisations to preach to the devotees.

My name is Damodari. I received my spiritual name from Shyamarani /Jadurani and I was asking Maharaj for initiation from his part. Because of his strong line and parampara he never initiated me because of my 4 cats that I cannot let go of for my spiritual advancement.
I respect and love Kadamba Kanana Swami without conditions.

Haribol,
Damodari

Danakeli Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Happy Krsna conscious appearance day dear Guru Maharaj. After taking initiation from you and chanting the maha mantra, many miracles happened in these 4 months. It's all happened because of your mercy and blessings, Guru Maharaj. You are so merciful that you have given me the shelter and accepted me as your disciple. You are truly bestowing your mercy on all of us.

In the past when I made mistakes, I did not realise so much, but now after initiation, by your

mercy I am realising and correcting. Please give your blessings Guru Maharaj, so that I will be always in the association of devotees and serve them.

Hare Krsna
Your servant,
Danakeli Devi Dasi

Dayalu Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you and your service,
All glories to Šrila Prabhupada.

First the offering of services:
This year we were doing lots of harinams, I was chanting my rounds. I encouraged my wife to chant also, and she did and does. As I got second initiation I began to worship Sri Prahlada Narasimha (which you gave me) every day. Began worshiping temples Sri Panca-tattva (I'm trying to do once a week kitchen/altar) and helping at the festivals with altar and abhishek. As much as possible I'm trying to do Krsna conscious activities every day, with my wife and devotees.

Last year I wrote about how you mercifully accepted me into your shelter and how I was hoping that our relationship will move on in a way that you would be kind and correct and chastise me. Well you did and I was shocked. But I'm understanding it, and even though my ego is insulted, I see with intelligence that this is the true and the right path. You told me how I first do things and then tell them to you. And the funny thing is, I don't like this quality either. We should consult the situations with you first, and then execute them.

So for this next year, my offering to you will be that I'll try to consult things with my superiors/mentors and raise myself into the, 'shelter taking,' attitude.

You are a person who seeks shelter of mercy while serving guru and Srila Prabhupada, so I'll try to learn that from you.

Thank you for being honest.
Thank you for being a real devotee.
Thank you for being a Prabhupada man.
Thank you for pushing yourself into growing your surrender to Krsna
And showing us the example of seeking wonderful Krsna at all times.

Hare Krsna

Your servant,
Dayalu Dasa

Dayarupa Devi Dasi

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Dandavat Pranaam. I am so fortunate to be your disciple it is a great blessing to have you as my spiritual father. Time flies and every day I am thankful. I have not got the opportunity to serve you enough but I am glad to follow your instructions and guidance from afar. Physically I might not be around there in Vrindavan dham but spiritually we are all connected.

On this special day I seize the opportunity to thank you. Without your mercy and blessings I wouldn't have been this strong today. Despite going through your own life challenges, overlooking yours to focus on sending mercy and blessings to your disciples, this is a wonderful strength. This teaches me how to be more merciful and selfless in life.

When I listen to your lectures and kirtans, I am so much lost in each words, Every time tears are filled in my eyes when I hear you gloriously calling the Lord, it is an inspiration and encouragement you pass to all of your disciples and well-wishers to gain inner strength to stand firm and it is really a peace of mind we get. Your every actions direct me through right path, helping me face and conquer limitations of life, I can't thank you enough Gurudeva.

May the grace of Lord be with you, as you have been a blessing in my life, you are an example of Lord's true servant and I so pray I always follow all your instructions, give me oh Dearest Gurudeva your blessings so that I be firm and faithfully serve the Supreme Lord and all the servants of the servants in this lifetime.

I end my letter of appreciation with so much gratitude in my heart for showing me the light when I was surrounded by darkness. May Sri Sri Narasimhadeva always protect you.

With love and gratitude.
Your daughter,
Dayarupa Devi Dasi
(Mauritius)

Devakanya Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

The sun is shining, I'm sitting outside with a devotee, and you walk out with some other devotees.

Everyone's body curls to embrace the floor, to greet you as you came from the temple room.
I looked between these two scenes. These people hugging the floor in gratitude and surrender, while you make your way to the car on your way to share Krsna with more people.
How would I have known that those observations would lead me to continue to observe you? Watching you from behind windows in awe. Behind other people in excitement and joy. Staying to watch how you interact with those who deeply question and open their hearts to you.

Observing how you give your time. Give your heart. Give your thoughts. Give your life. Give your every breath to service.

It's something which has perplexed me for so long and still does. Although theoretically everything I am is now yours. I still don't live that way. However you are kind and tolerant. I hope to be as kind and tolerant to everyone Krsna puts in my path even just to a fraction of a fraction of what you have shown me.

I hope I can remember you in all the moments of my life. Truly feeling that everything that seems good is only by your mercy and grace. That everything that seems bad is really diminished in quantity and thus more mercy and grace.

Thank you for being fixed in Krsna's service.
Thank you for being everywhere I go even when I deny it.
Thank you for taking on the austerities of the countless experiences which lead you to become who you are.

Thank you for loving kirtan as much as you do and sharing that with us.
I hope to live the rest of my life becoming a qualified and worthy student and daughter. Sharing Krsna with people and being kind to the best of my capacity and beyond. Remembering, surrendering and trusting that I am empowered to do miracles by a giant whose steps shelter me and remind me of the beauty and magic that has entered into my life.

Your servant,
Devakanya Devi Dasi

Devarsi Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Over the past couple of months, you have gone through a very turbulent time in terms of your

health, yet despite this, you have been very exemplary in your character and there is nothing short of what you have accomplished.

I have personally seen this myself when I visited Sri Vrindavan dham for the first time. I observed how you had such a flexible attitude and mind-set to the extent that you were fully prepared to leave your body at any time without any fear whatsoever. You were always engaged in Krsna's service, whether that was to be in kirtan or giving class or simply to serve the wonderful vaishnavas. Thus, I can understand why you are so very dear to Krsna and your Guru Maharaj, because you are willing to do whatever is pleasing to the Guru and Krsna with full surrender, enthusiasm and determination.

Another time when I was in Vrindavan you taught me an invaluable lesson which happened in your apartment in Krsna Balarama residence. We had a small gathering of disciples and you asked us a few questions about the parikrama. Then you opened the floor up for disciples to ask questions. Now I did have a question about something which was related to a family issue which I was experiencing at that time.

But I did not ask my question until the very end because of the nature of my question and how personal it was to me. Therefore, I asked my question at the end. When I asked my question you were hesitant to answer the question because you were quite tired and felt exhausted physically as well as mentally. Yet I still pushed on in trying to reach an answer.
Eventually, you said, "Don't try to squeeze me." After which you further went on to say that, "Nearly everyone is trying to squeeze me." After that, I had a big revelation in my spiritual understanding. This revelation is to be a giver and not a taker.

It is funny because my material life is based on the conception of taking things and never really comprehended the idea of being a giver. And in this moment of intense exchange. I learned that the Guru is not one for taking on a disciples' problem but to provide wisdom, clarity and empowerment to go on sorting their own issues.

You have been an admirable person of giving out mercy and many times I've seen that you always make time for your disciples. You always love to engage everyone in kirtana and attract them to sing the Lord's holy name. You have a big heart in giving out the knowledge and wisdom of Krsna katha.

So, at the core of my heart, I would like to offer my gratitude, homage and appreciation for every little and big thing you have done in my life. Where would I be in life if I did not meet you and take shelter from you? Thank you for being the biggest giver and being a giver of Srila Prabhupada's mercy.

Please forgive me for any offences I might have made and hope to continue in your service and be the disciple you would like me to be.

Your insignificant servant,
Devarsi Dasa

DevaVani Dasi & Kusum Sarovar Dasa

Hare Krsna Guru Maharaj,
We feel fortunate to get the opportunity to wish you a very auspicious appearance day. Guru Maharaj, thanks a billions of time for all your support and mercy on us for our spiritual life. Thank you for making us understand that every obstacles is a good sign of bhakti that makes us stronger to continue in our spiritual journey. Your association in Vrindavan was so blissful. One of my most blissful moment was while walking besides you, your few words were so blissful. Thank you Guru Maharaj for everything.

Praying to Srimati Radharani for your good health. Hope to see you soon in Vrindavan.

Hare Krsna
Yours most fallen servants,
DevaVani Dasi & Kusum Sarovar Dasa

Dhira Damodara Dasa

Hare Krsna,
Dandavat pranam.

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

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

Hare Krsna. I listened Guru Maharaj's classes and more kirtan. I am inspired by the kirtan. When I met 3rd time and called me and straight way Maharaj held my hand for 10 to 15 min-

utes in front of his disciples. Gave me promise will do your initiation when I came back to London. After few weeks Guru Maharaj back to London and finally on 23rd of August I got initiation.

As per my experience he changed my life and Maharaj's kirtan is so energetic, amazing, and enthusiastic. He is so caring and Loveable spiritual master. He instructed to all his disciples to maintain and develop the relationship each other. Always focus on vaishanava's etiquette. Maharaj said do the Pricing and try to fulfill the mission of Srila Prabhupada. Maharaj always keeping Krisna in center between Guru Maharaj (himself) and disciples.

Hare Krsna.
Your servant,

Dhira Damodara Dasa

Dhira Krsna Dasa

My dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my most humble obeisance at your lotus feet.

All glories to your divine grace,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Guru Maharaj, the year of 2022 was wonderful because we were able to have your darshan in Vrindavan. It was blissful to be in your association for several days, and that impression continues as you bless us every week via Zoom.

I am happy to report to you, Gurudeva, that I am now a Karuna Care Chaplain and aspiring to receive Iskcon's endorsement for interfaith Chaplaincy. Along with serving those in need of my compassionate care, I am assisting mother Rambhoru Devi Dasi in establishing a professional Chaplaincy, International Vaishnava Seminary. These are my humble efforts in contributing to Srila Prabhupada's mission following your instructions.

As I continue to struggle in my transition to devotional services, I do have few challenges. In particular, I am learning to manage my anger that arises from time to time because my undue attachments to material things. I beg to receive your blessings overcoming my emotional chal-

lenges. We are looking forward to seeing you soon when I retire at the end 2023 and come home to Vrindavan and then, to Nepal to take care of my 88 years old mother.

On this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, I wish you a good health and many more Krsna conscious years. Happy Vyasa-puja, Maharaj.

Your aspiring servant,
Dhira Krsna Dasa
(Washington, DC)

Dhruva Tila Dasa

namo oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya
kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tāle
śrīmat-kadamba-kānana
-svāminn iti nāmine

gaura-kṛpāmṛtaṁ prāpto
vraje māyāpure'pi yaḥ
prabhupāda-priyo lokam
pāyayaty anivāritam

“Let us offer our obeisances to Srila Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj, who is most dear to Lord Krishna, having taken shelter of His lotus feet. Srila Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj, who is very dear to Srila Prabhupada, obtained the nectar of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mercy in the holy dhamas of Vrndavana and Mayapura, and ceaselessly enables the people of this world to drink that nectar.” (Praṇāma-mantra, by Nityānanda Dāsa (BVS) and Vāsudeva Dāsa on April 24, 2014).

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

"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." (Cc Madhya-lila 17.80).

Dhyana Moolam Guru Murti
Puja Moolam Gurur Padam,
Mantra Moolam Gurur Vakyam,
Moksha Moolam Guru Kripa

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

(Guru Gita - Skanda Purana Dialogue between Shiva and Uma (Shakti))

Dear Guru Maharaj,

All glories to you Guru Maharaj on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.
Please accept the ramblings of this fallen soul, who you have chosen to save.

I am thankful to you for giving me shelter under your lotus feet. My spiritual life has accelerated since taking initiation. I have a new found energy to offer devotional service and to please you Maharaj in all that I do. My love for Krsna and Srila Prabhupada has increased tenfold as I chant my daily rounds with you ever present before my mind's eye.

Maharaj, I pray that you will always guide me and my family as we progress on our journey back to Godhead. I desire to serve you and help spread the love and mercy of Sri Caitanya Maha Prabhu Sankirtan movement.

His holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaja ki jaya.
Your humble servant,
Dhruva Tila Dasa

Dinanatha Dasa & Varsana-Lila Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,
We wish you a very happy appearance day Maharaj. On this very auspicious occasion, we would like to wholeheartedly thank you for making us a part of your life and this beautiful family. Thank you, Maharaj. This is our first offering and frankly we are quite nervous and excited at the same time to write to you.

It was in Oct 2020, that me and my wife Varsana Lila met you in Simhachalam temple, Passau for the very first time. You spoke to us for little over 10 minutes about Vrindavan. Little did we knew at that time about Lord Krsna's plan for us and with his blessings and mercy of all Vaishnavas, we realized our connection towards you as our Spiritual Master.
Whenever we see you Maharaj, the most overwhelming feeling we have is that you always take care of your disciples by making them feel comfortable around you and at the same time you guide all of us regarding the importance of staying Krsna conscious at every moment of our lives. Your ecstatic kirtans and lectures have always been the guiding light for us in this chaotic Kali-yuga. Although we might not have interacted with you many a times personally but in your shelter, we always get courage to fight against our own anarthas, inabilities and the maya around us. You have always taken care of us directly or indirectly.

Your exemplary Kirtan service have always awakened conditioned souls like us and made us realize our eternal connection to the Lord. The Vrindavan parikrama (2022) with you and all Vaishnavas helped us in understanding the Vrindavan Dham on a deeper level. Even though you were not physically keeping well, you still attended everyone in Vrindavan.
Reflecting our time since our initiation ceremony (8 months ago), apart from our daily sadhana, with your mercy we could constantly take association of Senior Vaishnavas and assist them in services in home and temple programs. Your words and instructions guide us to reflect and work on our lives in Krsna consciousness.

In the Caitanya-caritāmṛta, by Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja Gosvāmī, Lord Caitanya states, "One who is serious about spiritual life is given by Krsna the intelligence to come in contact with bonafide spiritual master and then by the grace of spiritual master, one becomes advanced in Krsna consciousness." (Cited in Nectar of Devotion, Introduction).

We know Maharaj that due to your mercy we got this good fortune to have you as our Guru Maharaj and in each step of life, we always depend upon your grace. We simply pray that in this lifetime, we serve you by sincerely following and living up to your instructions.

We seek your blessings that may we always have the strength to contribute and surrender to your vision and Mahaprabhu's mission. Due to our own ineligibility, here we are taking support of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura to speak our hearts to you Gurudeva,

kripa-bindu diya, koro' ei dase,
trinapekha ati hina
sakala sahane, bala diya koro',
nija-mane spriha-hina
sakale sammana korite sakati,

deho' natha! jathajatha
tabe to' gaibo, hari-nama-sukhe,
aparadha ha 'be hata
kabe heno kripa, labhiya e jana,
kritartha hoibe, natha!
sakti-buddhi-hina, ami ati dina,
koro' more atma-satha
jogyata-vicare, kichu nahi pai,
tomara karuna—sara
karuna na hoile, kandiya kandiya,
prana na rakhibo ara

Thank you, Maharaj, for being our Guru Maharaj. On this special occasion, we pray to Sri Sri Radha Shyamsunder to shower all auspiciousness unto you. Happy appearance day dearmost Guru Maharaj

Lots of love from your insignificant servants,
Dinanatha Dasa & Varsana-Lila Dasi

Diptiman Prema Dasa

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

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

Your kirtans had been my mainstay of connection with the name ever since I started my devotional life. And when I met you in person in late 2020 and heard your kirtan, I immediately developed strong desire to surrender unto your lotus feet. You most kindly accepted me and I got my first initiation on 11th December, 2021 (and second initiation on 2nd July, 2022). Ever since, all auspiciousness came to my life from getting married soon after and birth of our first child on 25th December, 2022.

I wish and pray Maharaj that can remain ever inspired in serving you in this life and that I get a chance to serve Sri Mahaprabhu and Sri Nityananda under your eternal shelter.

Your servant,
Diptiman Prema Dasa

Divya Nam Devi Dasi

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Mukunda Mala Stotram: "lasse den Schwan meines Geistes sich verstricken in das lotusgeflecht der transzendentalen Taten und Spiele Krsna's. Lasse mich jetzt augenblicklich sterben, weil ich jetzt im Moment gegenwärtig in der Lage dazu bin den heiligen Namen Krsnas zu chanten, aber wenn ich alt geworden bin, wer weiß ob ich dann noch in der Lage bin den Namen Krsnas zu Chanten."

Lieber Guru Maharaj, ich danke dir aus ganzem Herzen, dass du mich als deine Schülerin angenommen hast. Im Ozean des Samsara verloren, hast du dich bereit erklärt mir Zuflucht zu gewähren. Und so bin ich inmitten einer Welt von Unsicherheiten, gelinde gesagt, Chaos und Leid, bereits auf der sicheren Seite. Ich weiß auch, dass ich meinen eigenen Beitrag zum Erfolg dieses Projekts leisten muss.

Die Sehnsucht spricht aus der Tiefe meines Herzens wenn ich solche Worte wie im Mukunda Mala Stotram geschrieben höre. In der Praxis quäle ich mich im Moment durch täglich schlechte Runden. Aber, ich halte durch. Ich weiß, dass ich nur durch deine Gnade irgendwann genauso werde beten können. Und das ist mein tiefer Wunsch, die Namen Gottes in Extase zu chanten.

Bhaktivaibhava Swami sagte in einer Lecture über die südindischen Heiligen: "in Gegenwart eines reinen Gottgeweihten werden die Kräfte eines Yogis transformiert."
Ich komme ja aus dem "Yoga Kontext", fast 20 Jahre intensive Praxis. Und so werde ich nun durch die Einweihung als deine Schülerin und auch durch die tägliche praktische Schulung im Bhakti Yoga durch meinen Ehemann Rama Gopala Prabhu, im Alltag gereinigt und transformiert. Ich fange wieder ganz neu an. Ich stehe auf und falle ganz nach unten um wieder neu aufzustehen. Mein ganzes Leben steht durch die Devotees auf dem Kopf, es ist zum verzweifeln und gleichzeitig lehrreich, äußerst hart, teilweise "the way of hard knocks". Es tut mir leid, dass ich dir nichts "schöneres" erzählen kann. Ich fange ganz neu und ganz "unten" an um aus der Asche aufzustehen um dann hoffentlich durch deine Gnade transformiert "im Feuer zu stehen" und dann wirklich dienen zu können. Jetzt sind meine, "Mystical yogipowers," Erst mal weg, down to earth, bhakti yoga - was ist das eigentlich? Mein Leben hat mit bhakti yoga gerade erst angefangen und ich bin neu geboren. Der Weg fängt an.

Nächstes Jahr berichte ich dir hoffentlich über meine Erkenntnisse und meinen Fortschritt. Jetzt kann ich nur sagen, ich bin auf dem Weg, ich bleibe auf dem Weg und gebe nicht auf. Ich danke dir aus ganzem Herzen Guru Maharaj. Und auch wenn ich wegen meiner Grobstofflichkeit und Grobheit nicht immer spüren kann dass du bei mir bist, so weiss ich, dass du immer in meinem Herzen bist und der heilige Name durch mein spirituelles Herz zu mir spricht. Ich werde jetzt anfangen meine Ohren zu spitzen, damit ich den heiligen Namen im Inneren hören kann. Das verspreche ich dir.

Deine demütigen Dienerin,
Divya Nam Devi Dasi

Doyal Govinda Dasa

Dandavats

Dear Maharaj,

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

Thank you so much Maharaj for your unlimited mercy, which you showed me especially in the last few months. You are truly an ocean of mercy and love. Once more I see that you are a direct servant of Lord Nityananda, giving love of Godhead to everybody, without restrictions. Luckily I am one of those fallen souls benefitting from your magnanimity as I received not only a drop of your mercy but a vast ocean.

Now it is up to me taking full advantage of this, getting humbler than a blade of grass
In the street, more tolerant than a tree and equanimeous in all circumstance. Yes, I can confirm that I have found peace again due to your cooling words similar to the lotus feet of Lord Nityananda whose cooling rays relieve the whole universe.

On the other hand I do not feel peaceful at all. I like to dance Maharaj, kindly make me dance, pass me the ball and yes, it is true that we have to do something with the ball, but somehow I still feel blocked. I know that you are waiting for it and I want to dance every day like I did in Cape Town. You made me dance there, do it again, I like to go wild for you. I wish I can radiate spiritual love and peace to the whole world. Together with Tattvavati we relish your instructing lecture given in Vrindavan which is the guideline for us and also for our whole god family.

First of all, I am more than ever convinced having a vision of going back to Godhead by the end of the life. I work with Tattvavati where we can develop Krsna consciousness to our best ability. You recommend that all we disciples should develop a vision in which direction we like to go in our spiritual life, so we do it as an offering. Yes, we should get up early, best is to chant our rounds before mangala arati. I want to do it and one day I will be able to taste the joy of it.

You were saying that we should expend the Hare Krsna movement. For the time being my focus changed a bit away from Germany and Europe, but having an open ear and time to spend with devotees and people will lead to the possibility to expand the movement with stable and satisfied devotees so that finally there are more devotees and happier devotees. I get ready for it.

Sadhana is always important and I am on my way improving it more and more. In this way I get stronger and I can grow in responsibility for others which leads to the fact of making devotees. Your next instruction Tattvavati and myself put into action as we visit Vrindavan and Mayapur more often so that we make it an intrinsic part of our life's visiting those two places.

Definitely, I want to go out with books. It is such a valuable experience, being out there might hurt in the beginning, similar like going to a dentist. First it might be painful but one is aware that the outcome is worth going. So being out there is a challenge but pleasing you and the guru parampara is a precious jewel.

Finally you said we should open temples and preach, well we have done that for more than 15 years in Heidelberg, maybe we continue there or we will have another adventure, but my wife and I will take it to heart start the rocket.

Maharaj, I am hankering for your personal association as in the beginning years. But times change and with your above mentioned instructions. You always remain with me throughout my life. Thank you so much for your trust, care, guidance, friendship and many more positive impacts on my life. I am always indebted to you.

Your disciple and servant,
Doyal Govinda Dasa

Francesca Pollina

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

How difficult is it to translate thoughts into words? I remember that in the beginning, before meeting you, I was looking for myself. I liked Iskcon but I thought it was really hard and maybe not so necessary to follow the principles. But most of all I was struggling with chanting the 16 rounds. Your first letter totally changed my life in that respect. And our first meeting changed my life in every way. What about our last meeting. That same day I made the decision that led me to have a life ever closer to what I felt was right for me. A life close to the devotees, the temple and the servants of Krsna. The rest are but optical illusions which are all deceptive and persuasive whispers of maya.

Maharaj, you have made all the arrangements not only for your disciples but for mankind at large through your many innovative ways of gaining your association through your lectures, internet live broadcasts, personal reports etc. Your health is very important for our spiritual life. Therefore I implore the mercy of Sri Sri Gaura Nitai to keep you in the best health to preach all over the world and for all over the world. I pray to your divine lotus feet to always have your shelter despite all my shortcomings.

Thank you Maharaj. Please accept my respectful obeisances at your lotus feet and please continue to inspire me. Please bless me to follow your instructions and become your worthy servant.
Your devoted servant,
Francesca Pollina

Gargamuni Dasa & Vallabhi Kanta Devi Dasi

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

namas te sárasvate deve gaura-váni-pracárine
nirvisesa-súnyavádi-páscátya-desa-tárine

Please accept our humble obeisances.

All glories to you.
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami.
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Having started this spiritual journey as a couple, we hope you will accept this joint offering. As recent disciples, you accepted us on the word of our long-time friend Krishna Kirtan Prabhu. Therefore, we would like to thank him for being part of this divine arrangement. You liberally extended your shelter and mercy dear Guru Maharaj, for that we are eternally grateful.

Through our connection with you, we have received and increased our appreciation for numerable treasures, such as his holiness Jayadvaita Swami, his holiness Svayam Bhagavan Keshava Maharaj, our wonderful god family, your regular online meetings, humour, melodious kirtans, transcendental knowledge, practical advice and instructions. Through your shelter and vani we feel you are ever present in our lives.

Progressively we are trying to know your mood and heart better and can honestly say, through your joyful association and example our relationships with the vaishnavas, holy home and Sri Krsna is also maturing and deepening over time dear Guru Maharaj.

In return for all these gifts, we can only offer our humble obeisances and promise to become good and kind disciples, take some ownership to advance the Krsna consciousness movement whilst serving in the mood of a servant of servant that you would like us to be.

Eternally indebted, your servants,
Gargamuni Dasa & Vallabhi Kanta Devi Dasi

Gaura Bhagavan Dasa & Dvaraka-vasini Dasi

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Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

On this auspicious occasion of your appearance day, we take this opportunity to convey our heartfelt gratitude at your lotus feet for accepting and connecting us to this movement of Krsna consciousness in last year 2022.

We remember our first meeting at Radhadesh temple wanting to take shelter at your lotus feet in February 2022, when you came there and gave initiations to some disciples. After finishing initiation ceremony, we could personally meet and interact with you in the room next to altar

hall. In answer to one question, you had explained about Lord Krsna's loving relationship and reciprocation with devotees in Vrindavan by narrating one nectarian past time of Nandha Maharaj, when he came to see Lord Krsna in Mathura and Lord Krsna ran to see him although he was sitting in a. Each of your words carries so much learning and realizations that it not only creates deep impressions on our minds but our hearts also resonate with it, inspiring us to do something meaningful in our lives.

We feel ourselves fortunate enough having your association during our visit to Vrindavan in October 2022. In Kartika yatra, listening to your absorbing kirtans and enlightening discourses, we could take small steps to enter into dham in true terms. Without your mercy and compassion, dham would have remained foreign to us. Thank you very much Guru Maharaj.

In the previous year 2022, with your mercy and blessings, we were able to do following menial services:

• 'Ramayana for kids weekly online program' in which children from various parts of Germany learn the teaching and wisdom from exciting and interesting stories of Ramayana
• Support to local temple in Hamburg: joining weekend temple programs, and will gradually take up more activities there.
• Introducing Krsna consciousness to friends, family members and other interested persons by providing them possible support
• Attending home programs as well as online sessions on Bhagavad-gita and Srimad Bhagavatam - conducted by his grace Sudama Prabhu (Duisburg, Germany)
We will continue to imbibe your instructions in our lives and align our lives to them accordingly. Kindly give us your blessings that we get strength and enthusiasm to serve lotus feet of Sri Guru and Gauranga in kind and humble mood.

Your servants,
Gaura Bhagavan Dasa & Dvarakavasini Dasi
(Hamburg, Germany)

Gaura Narayana Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

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

When we heard of the news that you will be spending your final days in Vrindavan, we packed everything and moved to Vridavan to spend some time with you in dham, as we generally didn't get much opportunity of your personal association in Leicester.

It was my great fortune that I could be in your personal association, listening to lectures and room conversation, but whatever I was listening and observing, it had one undercurrent theme and that is do something in the service of Srila Prabhupada and mission and service is the essence. Every time I had a fortune to speak to you, you asked me to carry on book distribution. Once we were in the room with HH Jayadvaita maharaja and the topic of most risky place to preach came but somehow all of a sudden you looked at me and said: "Regardless of what, you can't stop doing books, you must carry on distributing books, and that is a dying man's wish ! You can't say no".

When I went back to UK for the marathon, you were you so happy and encouraged me to carry on, this is the best service. To be honest I felt closer to you in a street while I was doing books than while I was in Vrindavan sitting in your room.
You mentioned in one of the Zoom when someone asked you how they can meet you. And you mentioned that "any service you do, we will meet in that service". It was profound and lifesaving at the same time.

By your causeless mercy I beg you to keep meeting in the service of Sri Guru and Gauranga. Begging you to keep engaging me in the service.z

Your eternal servant
Gaura Narayana Das

Geeta Mala Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna Dear Guru Maharaj,

I thank you for what you have done in my life: Giving me shelter at your lotus feet.
After many years of aspiring to become your disciple you gave me this wonderful opportunity.

2021 and 2022 were years not to be forgotten and very special to me. My first interview for initiation, then 1st initiation ceremony was at Sri Sri Radha Radhanatha Temple in Durban with Maharaj officiating fire ceremony 2021. 2022 was second initiation, online due to covid. Special recent memories were going on parikrama with Maharaj in Vrindavan 2022. Attend-

ing class in Vrindavan conference room and Maharaj 's room in Vrindavan.
I was fortunate to have his holiness Jayadvaita Swami's association and class. My wish is to serve Maharaj eternally and serve the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Please give me your mercy and guidance. All glories to you on this auspicious day.

Your servant,
Geeta Mala Devi Dasi (Geeta Bhayroo).

Gergana Ivanova

Dear Kadamba Kanana Maharaj,

I feel so grateful and blessed that you came into my life with your engaging energy, smile, intelligence, and contagious sense of humour. I will never forget our conversations and the way I know you knew what I needed to discuss only with one look at me. I will never forget the three Vyasa-pujas I attended in Radhadesh.

I admire your knowledge of the Vedic scriptures, philosophy, and history. You made me want to learn and follow you even though I am now a Christian. I pray for your healing and to see you soon again in London. I will always keep you close to my heart with a hope for a miracle.

Your servant,
Gergana

Giridhari Puja Dasi

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O my master, On this auspicious day I have come with this offering just to worship and glorify you as an epitome of good standard. The entire world is filled with the use of material objects, without a trace of devotion to the Lord but with your unwavering faith in the holy name and scriptures you gave shelter to mystified, confused and miserable lost souls.
One bewildered by ignorance in devotional service has no ability to solve this dilemma, but you are so merciful, you have given us direction.

sarva mahā-guṇa-gaṇa vaiṣṇava-śarīre
kṛṣṇa-bhakte kṛṣṇera guṇa sakali sañcāre

'A Vaiṣṇava is one who has developed all good transcendental qualities. All the good qualities of Kṛṣṇa gradually develop in Kṛṣṇa's devotee.' (Cc Madhya-lila 22.75).

Srila Prabhupada from nectar of devotion - association is very important. It acts just like a crystal stone, which will reflect anything which is put before it. In the sun there is great heat and light, and by reflecting the greatness of the sun's light, the moon in night also appears great. Actually the moon is by nature dark and cold, but in association with sun it has become accepted as great. Hence by association of the Great, one appears great.

Thank you for giving me the best association of vaishnava, which helps me with my spiritual development. Vasudeva Datta said to the Lord, paying his obeisances, save all the living beings in the material world. Give all their sins and suffering to me, who am the lowest of all. In this way all the suffering and miseries of the fallen will end. He was the best of the Vaisnavas, para dukha dukhī. He knows that there is not real happiness in gratifying the senses.

And what kind of mercy can the non-vaisnhavas give? They simply make offenses by their Daridra Narayana philosophy. The mercy of the vaishnavas is scientific and authorized. Without their mercy this world is simply insurmountable maya but if there is a kingdom of Visnu and vaishnavas on the surface of the earth, then the world will be happy – so say the great sages and rishis.

Lord Krsna enthroned King Yudhisthira; then the whole world was rich and fortunate due to the qualities of a vaishnava. The streams, rivers, trees and fields and mountains, were all full of fruits and flowers. The milk laden cows were floating in abundant milk. The birds, beasts and lower creatures were all non-envious. Material life in the vaishnava kingdom was regulated and perfect, all immersed in bliss, singing the glories of Hari. The hearts of vaishnavas dance in ecstasy to see this.

What is your order also, that everyone, coming together, should merge in Srila Prabhupada message and preach it to the world because still they are searching after peace. Preach Krsna consciousness; it can fulfil their desires.

Your humble daughter,
Giridhari Puja Dasi
(Vrindavan)

Godruma Dasa

Hare Krsna dear Kadamba Kanana Swami, Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

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

Somewhere I heard that at first we deny, then we cry and finally we accept difficult situations. To me, this is definitely what seems to be going on regarding your situation and I wander between all of these feelings. What is most inspiring, though, is the meditation about the acceptance and the meaning of it to our relationship.

You are the one who gives me all I need to be able to make the right decisions. Even the ones that are so-called mundane. And I am sure this will continue even when you are not physically present anymore. All the time you gave me in this lifetime and your sweet concerns about my small endeavours to do something for Prabhupada gave me so much insight and confidence into your eternal well-wishing nature. Therefore, I have no doubts about your presence in my life even when you're back in the spiritual world or wherever Krsna wants you to serve Him.

In fact, I condemn my obvious need to cry and my prayer for you to stay longer and be in our midst for decades to come, because I know that we must grow in our relationship with you and Krsna. And the biggest potential to growth is to do what you are telling me to do, to fulfil your mission - no matter what the external circumstances might be. I know you will always watch my steps and you are there for me whenever I need you.

Every second of your personal association is a priceless gift and you give it so freely. It is always a source of strength for me to think and meditate about past moments with you. When we were sitting there in Berlin for example. It was in front of the Gedächtniskirche during a Ratha-yatra and I was a new bhakta. You took the time to sit with me on the stone in front of

the church and tell me the most wonderful things. You told me how important it is to control the genitals and to engage the lusty desires in constant seva. From the beginning you knew my biggest weakness. And because you have been concerned with my well-being from day one, you took the time and lovingly, fatherly and by offering your deep and meaningful friendship, you gave me the gift of your realised association. Even now it helps me to think of these moments with you on that stone.

We want to be free and want to grow through all the layers of the universe to finally reach the lotus feet of Krsna in Goloka. As conditioned souls we are unaware that there is this opportunity and when we finally meet the devotees who offer the pure teachings on how to actually make this escape happen, we still need a lot of encouragement. And that is what you are constantly willing to give. I feel so connected to you when I think like this, when I think about becoming free and ultimately Krsna conscious.

For me that is one of the main topics in life: Fighting for freedom. Before I met the devotees I was fascinated by stories of famous freedom fighters but also disillusioned by all of their dire fates and sad failings. Then I got to know you and you showed me how to fight the real fight, how to become really glorious. It is an inner battle, obviously, and the glories are much brighter than winning a stupid war or driving away an overpowering enemy. To win the battle of death, to win the battle of a constantly disturbing mind and curbing the urges of the senses - with love.

You are showing us right now what that means, how it works, that it works. Effortlessly, with grace and beauty. You let us know and feel that this is also meant for us - if we apply ourselves. You gave me so much I should apply, there is so much work to be done. You made sure that there must be no dull moment in my life. And I am confident that you will continue to be there for me.

Certainly I cry, I already cried and most probably there are more tears to come, but what easily outweighs all the sad feelings is the joy and confidence you give me at every moment - just because of your causeless, sweet will to make us all happy by engaging us in Prabhupada's mission. There is no way I can ever pay back even the slightest bit of your enormous generosity. Still, I will try. Even when it means that I have to get your help to do it.

Thank you for tolerating me. Thank you for showing me the way. Thank you for being my hero. Thank you for taking me into your prayers. Thank you for bringing me to Krsna. Thank you a million times over.

Now I will go back to my seva that you told me to do and I hope that you may be pleased.

Your aspiring servant,

Godruma Dasa

Gokularanjana Dasa

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

In every aspect you are an amazing person. With your musical skills, your personal relationship with everyone, your humorous nature, and your deep absorption in Guru and Krsna, you catch everyone`s attention in kirtans and in lectures and draw it mercilessly to Krsna's lotus feet. Even though, on first sight you appear to be a normal human while interacting with you, without knowing it you add Krsna and turn the mundane conversation into a spiritual dimension.

I really appreciate how you are teaching us how to be happy in Krsna consciousness, by focusing on the spiritual fun activities within the boarder which Srila Prabhupada carved out. After the midnight New Year kirtan at the Sankirtan Festival 2021/22 at Simhachalam you mentioned that the fun starts once you cross our own limits and get lost in the kirtan. It's really

astonishing how much energy you display, it's definitely not from this world. I guess there was not a single kirtan where I joined your kirtan with mrdanga but failed to meet up with your desired speed and endurance.

Just recently while overseeing some renovations in Zürich Temple I again remembered, how you were managing the construction of both Prabhupada`s samadhi in Vrindavan and Mayapur. Even though India is much more challenging in purchasing available materials, steady personal and continuous of quality work I was struggling with this tiny project. Every project I do, I find that you were doing it in a much larger and professional way. I can mediate on your example and get inspiration from you.

Your personal care for your disciples is astonishingly. Independent of place, time and circumstance, you find a way how to reach out to us. Even now in your Antya-lila you take especially care by preparing us how to continue your association in vani. I really hope to see you one more time in person. Thanks for your increased online presence. I hope that my service is appealing to you, so that I may find shelter by your side.

Your servant,
Gokularanjana Dasa
(Simhachalam, Germany 15.02.2023)

Gopi Chandan Devi Dasi

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

I offer my most humble obeisances to you.

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

I don't have the qualifications to glorify you, such a pure sincere and selfless devotee of the sweet Lord. You truly are an incredible and inspiring personality. You are living proof of a surrendered soul. Even with the health challenges you are currently facing, you have remained totally focused on your sadhana and giving and sharing Krsna consciousness to others.

You are beyond the material platform, and living in the spiritual world. Truly living by the instructions given by our beloved Srila Prabhupada. You have given us and humanity at large so much by your innovative ways to connect with us through your books, you tube lectures, live broadcasts and many more ways.

I try my very best to live my life every day with gratitude to Krsna and Srila Prabhupada for connecting me with you. You have deeply touched my heart and I am indebted and most grateful to you for accepting me, this fallen soul as your disciple. I am far from deserving of this mercy, and I don't know anything. I pray that I continue to get your causeless mercy so that I can make a tiny contribution towards Srila Prabhupada's movement, and assist you in the mission. I thank you from the deepest part of my heart again and again for connecting me to the guru-parampara.

I try to follow your instructions of sharing Krsna consciousness with other souls, by trying to serve within the School of Bhakti as part of the retreats stream. I help to serve by organising retreats for the congregation and new comers to various dhams, and arrange the theme and itinerary with our keynote speakers. I am only able to do this service nicely with your continuous blessings.
You are in my thoughts and prayers every day. I pray to the sweet Lord that he protects you and gives you shelter. I pray that your health remains stable as possible and that you experience minimal suffering.

I pray at your divine lotus feet that I always have you shelter and become a worthy servant of yours. Thank you dearest Guru Maharaj for the most special gift of diksha that you have given me.

Your most humble and eternal servant,
Gopi Chandan Devi Dasi

Govardhanesvari Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna lieber Kadamba Maharaj,

Bitte akzeptiere meine demütige Ehrenerbietung.
Sowie natürlich auch Jayadvaita Swami,
Alle Ehre sei Srila Prabhupada.

Letztes Jahr habe ich nicht geschrieben. Dieses Jahr nicht zu schreiben, hätte ich mehr als ein schlechtes Gewissen. So viel Wichtiges ist passiert letztes Jahr.

Für die Zweiteinweihung kann ich nicht genug danken. Sie hat mich in das „freiwillige Muss" geführt, mich tiefer mit den Schriften vertraut zu machen. Es führt dazu, nicht nur staunend

zu lauschen, was da alles drin steht, sondern es nachzuvollziehen. Ich bin echt froh, dass von Zürich der Online Kurs angeboten wurde. Der Unterricht ist mehr als hervorragend und macht Spaß.

Was war noch letztes Jahr? Nach der Zweiteinweihung online, zweiter Teil in Radhadesh. Feuerzeremonie. Erst im letzten Augenblick davon erfahren und war froh dies dort erleben zu können. Die Möglichkeit Dich in Radhadesh zu erleben, hatte ich 2 Mal letztes Jahr.
Und es war mein erstes Janmastami, was ich tatsächlich in den inzwischen 12 Jahren im Tempel genoss.

Es war unbeschreiblich. Der Vortrag dort in Deiner Muttersprache, wo ich nach wenigen Sätzen mitbekam, man kann es verstehen, und lauschte. Es hat mir gezeigt, man sollte manchmal besser zuhören, um zu verstehen.

Mein Treppensturz in Radhadesh. Schade, dass es nicht gefilmt wurde. Ich denke es wäre filmreif gewesen. Schlicht und ergreifend, verarbeitetes Karma. Es war meine Lektion Vergebung an meinen Vater zu lernen. Und seit dieser Erkenntnis bin ich weit offenen zur Verzeihung, als zuvor.

Dankeschön für die Möglichkeiten Dir online weiter zu folgen zu können. Ich bin nicht immer live dabei, aber You tube macht vieles möglich. Ich bin kein Freund vieler Worte. Für mich zählen Taten. Und hier bist Du mehr als nur Vorbild.

Dass ich meine Fehler habe, muss ich nicht erwähnen. Das weißt Du. Aber ich bin stolz und froh, Deine Schülerin sein zu dürfen.

Dankeschön.
Hare Krsna,
Govardhanesvari Devi Dasi

Gundica Marjana Devi Dasi

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

It's my first time writing here, I hope I do this right. I come into Krsna consciousness at the age of 16 and was stucked in the neophyte position for many years until I met Guru Maharaj. I met him first time in the temple in Sweden where he touched my heart with his lecture and after that I started to go even deeper in Krsna consciousness.

Later after many years when I was ready to go even deeper on my Krsna consciousness journey I met him again. This time in Belgium where I had moved. There I had the time to be in his association more often because he was spending a lot of time in Radhadesh. That period I was asking Krsna all the time to lead me to my spiritual master and a lot of signs and synchronicities led me to Guru Maharaj.

One day I found the courage to ask for blessings and our relationship started. Since I met him again in Belgium and he blessed me I have made so much progress in my spiritual life. I'm eternally grateful to him for that. I know that all the progress I made is because of his mercy. With his lectures, powerful kirtans and personal blessings he has taken to Krsna. And I'm very happy in my life because of that. As happy as you can be in this material world. He has made me realise the importance of kirtan and spending time in association with devotees and how it unlocks deeper levels of Krsna consciousness. He is the greatest man I ever met with the most transcendental qualities I have seen in a person.

He is my spiritual father and the most important person in my life. I promise him that I will always make progress in my spiritual life. Be kind and spread Krsna consciousness. I had the honour to be initiated this year by Guru Maharaj which I find the greatest accomplishment in my life. That and being a devotee of the Lord. I have met Guru Maharaj in person a few times and all the time on the internet and I can say that he is the person that influenced me the most

in my life in a positive and divine and ecstatic way. He has given me the divine proper guidance and opened my darkest eyes to the truth and again I am eternally grateful for that to him and the Lord for putting Guru Maharaj on my path.

Your servant,
Gundica Marjana Devi Dasi
(Belgium)

Guntis Lans

Hare Krsna dearest Guru Maharaj,

Dandavat Pranams to your holy feet.

My sincere congratulations on your special appearance day. For I feel much grateful to Krsna The Supreme Personality of Godhead that He kindly guided you to this universe and specifically to planet earth where so many of us have gathered for an experience of your association which is full of nectar devotion and bliss. We all have experienced it on so many occasions during your glorification of the unlimitedly sweet holy names of Radha and Krsna. Such kirtans are deeply powerful and inspirational that legs are dancing and cannot make them stop.

I remember the first Kirtan Mela in Germany where we all went madly dancing in ecstatic joyful bliss, jumping and spinning around that even when our legs were already hurting still we were giving all that was within to please the Lord and His Dear Devotee. I remember one kirtan in Matchless Gifts where everyone was chanting so sincerely that we all felt like riding on the transcendental wave of devotional service and it was a super wild evening full of beautiful and sweet nectar, for which I'm deeply grateful.

Your super kind nature and accessibility are very very attractive and precious. Giving yourself fully to Krsna and devotees. 2011 London Ratha-yatra around 8 to 10 thousand of people came although it was raining all procession devotees were in ecstasy. One moment while chanting and dancing suddenly I felt as if rain has stopped although it was raining all around. I looked to my right and there you were standing dear Guru Maharaj and your assistant had a large umbrella above your head that somehow or other also covered my body too. It felt very peaceful and protected next to you and through this experience could realise the effect of guru's shelter which gives all protection from the raining influences of material conditioning. Since that time long journey has been walked down the road mountains alleys forests and var-

ious other terrains but even at the most difficult times your shelter has given us strength not to give up and carry on progressing forwards by the grace of Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga.

So we feel much grateful for your inspiration faith and trust which have filled our thoughts and our hearts to always endeavour for the best that we can even most of the time imperfectly with so many mistakes and falling after every half step you have taught me to keep intention for pure devotional service strong. And such a gift is certainly priceless and holds eternal benefit within. Thank you very much, dear Guru Maharaj. Dear Guru Maharaj for everything we promise never to give up the path of devotional service to Lord Krsna and to follow in your holy footsteps to the best of our ability today and every day.
With lots of love gratitude and appreciation.

Yours sincerely,
Guntis Lans

Gurudasa

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Vyasa-puja offerings always fall short for the Bonafide spiritual master as your self. But the opportunity is there for us to glorify, remember and commit to you. You are my life and soul, I want to always remember you and fully commit to you and your cause.

This year I offer my few memories using the alphabet as an aid to create a flow and select some nectar for my writing. I will simply repeat some nectarean words you have personally spoken to me. I will not comment on them. They are self effulgent. One can not imagine how much and how many diksha and siksha disciples you have inspired with the Nectarean Words from Your Lotus Mouth throughout the decades. Your words show your love, kindness, depth, humour and more....
Hare Krishna!

AATISH - After I got initiated i answered the phone by saying it's Aatish instead of saying Gurudasa. shortly after you said " Aatish is dead. Only his ghost exists. To whatever extent the Holy Name is not seriously chanted to that extent that ghost will be there."
BUILD - You told me "Build on your inspiration"
CULTIVATE - You told me "Cultivate the mode of goodness"
DISTRIBUTE - You told me "Distribute books, Run Namahattas"

ELEPHANT -Before I was initiated my name was as Aatish Gajjar. You were laughing and said " I should name you Gajendra Das"
FALL DOWN - Some time after initiation I had shared with you that I had fell down from the initiation standard. You said "After a fall down one becomes half the man"
GUTTER - Once in Vrndavan you gave me an instruction and I did not show enthusiasm to follow and in fact I inconsiderately questioned it. You said (Seemingly quite angrily and very intensely) "If you are not going to follow me, what do I care you then, you can go to the gutter)
HANG IN THERE - After I travelled with you for half year in 2010 I went to the manor. When you would come to manor I would expect for some special instruction but quite a few times you said "Gurudasa, Hang in there"
IGNORANCE - It was just me and you on a walk in Germany and I revealed my heart to you to say there was one senior devotee who I really love and at the same time really winds me up. instantly you pushed me and I went flying! I nearly fell in a ditch. You started laughing and then said "He is in goodness and you are in ignorance, but both of your bhakti is the same"
JUST - You told me that during Japa "Just Chant and Hear"
KRISHNA - When i was travelling with you in 2010 I was still quite into illumanati theories. At the airport I share with you that I could see subliminal writing of the word "Sex" everywhere within billboards and adverts. You said "Try see Krishna everywhere instead"
LOYAL - You said to me "You are loyal"
MENTAL - Once I was driving you back from the dentist appointment that you had with Krishna Kirtan prabhu (Dr. Kirtan) You asked if I could take you to a pharmacy to pick up some medicine. Half way there I was thinking I'm probably going in the wrong direction. I said "Maharaja so sorry i don't know where I'm going" and I said "I'm so useless with all this internet stuff, directions and satnavs.." You cut me short and said "Why are you being mental. You're not mars, You're mercury. You're good at communicating, You're good with strangers. Don't worry drive back , anyone else can get me the prescription"
NITYANANDA - I had some desire like a fantasy of being an undercover agent. You surprised me one day and said "Become an Agent of Lord Nityananda"
ORANGE - The first time I actually spoke to you was at Pushkar Prabhu and Hara Mataji's house. I asked so many questions like a paparazzi. You tolerated it for a while and then said "stop trying to squeeze the Orange, try to Serve"
PESSIMISTIC - I asked you if devotees are positive or quite negative people. You instructed me and said "Be Pessimistic about maya and optimistic about Krishna Consciousness"
QUEENS DAY - One devotee was getting harassed by a big hooligan on the Queensday Harinam. I intervened and took a few hits. You then made it all better and in fact made me ecstatic and said "On Queens day those bruises you got are the scars of a warrior"
RELISH - On zoom you were answering one of my questions and you started sharing some beautiful verses of the Putana pastime and you ended the question by saying: "Gurudasa, may you relish"

SINCERE - Before initiation I asked if there were any loop holes in the initiation vow. You said "You are interesting mix of sincere and rebel"
TAKE - I was at Krishna Kirtan's house and it was set for me to meet you at a certain time. You were talking to Sutapa Prabhu (Kesava Maharaja) and it went past the time for me to meet you. I waited and waited and then started thinking well maybe it's ok if we don't meet tonight and also that You are probably busy and I have already had so much of your association anyway. I finally decided to go upstairs in the room to just say to you it's cool for me if we don't meet.
I went upstairs and as soon as you saw me you started intensely saying " Give Give Give don't take..Give!"
one comment here Maharaja I would like to share... I was fried! super fried! but it made sense and I hope it will always make more and more sense. Infact I once asked you "what rights do I have in ISKCON" you said "you can at anytime, even two in morning, demand ""I want service!""
UNDERSTAND - Once you said "Gurudasa, I do not understand why you do not want to use your brain"
VYAS PUJA - In Germany we had a good chuckle about you reading your Vyas Puja Book that had just been printed and gifted to you. You were laughing and said "It is a bit intense tho isn't it, just reading a book with descriptions of about how great I am"
WALL - You had once created a japa forum and you answered one my questions and you said "The false ego is like a wall that blocks us from seeing Krishna. The more we chant, then bricks of the wall go missing and you get some glimpse darshan of Krishna on the other side"
X
Y - In our latest personal conversation you told me " You do not belong to your Parents, you belong to Me and you belong to Prabhupada"
Z
X and Z I can't think of.
Dearest Guru Maharaja please help me forever please you more and more
Your Servant,
Gurudasa

Hari Lila Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to the sankirtan movement.

I like most people was searching for happiness. Through life experiences I came to realisation that there was nothing in this world that would give me what I was looking for, everything is temporary and therefore could not provide lasting fullfilment.

By your mercy I'm on this adventure that makes this journey beautiful and permeates my life with meaning. It was your causeless mercy that I am connected to this parampara.
The thought that I may have a chance to go back to Godhead is daunting thought. How could a sinful person like me be allowed to enter the world of purity? So I once asked you, "What happens to a person who still hasn't purified themselves?" You replied, "As long as you have served Krsna, Krsna will uphold the words of a saintly person. Brahma gave Hrinayakashipu the benedictions not be killed, Narshima Dev upheld Brahma's words. Prabhupada said chant 16 rounds, follow 4 regulative principles and you will go back to godhead. Srila Prabhupada purchased Krsna by his devotional service and therefore how can Krsna not reciprocate with his request?" This gave me great hope and an achievable goal, what seems impossible you made possible.

By your blessings I pray that I can be bold and contribute to the glorious sankirtan movement of Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Whatever insignificant contribution I can make will be by your grace.

Your daughter,
Hari Lila

Hari Vilasa Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Time is moving a long, and it is inevitable that we will soon be separated from your physical presence. At this point, I am reflecting on the inheritance you are leaving us.

A wealthy materialist works extremely hard to increase his wealth, with the hope of leaving it to children who will also take up the task of increasing the power and prestige of the family. Often, the children end up squandering their father's wealth, and in a few generations no wealth is left.

You have also spent your life working extremely hard, accumulating vast riches in the form of Krsna's mercy. Your contributions have been on many different fronts: You have spent many

years taking care of Srila Prabhupada's temples. You have made a serious contribution to the propagation of the holy name and in the kirtan culture of our movement. You have taken the grave responsibility of taking care of Srila Prabhupada's followers as a spiritual master in his line. These are only some of the things you have done, and many more could be mentioned. Through all this devotional service, you have become a reservoir of Krsna's mercy.

This year, I am reflecting on your contribution in taking care of Srila Prabhupada's temple projects. Over the last four years I have tried to assist you in pushing forward this New York temple project, and it has not been easy. My own shortcomings and insufficiencies definitely added to the list of your difficulties.

Another reason why this project is so challenging is because it does not belong to one specific person. We see many of the successful projects in Iskcon are projects that are unified by having one clear spiritual leader, recognized by everyone. It is much simpler for such a leader to create a unified vision, making great things easier to achieve. But New York is not one of those projects. It is a project in which there are many strong personalities with strong opinions, all having a strong influence – and sometimes providing strong obstacles to one another. They are united by their desire to serve Srila Prabhupada – but definitely not always united on the details of how it should be done. To push things forward in such projects, requires tremendous effort, great tact and a lot of humility. There is little recognition to be gained, and there is a great chance that things won't necessarily turn out like you want. Seeing these dynamics in action have made me understand Srila Prabhupada's famous words close to the end of his time on this planet: "Your love for me will be shown by how you cooperate among yourselves after I have gone."

You did not come to New York as the owner of the project, or as the authority who decides what will be done. You came here simply as the servant of your spiritual master, willing to be here on the ground and give your time, your energy and your disciples – willing to do the needful. You didn't need New York – you have so many disciples and projects already in Europe, Africa and Australia. Why did you come?

You came simply because it is Srila Prabhupada's temple – it is his property, and he had a vision and a dream that his temples would be bastions of spiritual cultures in the middle of hellish urban environments. And it needed your help. That's why you were here in this place, to serve Srila Prabhupada and take care of his temple, because you were interested in his mercy. Nothing else. And you have done the same in so many other projects that were never your, 'own' – Vrindavan, Mayapura, Spain and so on.

You have mentioned before how real humility is not based on external formalities, but on sim-

ply surrendering to the desires of the spiritual master. This year I am reflecting on how glorious it was that you spent your life investing in Srila Prabhupada's mercy, and how it reveals your great humility and the immense priority you give to Srila Prabhupada's mercy above all else. I hope Maharaja, that in your final will and testament, you will distribute some of that mercy upon me so that I can also inherit my place in Srila Prabhupada's service.

Your disciple,
Hari Vilasa Dasa

Harikanta Devi Dasi

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Dear Gurudeva, dearest Guru Maharaj and dear eternal father.

Please accept my humble obeisances and respects at your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Here I am in Sri Vrindavan dham, in the land of absolute mercy, chanting the Hare Krsna maha mantra under your shelter, getting the darsana of sweet Sri Radha Shyam Sundar and meeting with the beautiful association of vaishnavas every single moment.

Sometimes I wonder for a fool like me, for an insignificant rascal like me, for a beggar like me on how the doors of Sri Vrindavan dham open? And how did I become the richest girl in the world? It is indeed nothing to do with me, everything is your blessing and well wishes - all this Vrindavan magic, all these riches are only possible because of you dear Gurudeva.

You are the prana of my life and my enthusiasm is derived from the dust on your lotus feet. As I wake up every morning I touch my forehead on the sacred grounds of Vrindavana and as this stardust of Brajraj decorate me I thank you and I thank Sri Vrindavan dham for all my blessings. Please keep me forever in Vrindavan, now that I have stepped into this land of jewels where I have the greatest fortune of serving you, please keep me here and please pray for me that I am forever a resident of Vrindavan, that beautiful abode where I am always close to your service and closest to your lotus feet through service in love.

I want to become a faithful disciple cent percent dedicated, this is only possible with your blessing and mercy. I know I have you on my side, now it's my turn to do something for you on my side. I want to remain forever grateful to you. For this is Vrindavan consciousness, to never be separated from the spiritual master, like the Yamuna who is always connected to Krsna through service, I want to remain forever grateful to the dust of your lotus feet with prana in service.

Whenever I will fall short dear Gurudeva, I will call out to you in my heart, this prayer is to remain my only hope:

'Ohe! Vaishnava Thakura doyara sagara,e dase koruna kori' diya pada-chaya, sodho he amaya,tomara carana dhori

O Venerable Vaishnava, O ocean of mercy, be merciful unto your servant. Give me the shade of your lotus feet and purify me. I hold on to your lotus feet.' (Saranagati, Bhaktivinoda Thakura).

Today is the 14th of February, whilst the whole world is celebrating finding their Valentine, I celebrate finding Vrindavan, and thank you for showing me love, your eternal shelter is my Vrindavan. Vrindavan in my heart, Gurudeva in my heart and service in my heart.

I rest my heart,
For now I see eternity,
I hear it coming,
Beating loudly,
The drums of duty,
To serve is to love,
I rest this weak heart,
In the dust of this great fortune,
To die today,
And live forever.

Give up this body,
For I have met with thy soul.
I rest my heart,
In this comfort,
That I have you.
Wherever you go, I will go.
You are only as far as I reach,
Just a touch away,
These beads and name,
A song I sing,
Both magic and miracle.
Simply wonderful.
When a blind man can see,
When the unfaithful finds faith.
Under your mercy.
I hear it.
Hearing is seeing.
Calling and falling.
Crying in this bliss,
I rest my heart.

Your humble servant,
Harikanta Devi Dasi

Harivenu Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

It's been almost 2 years since you accepted me as your disciple, yet it feels like forever. You gave me so much of your time and association and I feel so indebted to you. You have taken me across the globe, and it was so sublime. I miss your association so much. I can't believe you are leaving me alone in this world, but then again you aren't. You will always be with me in your vani. You will always be there in your kirtans, in your classes, in your disciples.

Thank you for giving me the mercy of Gaura Nitai. At some times I really felt the mercy flowing inside me, coming from you, from your Jayadvaita Swami, From Prabhupada up to the Lord. At times like those, I remembered what you say so often, that I am just a mercy case, I

don't deserve it, I did not do anything to obtain it, it just came to me, the causeless mercy.. Because of you, I have some small realization that GauraNitai is where it's at. Chasing the mercy of Gaura Nitai and then giving it out to others, that's what it's about.

Thank you for being such an example for me and the boys, taking us under your care and showing us where the juice is. You took us out so many times yourself out for harinam and it was really there where I felt the mercy, felt Krsna present. So much happiness just from giving others the holy name. I have gotten some taste for it from you, so I want to repay you somehow, I want to help you fulfil your desires. I will take your mood and help spread the mercy. And then maybe some time, just maybe I can join you with Krsna, with Gauranga, with Prabhupada. I'm selfish and proud there is no doubt, but please, this is my desire, and I want to join you there.

You gave me the ultimate benediction on my initiation day - That I may hear Krsna's flute in this lifetime, please help me live up to this benediction, somehow or other, because I cannot do this on my own. But I know you will help me and you are now, and all this time, because you are mercy incarnate. Thank you for taking me under your shelter. Thank you for the time we spent together and thank you for all the epic kirtans. Thank you for all the legendary lectures. Thank you for being the perfect example.

You are going soon to meet Krsna, Gauranga and Prabhupada, I'm so happy for you. I will always pray this for you. I will miss you so much Guru Maharaj.

Your servant,
Harivenu Dasa

P.S. Please put in a good word for me and my good Wife Taleah when you're there. She is a wonderful devotee and she supports me so much in my devotional life.

Hema Gauri Devi Dasi

Thank you so much for accepting me as your disciple dear Guru Maharaj. You are so merciful that you have changed our lives by initiating us.I could see your help in every difficult situation and only by your mercy I could come out of it very easily and continue practicing Krsna consciousness under any circumstances.
By your mercy my husband also became Krsna conscious, which made me happy that we both can serve Srila Prabhupada's mission together. We are very grateful to you Guru Maharaj that

you have come and blessed our newborn baby in person. Please bless my kids so that they can grow nicely in Krsna consciousness and spread the joy.

I started seeing faults in me than looking for faults in others, after I took initiation, and I am trying my best to work on them. By your mercy I could gather more physical and spiritual energy and able to perform my duties and services effectively. I am trying my best to bring up my kids in Krsna consciousness, Guru Maharaj.

Please bless us so that we can serve more and more by organizing home programs and help others to practice Krsna consciousness, so that we can be of some service in Srila Prabhupada's mission. We wish to visit Vrindavan during July have your darshan. Looking forward to having your darshan in Vrindavan Guru Maharaj.

Hare Krsna.
Your servant,
Hema Gauri Devi Dasi

Hemanga Chaitanya Dasa

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prabhupad priyo loakam – payayati anivaritam

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Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada and all glories to all the vaishnavas.

Vyasa-puja is a day when we mediate on the qualities of our spiritual master and glorify him. Although we glorify him all the time. But still there are some special days when we directly glorify him, through his divine qualities and the wonderful services he has done for the pleasure of Lord and His devotees. We get purification of our mind and heart which results in our increased attraction to Him, to our services and eventually to Krsna.

Although completely incapable of doing the glorification of my spiritual master, I am still making a humble attempt to do this - for my own purification. Also this year is the 70th appearance day of my spiritual master and in the given circumstances, it's very special for all of us. I would like to remember some of his divine qualities on this auspicious day -

His complete dependence on Lord – Guru Maharaj - "Not a blade of grass moves without the will of the Lord and everything is going on by a divine plan." saying this statement is easy but to live on it specially in unfavourable situations – it's extremely difficult but I have seen in my spiritual master, how he is fully 100% dependent on Lord's plan whatever Lord desires – "Looks like Krsna wants me somewhere else; it's just a change of service". Materially anyone who get a small sickness in the body, immediately rushes to the doctor or his treatment and it's considered completely normal, but my spiritual master, even after getting one of the most deadly conditions in his body, he is completely cool and calm – completely aloof from this bodily platform which is not possible for a normal person to even say what to speak of living on it.

His service attitude – Guru Maharaj - "Only one regret, I have, I haven't finished my book because this book will outlive me." In a diseased condition, mostly we are internally convinced that we can take off from our services and it's all right but here, he is carrying so much, but still concerned about his unfinished services.

His compassion attitude – Guru Maharaj - "No matter what you do, spiritual master is always your well-wisher and he is not going to reject you." even at this time, he is giving so much of his time to his disciples and well-wishers or whoever goes and meets with him, and just giving mercy and mercy all the time.
His appreciation for even neophytes – Guru Maharaj – "You are all wonderful people, I know you personally and I know that you have a heart of gold. I pray that you may find the strength to dedicate yourself to devotional service for the rest of your life. It is so nice if we can approach Krsna at the end of life, when there is no sin, and then there is an open heart and no





It's my duty to go beyond the call of duty



fear of death." He is so inclusive – regardless of your background, or your innumerable faults, he appreciates everyone, so they get more inspiration to serve Krsna.

Following the mood of Srila Prabhupada – Guru Maharaj, "When Srila Prabhupada became very ill, he introduced the Narasimha pranama and told his disciples to sing it, while praying, my dear Lord, our spiritual master has not finished his work, and please let him remain with us for longer. You may dedicate some prayer and kirtan on my behalf." He is a fully committed follower of Srila Prabhupada – not in words but in practice – whatever is important to Srila Prabhupada, is important to him and he is teaching us that by his own personal example.

These are just a few qualities out of unlimited wonderful qualities of my spiritual master. No matter what happens to his body, he is still constantly engaged in the mission of Srila Prabhupada to uplift conditioned souls. Today, even while I am struggling with my mind, my senses, my conditioning - I beg him for a drop of mercy for myself – so that I can always continue in my devotional life forward and I can get determination to always uphold his instructions in my day to day life, in my dealings with others as well as with myself as well. I pray to Krsna (if He desires so), our spiritual master can come out of all these health issues, so that he can continue to push this movement in every corner of the world and one day make every soul Krsna conscious.

Your aspiring servant,
Hemanga Chaitanya Dasa

Hemanta Lila Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

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

Dear Gurudeva, I pray that you will remember my name by my service. You named me Hemanta Lila, but Kṛṣṇa arranged that there is some pastime for me to remember. Hemanta apparently means the season, which is associated with a pleasant weather, not too hot. I pray that my attitude becomes pleasing for you and Kṛṣṇa.

"Happily wandering through the Hemanta forest with Rādhikā, Śrī Kṛṣṇa observed the many winter flowers, vines, birds, and animals. To shelter Them from the cold, Vṛndā-devī, the keeper of the forest, joyfully presented Them with small winter coats of crimson, tawny, blue, and golden colours." Simply by remembering the pure devotee of Kṛṣṇa in one's heart, one can revert to Krsna consciousness. When my mood becomes too cold for the Divine Couple, the thought of you will immediately convert it.

I am still a little girl. I lack the capacity to write elaborate offerings, but by your grace I could be able to one day glorify you as you deserve, for saving me. Thank you for all the mercy you are showering upon me, even though I am not qualified. Since you have given me first and second initiation, I have been more inspired and enthusiastic about my practice.

Thank you for all the enthusiastic and blissful kirtans that can awaken my sleeping heart. Thank you for all of your most inspiring classes and all the enlightening books that you have blessed us with. Thank you for the magical experience at the Vrindavan parikrama last year, which had a very powerful impact on my life. Thank you for all the memories and association you gave me. One of my favourite memories is in Radhadesh, when we went for a small walk and then you sang the most magnificent kirtan at the bonfire. Thank you also for the class that you gave on the day when you gave me second initiation, it will forever guide me through my spiritual journey.

I am forever grateful to you for accepting me as your disciple, and for just coming to save me. Please forgive me all my offenses and all the disrespect I might have shown. I will try my best to better my service, and the quality of my japa.

Right now I only have so much to offer you, but if you kindly keep me in your prayers, I might be able to do the kind of things that will make you proud of me.

Your eternal servant,
Hemanta Lila Devi Dasi

Indukanti Rai Dasi

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

My heart is aching from the thought that I won't be able to see you again in person.
I always feel strong and not effected by things around me until they really start to happen.
All the beautiful memories are up, of recording your albums, me sitting in that little box with karatals, of my initiation and laughter when you took the tiny 27 beads out. Memories of the festivals in Europe with you, coming my first darshan at Kirtan mela in Germany, serving you at Gudakesha's house in Croatia. So many memories from Radhadesh, especially your amazing Vyasa-pujas, one of your Vraja parikrama. All of the memories are connected to you being so relaxed, so accepting, so loving, and so absorbed in serving Krsna.

We often mention the great Goswamis, great teachers, we read in Srimad Bhagavatam and Caitanya-caritamrta about all the great personalities and wonder where they are today?
I see and know that you are one of those personalities. You walk your talk. Every moment.
You are leaving such a strong mark on so many people around the world. Your impact is huge.
Your devotion is immeasurable.

You just keep on giving and giving until you completely crash. But even then you still give.
This is just the proof of how connected and empowered you are. You are the true example of transcending this material body for the higher purpose. Krsna is with you at every moment.
And now as I write this offering to you I start feeling joy because you are going back to Him. I am sure that our dear Lord will be waiting for you with His arms fully open, ready to embrace you.

You might be his favourite P.Kok, or maybe one of his hilarious cowherd boyfriends. You might be organising and managing his lilas at Goloka, or you might be just singing and danc-

ing in Caitanya lila. Whatever your svarupa is dear Gurudeva, I am sure Krsna will keep you close to His lotus feet as you were always serving there in this world.

I am praying to always serve you. To be the best example and best devotee I can possibly be for you. I pray that I can open a bhakti centre, run programs on a regular basis, grow this community and bring people closer to Krsna. I pray that you stay by my side. I pray for strength. I pray that I follow your example in strictly following principles and chanting my rounds. I pray that I follow your example of kindness towards everyone, and keeping it simple when it comes to preaching.

I want to make a difference in this world as you want from us. What else am I here for?
I will see you in my god family. I will connect with you through your books, your instructions and your kirtans. And I truly hope I can see you more through my dreams.
Thank you for this lifetime. Thank you for never giving up on us.

Your honoured servant,
Indukanti Rai Dasi

Induprabha Devi Dasi

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2023 Vyasa-puja Offering
My dear Guru Maharaj,

My sincere obeisances at your lotus feet again and again. Thank you for your sweet guidance for yet another year.

The past year has been most spiritually potent, I feel very grateful for all the opportunities: By your mercy, I visited Vrindavan for the first time – the abode of Lord Krsna in this world. Every day in Vrindavan was enchanting, with the association of devotees, the deities of Gaura Nitai, Krsna Balarama and Sri Sri Lalita Vishaka Radha Syamsundara, the daily programs and the places of pilgrimage. The experience has invigorated my devotional service. One example is that my service at Srila Prabhupada's altar in Sri Sri Radha Radhanatha Temple has improved and I decorate his altar with flower petals which is very pleasing to the devotees.

I have completed reading the entire volume of Srila Prabhupada's Caitanya Caritamrta translation and purports and now have a daily program in place for reading Srimad Bhagvatam. I am also taking Bhagavad-gita classes through the Bhakti-sashtri program in
Sri Sri Radha Radhanatha Temple.

My service in distributing Srila Prabhupada's books has improved with my involvement in the book office, my sponsorship, and ongoing sales in my retail store. My sadhana is guided by my daily morning and evening program and I am always working on the sincerity of my japa.

Once again, Guru Maharaj, I have nothing spectacular to give you, but I assure you of my intent to be sincere and dedicated and to strive for improvement in my Krsna consciousness.
I wish you a happy Vyasa-puja day Guru Maharaj.

Your servant forever,
Induprabha Devi Dasi

Ishvara Puri Dasa & Andal Devi Dasi

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All glories to you,
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Dear Guru Maharaj,

In front of us we have a blank sheet and a limited set of words, and we realize that along with our limited senses, they are too inadequate to express our deep gratitude, love and admiration to you. Like the little blade of grass that could not thank the sun for its tremendous generosity, so we will never be able to thank you.

Accepting us as your disciples, you have bestowed upon us the greatest gift - devotional service. You changed our life, gave it meaning and purpose. We also change along the way - little by little we become more conscious in our spiritual life and in our endeavour to you - our Guru Maharaj, Krsna and the devotees.

After you graciously accepted us as your disciples, many good things began to happen in our life:
- Our daughter Raya of 10 years old started chanting the maha mantra every day for 6 rounds, and sometimes more.
Almost every evening together with her we read and discuss Srimad Bhagavatam. And although she says she doesn't understand a lot of things, she doesn't lose interest, but listens and asks questions.

- We ourselves have become more conscious in our service and association with the devotees and with Krsna. Our taste for these activities is getting stronger, and the satisfaction they bring us is greater.

We realize that the road ahead is long - we have a lot to learn and give of ourselves... Having you as a guiding light is a priceless gift from Krsna. Your example is a great motivation and an even greater responsibility for us, dear Guru Maharaj.

Our meeting with you and the communication we had was like a fairy dream. It took us some time to realize that we had an incredible opportunity and it really happened to us. We were like children in the lap of God, graced by his hands and kissed on the hair, felt his blessing.

Thank you for having you. Thank you for accepting us as your disciples. Thank you for being an example of excellence in all your qualities, dedication, discipline, strength of spirit, kindness, mercy, intelligence, deep insight, and sense of humour.
Deep gratitude and deep bow.

Your eternal servants,
Ishvara Puri Dasa & Andal Devi Dasi

Isvari Radhika Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Thank you for your grace, trust and blessings that I could take shelter at your lotus feet.
I will follow your instructions and this process of chanting. Thank you that our whole family for the grace and inspiration you give out in your lectures and kirtans. Thank you for your guidance on the path back to god, back to Krsna.

Happy appearance day Gurudeva.
Your servant,
Isvari Radhika Devi Dasi

Ivica

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami.
Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

I am happy to be your disciple and that you will, as my spiritual master, direct me on my way to Goloka Vrindavan. I have finally, by your mercy, stepped into a transcendental world. I am given the chance to go back to Godhead and with love and devotion serve our beloved Lord Krsna.

I waited for this moment for such a long time. At last, my wish has come true. By reading your books and listening about you, I arrived to you. Through Krsna I came to you, and through you there will be hope that I can get to Krsna. My interest will be the soul, more and more, and less and less it will be this material world.

That is what I was looking for. You are now my second father, my spiritual father.
I will always be next to you, beside you and serve you with devotion. I understood that there is no other way. With this short note I wanted you to get to know me better.

We have many similarities. Among other things, we were born with the same horoscope sign. On this occasion I want to congratulate you on your 70th birthday. My 72nd will be on 25 March 2023. I know about your health condition. I sympathize with you, since a similar thing happened to me in 2019 and it lasted intensively for full 3 years. I am much better now.

Your bodily suffering strikes me very much, and I know how it feels. I have already prayed to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, our Krsna, to take away that suffering from you. Whenever I asked Him before to help me, with His powers and intelligence, the help was there. I hope that will happen for you, too.

With this I want to end my address to you. You are within my heart, at every moment. Thank you.

Hare Krsna.
All glories to Sri Krsna sankirtana.
Ivica
(Subotica) 14.02.2023

Jagannatha Suta Dasa

Hare Krsna Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

sakala-sādhana-śreṣṭha ei pañca aṅga
kṛṣṇa-prema janmāya ei pāṅcera alpa saṅga

"These five limbs of devotional service are the best of all. Even a slight performance of these five awakens love for Kṛṣṇa."
Cc, Madhya-lila, 22.129).

From young age, all of us come across the special circumstances in life that induce us in thinking about the absolute. What is there after it is all over? What does the phrase absolute truth really mean? How is God like? Who knows? Who will tell? Young minds have many questions, the society systematically fails to provide the answers. So we match on the path that is set for us, putting the profound thought on hold. The spark inside, however minute in size, is undeniably blazing without cessation, no matter how much dust accumulates on top of it over the millennia's. Providence´s ways are mysterious, so, inevitably, the person comes, that rekindles the questioning within.

What is the end goal of all this endeavour that we, and people around us, put in day in day out? What is my own purpose in the grand scheme of things? Can I give my life for something of substance? Observing how time is seeping through our fingers, with no breakthrough in sight, we realise we won't make it on our own. We are just too weak and poor minded and our intelligence is lacking.

So that's what they were speaking about? Am I also just going to give in, eventually, like everyone else around did? Is there any hope? Then, seemingly out of the blue, a razor-sharp force, resolute in purpose, flies in, effortlessly cutting through the thick layers of our conditioning. All of you, the pure devotees in line of Srila Prabhupada, on the strength of love that He has towards Krsna and all his parts and parcels, single handedly created our good fortune. It was your sacrifice, your conviction, your affection that made the difference for us. The guru parampara is rerouting the fate of every single living entity in the universe and we alone can´t even change our own lives around? What a humbling position.

We finally understand that without fully surrendering to guru, there is no hope. You give us the answers we seek. You give us the eyes to see you give us he purpose to chase. Lord Caitanya´s movement, with all his associates and contemporary representatives embrace us and it seems that we finally made it. Later we realise that it was just an overture and that only now the real cleansing of the mirror of the heart is about to commence. Taking the sacred vows in fire we promise you to give our lives for the mission.

We are amongst our kin, serving the same goal, only now, the identity of a recipient of grace is

transforming into duty of passing that same grace on, onto other living entities so they too will become fortunate. It´s a cycle of blissful knowledge. On the strength of your grace I´m right here as you are giving your final vapu lessons. Directing all the atoms of energy towards the five most potent forms of devotional service. You are residing in Vrindavan, the playground of God, amongst devotees.

You are reading, hearing and discussing the scriptures in the company of his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj and others. Worshiping Giriraja Govinda, as you say, is a meditation that you especially cherish. Many feel the same. You are chanting a fixed number of holy names every day, without fail, as your main sacred privilege. We knew about these all along, so is this really how it ends? Sure. But this is where it, also, begins. The same are the goal and the means.

I pray that you will forever find me useful in your service,
Jagannatha Suta Dasa

Jagannatha Vallabha Dasa

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

You are very inspirational to me because despite all of your health challenges you are still connecting us to Krsna via your lectures and kirtans. Your online presence is my dose of spiritual mercy and joy. Prabhupada said: “First be conscious, then be Krsna conscious.”
You are always teaching us how to become better devotees, and how to develop humility and tolerance towards ourselves, and others as well as how care for each other. These are very important steps towards developing deeper bhakti. Your instructions are pure jewels and you are a real Prabhupada man.

You are always direct, sweet and caring Maharaj and I am ever so grateful for everything you have done for us. Even if we are so far away from each other I still offer my services to you and hope that we can see you again soon. It is so amazing that we can glorify you on your appearance day. I am praying every day to Radharani and Krsna to look after your health and wellbeing.

With love, affection and gratitude.
Forever your humble servant,
Jagannatha Vallabha Dasa

Jayadeva Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to you.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

I want to remember, that it was Srila Prabhupada who saved my life. Srila Prabhupada was so sincere and eager.

His service to his Guru Maharaj that he translated all these life-saving and transforming books which explain to everyone who comes in contact with them the real meaning of live. These books tell us the reason for our confusion in nowadays life and speak not only about the sources for suffering and happiness but also provide guidance to go beyond materialistic activities.

Be the mercy of Srila Prabhupada and his disciples I received a copy of Bhagavad-gita as it is and my personal process of transformation got started. Krsna gradually lifted me up, from the lower modes of nature, as he did with the earth from the lower regions of the universe in His glorious form of Varahadeva.

But for many years I was floating in this material life, without a proper connection and necessary guidance. Being a child of Kali yuga, it is not possible for me to understand the sublime teachings of Bhagavad-gita and Srimad Bhagavatam in the right way. I easily become confused, distracted and discouraged. That was the point when you accepted me as your disciple. You were immediately willing to offer me shelter, even though I was struggling with the basic regulating rules. You cared for me and you guided me so that I could find the way to further transformation.

You adopted me to your family and at the same time you became part of my family. You showed me how to live, how to behave, how to care. You picked me up in Kali yuga and placed me in Caitanya yuga.

When I'm in the association of devotees I often think- How did my Guru Maharaja behave? How did he prepare? What was important to him in personal interactions? I don't want to copy you, but I want to follow you. I can see how conditioned I am and that I'm quite far away from a through and through spiritual life, but who am I? I'm no one special, but by the mercy of Srila Prabhupada and by your mercy I can take part in the most precious sankirtan movement.

Dear Guru Maharaj, I'm yours, please accept my and my childish endeavours and please forgive my offenses, which are born out of ignorance and material attachment. Please do not stop to engage me in devotional service to somehow support your mission in serving Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj, now you are about to leave your body any day and by destiny I'm sitting in a plane to Australia. I pray that Krsna is protecting you as he did with Haridasa Thakura. Why would he not, you are His dear devotee?

I'm trying to be as much of a devotee as I can, here and now. Please see me dear Guru Maharaj please don't stop your mercy on me so that I will make it the foremost priority in my life to speak about Krsna, wherever I go.

I tend to say to the people who are interested in spiritual life, that we're in this together, and that we'll go back together. And I pray that I never forget, that I do that in your service and that I belong to you and that you will take me home.

Hare Krsna my father, friend and master.
Your eternal servant,

Jayadeva Dasa

Jahnukanya Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you, my guru
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you very much for your kind thoughts and being highly inclusive with all your disciples, a massive Kadamba Kanana Swami family. I would like to show my sincere gratitude for selecting me to be your disciple at a time when I was falling. I do believe that our Lord Krsna took pity on me and sent you at a right time and place to rescue my fallen soul.

I would also like you to know that I have been following your instructions as best as the 'ol gal' can. I continue to chant 16 rounds and more and still sticking to 'no sex…' and much more blissful.

I am living your advice on, 'kindness,' and it benefits me very well. For example:
I serve weekends on our Iskcon highly competitive book table and one devotee often, disrespectfully, steals my sales. He seems to timely pounce on customers just as I am about to make an exchange of Srila Prabhupada's Srimad Bhagavatam sets of books. He then relishes in the glorification of publicising his picture with the customers. I spoke to him sensitively on his third attempt and he became loudly defensive. I stayed silent and he apologized but kept on the defensive. I decided to leave the scene with an offer to speak at a better time. He then said I can report him if I like and appeared very distressed and I felt saddened.

On reflection, I wondered what you would say and decided to follow your advice on kindness and called him to relieve him of his suffering by accepting his apologies. He sounded very relieved and offered to buy me a meal to make up for it. I declined the offer, but felt a great relief from my act of forgiveness.

Low and behold he only did it again a month later. I keep reminding myself that he is a divine soul but caught in maya's attraction and was able to ignore his behaviour and actions by continuously being kind to him. This is working well.

Dearest Guru Maharaj, I feel sad that I am not able to come to Vrindavan and serve you more in person and touch the dust of your ever so beautiful lotus feet. However, I am so glad I got your large painting done by one of your disciples. I offer aarti to you every morning and hope you receive the benefit of my mere small gesture of blessings and service. Praying that we meet again one day.

I have an idea - perhaps you'd allow me to hang on to your lotus toes when you travel on to Krsna's abode/land. Is that acceptable? I await your reply. Hare Krsna. Prayers for the very best to and for you always, haribol.

Your servant,
Jahnukanya Devi Dasi
(ol Jolie)

Jambavati Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Thank you so much for bringing Krsna into my life and teaching me how to serve Him. Thank you for giving me both initiations so I can serve Krsna. Whenever I cook in the deity kitchen I am reminded of you. Whenever I touch the utensils of Sri Sri Radha Gopinath it makes me feel so fortunate that I am here because of you. I am now learning how to be a pujari and all this credit goes to you. I hope and pray that you will always guide me through my spiritual journey.

Your insignificant servant,
Jambavati Devi Dasi

Janaki Kumari Devi Dasi

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

About 3 years ago, I came in contact with you through the grace of my mum Kirti Kumari and since then I have kept you close to my heart. Every day you are getting closer to a point when your ear-catching kirtans and heart-catching kindness had simply taken control of a part of me. It has kept inspiring me to set unbelievable goals for myself and achieve them, like chanting sixteen rounds as an example. Dear Gurudeva, in your lovely and fresh lectures you

expand on the topic of mercy. How we need to depend on the mercy of the Lord, and how we all long for His mercy. Mercy - I love that one of the main goals of our lives is to surrender to Krsna, and not only that, but also collect as much mercy as we can, pass it on to others, and keep some for ourselves.

Earlier, you had instructed me to read the Krsna book. And because of my foolishness, I had not immediately followed your direct instructions. I found it difficult to read most Krsna conscious books. I would start reading and stop, start and stop continuously. But now, by Krishna's mercy, I've come to understand that when we at least try to follow your instructions as an expression of commitment, we actually gain the strength to understand. For the last few weeks, I have been reading the Krsna book.

I also read Radhanath Maharaj's book 'The Journey Home.' There I found out how Maharaj had a deep attachment to the Krsna book. So Gurudeva, this taught me that if Maharaj had such a great attachment to the Krsna book, and if you had instructed me to read the Krsna book, then it must be an extremely worthwhile pursuit.

Dear Gurudeva, your devotion allows me to continue serving the Lord, and your meditative and ecstatic kirtans help me follow the processes of sravanam and kirtanam. Your lectures keep my distracted senses focused on the Lord - at least for some time. They remove pollution in my mind and spread knowledge about Krsna and His pure devotees to the world.

Dear Gurudeva, every time I look at you, I always, always, no doubt, always see Krsna in your eyes. Every time you sing the holy name or give class, I can see that you constantly think of Krsna. I can see the bliss you experience when you glorify the Lord. Noticing such extraordinary qualities of yours actually reminds me of a verse in the Bhagavad Gita:

mac-cittā mad-gata-prāṇā
bodhayantaḥ parasparam
kathayantaś ca māṁ nityaṁ
tuṣyanti ca ramanti ca

'The thoughts of My pure devotees dwell in Me, their lives are fully devoted to My service, and they derive great satisfaction and bliss from always enlightening one another and conversing about Me.' (Bhagavad-gita 10.9).

Gurudeva, you are the perfect example of this verse. It is inspiring. You inspire me to think of Krsna more often in daily activities. You motivate me to try and remember that everything I do is meant to be a service to Krsna.

Thank you, Gurudeva for being that merciful Garuda who showed compassion upon a vulnerable sparrow like myself. I pray that I can be a good disciple and devotee. Thank you for everything. All glories to the Supreme Lord, all glories to Srila Prabhupada, and all glories to you, our dearest, sweetest, and most amazing Gurudeva. Hare Krsna.

Your forever-to-be inspired servant,
Janaki Kumari Devi Dasi

Jay Kesava Dasa

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

A spiritual master is not an ordinary living being. He is eternally liberated and comes to this world to liberate all conditioned souls. He is the personification of the grace of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Lord Sri Krsna is karuna sindhu - the ocean of grace. And the spiritual master is the personification of this grace. Srila Prabhupada in Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 5, Chapter 14, text 38 the meaning says that we should become perfect Vaisnavas to be the hope of the conditioned fallen souls. And you are a perfect example of such a personality. The person of Bhagavata. Personalities like you are really needed in this world. They can bring real good to this world. And it can be said that they are a real decoration of this otherwise not very nice world. And when he leaves this world, it's a real loss. But it is luck and grace that even a small moment spent in the company of such a great personality is enough to achieve the highest perfection of life.

I remember how I once had the opportunity to cook for you in Prague at the Ratha-yatra. Later during this, when you worshiped the prasadam, I asked you about one of my doubts, whether I should have cooked for you or distributed books for Ratha-yatra, you said: As for me, I can eat bread just. Of course, I did not regret the opportunity to cook for you personally, but at the same time I realized how important it is for you to spread Krsna consciousness.

Each of us your sons and daughters surely have our own realizations with your kindness and compassion. I personally have. Because this very low, miserable and fallen person was given such an opportunity to become your disciple. And even though he doesn't have the qualifica-

tions of a true disciple, you still haven't rejected him. Please grant me an eternal seat at your lotus feet.

Your stupid disciple (aspiring to be a true servant),
Jay Kesava Dasa

Jay Radhika Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my respectful obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj and Srila Prabhupada.

Sometimes I think that nothing worse can happen to a person, but this year I was very wrong. Man thinks and Krsna changes. I am kept by the faith that Krsna will not load us with more than we can bear and handle. It is very difficult for me. With every difficult trial, I realize that it is time to take my spiritual life a little more seriously.

I thank Krsna for inspiring me to keep improving in Krsna consciousness and to serve you through instruction. I must admit that over the past year my soul has been learning how to find peace for spiritual life in hectic times and to appreciate things I didn't appreciate before. The second initiation, Krsna in the form of deities and Tulasi Devi turns one's life upside down. I thank Krsna for the realizations He has given me through which I can become a better servant of a servant.

Thank you Guru Maharaj for your grace.
Your humble servant,
Jay Radhika Devi Dasi

Jaya Balarama Dasa

My dear Guru Maharaj

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

A pure devotee of the Lord only takes birth in this material world to save the fallen souls,

therefore your appearance day is most auspicious. Due to you being so merciful and compassionate to fallen souls, like myself and a dedicated devotee to your spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada, so many people have taken to Krsna consciousness.

Our first meeting Guru Maharaj was at Durban Ratha-yatra in 2009 after a talk you had given in a questions and answers tent. I had come to you with my dad who had brought me to speak to you, but being so nervous I didn't say a thing, that's when you said to me that in this world everything changes but my relationship with Krsna should always remain constant but ever growing. I have always tried from then to grow my love for the supreme Lord Sri Krsna and Srila Prabhupada.

In December 2011 at New Jagannath Puri temple, Phoenix, after a program I got introduced to you by a disciple of yours so your disciple introduced me and now was my turn to speak to you here came the nervous again. I was silent sitting in front of you while you and the other devotees there quietly waited for me, finally after 10-15mins of silence I gathered enough courage and said, "Hare Krsna Guru Maharaj I'd like permission to be an aspiring disciple of yours," Which you so kindly accepted. You have from then onwards ever always treated me with such love kindness and understanding.

Thank you Guru Maharaj for accepting such a foolish fallen souls such as myself. I beg Guru Maharaj please always be merciful towards me. I beg you Guru Maharaj please always let me be at the shelter of your lotus feet.

Your most fallen servant
Jaya Balarama Dasa
(South Africa, Phoenix)

Jaya Gopal Dasa

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

You are my biggest example for a perfect leader and an amazing spiritual master. You are inspiring me to continue my spiritual journey, despite all the challenges and obstacles which appear in my life.

I was really attracted to your kirtans and they were like a life vest which has helped me through a lot. Little did I know that Krsna would fulfil my biggest dream and I would come and participate in your kirtans - live. This happened on your Vyasa-puja in Simhachalam, 2022.

Your mood of service through your kirtans made me feel instant connection as if I was floating in a nectar of devotion which is so addictive. It was astonishing for me to see how you can make such powerful evening kirtans for 3 hours and still see you next morning in Mangala arati completely fresh as if nothing has happened last night.

Your mercy knows no limits and it struck me when I needed it the most and I am thankful to you for giving me shelter. You are a perfect example of humility, sincerity, devotion, service and many more good qualities. "To be serious about serious things." Is a quote of yours which deeply resonates in me and I am trying my best to be led by it. This is capturing me and it gives me strength and unwavering faith.

I am happy and grateful that you took me as your disciple and I feel you as a best friend to whom I can share my deepest thoughts.

Thank you for everything.
Your servant,

Jaya Gopal Dasa
(Bulgaria)

Jaya Gopinatha Devi Dasi, Dhruvananda Dasa & Sundari Kisori Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

When I was a child, I had a moment of contemplation about God's message for all the people. I was thinking that He for sure wants us to know what we should do with our lives. And so that there has to be some manual sent by Him to all of us for knowing what's our purpose of life and knowing more about Him. And because of the fact that Krsna knows our every thought and every desire and because He is so unlimitedly kind and merciful, the book Srimad Bhagavatam came to my life. And because you, our dear Gurudeva, are so amazingly merciful, you came also - as a living Bhagavatam. And my whole family we are so fortunate for getting your shelter, support, wisdom, care, help, constant inspiration and encouragement and much more.

I'm not capable to express my gratitude but I would like you to know how very deeply indebted and grateful I feel. And I feel so sorry that I'm not repaying it back. I'm falling short in devotional practise but I'll try to remember those good advices you gave us and will behave accordingly or at least I'll try to improve. You gave us solid sambandha, showed us practical implementation of abhidheya and by nectarian Krsna katha you awakened in us the desire for prayojana.

I pray to be eternally surrendered to your instructions and never lose the connection with you. I pray that if because of my rascaldom I'd slip of the path of devotional service that you my dear Gurudeva would not forget me and would cross my life again. I'm so weak but your mercy has no limits. You've always been our best friend and the most important person. Perhaps I'll never be able to really please you but please, tolerate me by your feet being the useless beggar as you have tolerated me the whole time. Over those years of your association I keep so many wonderful memories and those are my big treasure. Thank you our dear Gurudeva for being the best teacher and friend.
With hearts full of love and gratitude,
Your servants,
Jaya Gopinatha Devi Dasi, Dhruvananda Dasa & Sundari Kisori Devi Dasi

Jayasri Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

Dear Gurudeva, I just wanted to say a few words of thanks for accepting me as a disciple. I feel great affection for all these years that you have been in my life as a source of inspiration for me. I always love to listen to kirtans, bhajan, I am a fan of music. Philosophy may be more difficult for me, but I am eternally grateful to you for giving me the opportunity to serve you. Always so sweet, humble and merciful. Thank you for coming home to see each other, for me it was like a dream. I am and will always be grateful. Thank you for all the nectar, for all the wisdom and teachings, I will always be at your service, with great affection.

Your servant,
Jayasri Devi Dasi

Jayatam Madan Mohan Dasa

Hare Krsna Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obesiences.

Hope you are doing well. On this auspicious day of your appearance I just want to say to you thank you for accepting me as your disciple and taking care of me. You always inspire me to serve the devotees and preach Krsna's name. Please bless me that I can serve your mission and instructions sincerely.

Your insignificant disciple,
Jayatam Madan Mohan Dasa

Jhulan Devi Dasi

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

I don't know how many times I spoke about it, wrote about it, but I have to mention again about the first time when I met you in Brisbane. That was the most impressive first impression I ever had in my life. It was rather mystical. You looked at me as if you already knew me, although I was very new, wearing my first sari. I was total stranger to you but I never experience that level of kindness and acknowledgement you showed me. I mean, how could you do that? How could you impact someone just by looking? You made me even cry on that day and it turned out that it wasn't the first time you made a lady cry.
That was my main meditation when I was on book marathon in Australia last year. I remembered your glance and I tried to give the same to people hopefully I could touch their heart as you did to me. But often I doubt on myself. Can I put my ego and bodily needs aside and really reach out to people? Am I really willing to put on their shoes, taking off my perfectly well-equipped Krsna consciousness shoes? I was challenged a lot, just tried to remember your compassion and mercy.
The level of your compassion is unimaginable. And you are not even aware because it became so natural to you, not like myself who always have to struggle. That day, you were just happy in Krsna consciousness and sharing your outflow. Like you said, it is the Lord Nityananda who gives us strength, and the strength is happiness in Krsna consciousness. I could feel decades of experience and contemplation behind one line of your realisation.
You are forever my biggest inspiration. Thank you for being yourself and making Krsna consciousness real to me by your example. And thank you for making me a cook. It is such a sweet service which I would never realise it if it weren't for you.

Your servant,
Jhulan

Jivana Mukti Devi Dasi

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I am bowing down at your lotus feet and every day I am realizing more and more how much mercy I have received when you accepted me among your disciples. By listening to your lectures I am more and more grateful that you came into my life. That the values you preach are also my values and I feel like I am your real daughter. And although I have no chance to have a deep connection with you because I am, 'brand new.' and I realize that perhaps I have little time left to get to know you.

I am honoured that you are my spiritual master and that I can follow your example and follow your paths. My heart breaks as I think that you may be missing, that I will not have time to get to know you more personally, like my dad. Although this feeling accompanies me from our first meeting. "He is my dad, a spiritual guide whom I have known for many lives." That's why when I first saw you, my legs buckled under me and I fell to the ground like a shot prey. My heart is full of hope that you will stay and that I will be able to get to know you better.

Your sincere servant,
Jivana Mukti

Jyotirmayi Devi Dasi

My dearest Guru Maharaj,

Hare Krsna.
Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Feeling totally grateful to be able to write this offering for your appearance day, it is a very

blissful way to be close to you. Just like listening to your classes, in person, on Zoom, or recorded, taste is always there.

Some time ago I was watching for another time the class you gave in Melbourne at October 2012, with topic: How do we know Krsna is god? I am very fond of this class, it is the second class of yours I have ever listened and the one that made me decide to listen more of you, when 5 years back I was still fresh in Krsna consciousness. Since then I come back to this class every now and then, it's like a most favourite book that you read more than once.

In this class you extremely intelligently explain what it means to live a life according to Krsna consciousness and defeat the arguments of the materialists, when they sustain that we Hare Krsna's live a dry life. There you expand the concept of what it means to live a life where one follows lust and the consequences and the score that the Hare Krsna team makes against materialism, where we win with 3-0. You make very clear that there are always consequences to any action and that there is no real enjoyment in material life because it comes with attachments and complications and the price to pay is not worth it. As you say, I quote "From a pragmatic point of view, the Hare Krsna life is better. We stay out of trouble now, we have a decent life and at the same time we get eternal benefits".

But I cannot stop thinking that what material life is, "Greed, Cunning, Anger, Envy, Strife, Hard words, Death, Fear, Sharp pain, and Hell are children of Irreligion and Falsehood." (SB 4, 8.3-6). In a kind of way, if someone avoids irreligion and falsehood, kali-yuga and its consequences, can someone say that? What is irreligion? The dictionary tells me that it generically indicates the absence of religion, the lack of religiosity or indifference towards it, or the rejection or hostility towards any of its forms. While Falsehood is the quality of what is false, i.e. not corresponding to the truth or what it would like to appear. These words are the contrary of something, without what they are contrary the do not exist. So Irreligion is the contrary of religion ad Falsehood is the contrary of the truth.

Religion, a word that nowadays got so much negative energy, we can also call it yoga, union, of body, mind and soul and with the Supreme.

Truth is what is eternal, what remains the same no matter what happens and no matter where one can look at it. Therefore the material world is false because it is temporary. Only the Spiritual world is true because it is always there. If we put these things together, the Supreme Lord and the spiritual word, we find ourselves in Goloka Vrindavan, to contemplate Krsna and His eternal associates.

As you said at the class, the 4 principles seen from the outside can be called in just one: no life.

This is true. No material life. No entanglement to material desires. Srimad Bhagavatam is an everlasting, in its every place, reminder of that, giving us all aspects of what makes this life worth living.

Sometimes I wonder when I read those verses of the Srimad Bhagavatam: And if Brahma did not give birth to Irreligion and Falsehood? Are there other Brahmas, in other universes, always in the material platform that did not give birth to them? Can there be a materiel universe without them? And how is it like to be in the material world and not have all these infamies?

As far as I am concerned, I am conscious that all these negative aspects are inside me and outside, some very small, almost infinite, others with a stronger presence and influence. Hearing, chanting and remembering are my only weapons, as you said to me the last time we met: "To be at least in sattva." I am praying for your wellbeing, thanking Krsna for every single instant that you are here with us.

I thank you for being always there for me as well, while I am awake but also while I am sleeping, and even there your energy and presence are extraordinary.

You are true, things chance but you don't.
Your eternal servant,
Jyotirmayi Devi Dasi

Kalakanthi Dasi & Radheya Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

During the last years everything was strange. It began with covid, so there were no summer camps, first year there wasn´t even Prague Ratha-yatra. At the same time also many changes in our lives happened - Lalita was born and we became parents. It was (is) quite a big change and challenge. Now we are awaiting the second baby and again everything changes. It makes us better for them every day (even if we don´t want it so it really works).

But last year it seemed that world will be "all right again". We started to make programs again, we had wonderful festivals, Vyasa-puja at Simhachalam was stunning. But then your message about your health came and it was like an earthquake - like a bolt from a blue, like something what stopped everything what was slowly getting normal. And all this shortly after Kalavati´s departure, which was also a big blow for me. I didn´t want to believe that. We´re praying for

your health, hope that Krsna will, "Do something."

Then we had wonderful time in Radhadesh in summer, everything seemed like during old times, but we could feel that maybe it will never be the same. By your mercy we got initiations and our spiritual lives really started. Thank you very much again and again that you accepted us as your servants and gave us the holy name of the Lord and this opportunity.

Your unrelenting enthusiasm, your personal mood, strength and desire to flood the world with the mercy of Lord Caitanya is incredible and unbelievable. It´s amazing how many people you´ve infected with it and how they are assisting you to accomplish your mission for your spiritual master and Srila Prabhupada.

I´m praying that we could also follow in your footsteps, contribute also a drop of water to this flooding and that we became somehow or other kind people as you often mention. Thank you for everything. For all your lectures, instructions, kirtans, harinams, Ratha-yatras, King´s Days, Camps, guidance, talks, smiles, reprimanding, Zooms. For teaching us how to be kind and merciful.

Thank you for saving us.
Your grateful servants,
Kalakanthi Dasi and Radheya Dasa

Kamala Sundari Devi Dasi

Dearest Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this auspicious day of your appearance, I would like to express my deep gratitude to you for your immense kindness and mercy. Thank you for welcoming me whole-heartedly in your family of disciples. I was extremely happy to be accepted and feel like I have one more wonderful spiritual father, until the devastating news of your health were released.

I admire your unceasing dedication to preaching, no matter your health condition, yet I hope

you do care for yourself a bit as well. I pray that you are well and we get an opportunity to do some service to you and have your association for many more years to come.

Your aspiring servant,
Kamala Sundari Devi Dasi

Kamalaksi Devi Dasi

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dearest Gurudeva,

I don't know how I had the great fortune of meeting you in this life time but it's something I hold very dear and will never take for granted. Your kindness, understanding and encouragement since the moment we met many years ago inspires me to keep trying to improve no matter the difficulties I face.

You're such as amazing example of a sankirtan warrior, someone who has full faith and determination in Krsna and the power of the holy names. I pray that one day I can have such a

taste as you do for hearing, chanting and spreading Lord Caitanya's movement far and wide. No matter what challenge you have faced in this life, you are so fixed in your Krsna consciousness with full trust and surrender knowing that Krishna takes care of his devotees. The perfect example of the attitude we should all try to cultivate.

I can never thank you enough for embracing me as your spiritual daughter with all of my quirks and shortcomings and for giving me the chance to be your disciple. You told me in Vrindavan that we will always have your blessings and I pray that one day I can be worthy of them.
Your servant,
Kamalaksi Devi Dasi

Karuna Mayi Devi Dasi

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

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nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I really appreciated the meetings with you and wish you the best for the coming events.

May Krsna protect you.

Your servant,
Karuna Mayi Devi Dasi

Karunika Devi Dasi

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

namas te sárasvate deve gaura-váni-pracárine
nirviśesa-śúnyavádi-páścátya-deśa-tárine

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Maharaj you mentioned in one of your Zoom classes that you have lived your life to inspire others and this has stuck with me ever since because I can see how you have gone above and beyond to share Krsna with others even in the hardships you may have faced. I am very much inspired and really appreciate how you live by example.

Your association has really impacted my life in a way, which I may have never imagined, you have taught me to be kind in whatever situation that may come my way. It has not been easy to be kind but by seeing how you have been kind and how kind you are to others it just makes me want to always be kind in some aspect even if it may be a struggle at times.

I admire your resilience in always wanting to keep going, on my initiation day you mentioned how you had an illness where you really struggled to chant your rounds but you did it even after the struggle you still did it. After hearing this, it has helped me a lot to just keep on going.

By Krsna's kind arrangement, in 2019 we were on the same flight back from Vrindavan to Dubai and by his sweet arrangement he allowed me to have your association for a little bit

until you had to go and get your next flight to Australia. As we sat down you took out some prashadam and as you were eating I asked if you would like some water to which you said no, furthermore, you carried to eat until some food got stuck in your throat. In this moment you asked if I had the water to which I said I didn't but would like to get you some, however, you said not to worry but I kept on insisting and you said no because sannyasi's should learn to tolerate. Somehow or other you tolerated and whatever was stuck eventually passed by. I always remember this because I felt that in my life there are situations which are sometimes very minor and I may not always tolerate but this always helps me to be conscious of the situation and really try to be tolerant.

In a class you have mentioned that Srila Prabhupada is always with us in his books and that there are some of his disciples who did not have his physical association but are still going strong by following his vani. I expressed to you how I felt after hearing this, that when one has had association of the guru to not having the physical presence of the guru then it seems to be difficult. You said it will be difficult and reminded me that we are still devotees and that we must carry on serving.

Thank you for the constant reminder to always carry on in pleasing you, Srila Prabhupada and Krsna.

You often thank me for doing a service but I would like you to know that I really prayed to Krsna to have the service and because of him and you it is possible. You have given me an instruction to make sure your social media only grows and does not shrink, I am trying my very best with our team but it isn't easy, however, I know with your blessings anything is possible.

Thank you Maharaj for all the time you took out to study so deeply to then share what you have learnt with many others and us. This really inspires me to go deeper in study the scriptures and sharing it with others. Thank you for always making the time to come to Crawley, everyone in Crawley very much appreciated this.

Thank you for always putting up with me constantly in your face with my phone and putting up with me asking you questions that may not have made sense. And also for putting up with my speaking, I know I am not the clearest of speakers but somehow with your kindness, you have always put up with it.

Thank you for once saying in your class that, "You will meet me in your devotional service." Sometimes I feel I can become lazy in service but this has motivated me to keep carrying on to be able to continually meet you.

I pray that with your blessings, may I sincerely and one day with humility be able to please you by always trying to carry on.

Your servant,
Karunika Devi Dasi

Kasturi Manjari Dasi

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

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances, hopefully more sincere obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Time flies and matter is tough. My dears and nears are getting older, suffering and leaving their bodies. It must mean I am getting older too. I didn't count with that. But well, we must admit that time works for us devotees. After all, time is Krsna, and Krsna always wants the best for us - like our father, pushing us gently but surely towards a better life.

Devotional life surely is a better life. Actually it is the best life, even the only possible life. Spirit matters, matter doesn't spirit. Only the soul and spiritual reality are real and all other things are temporary and not really worth worrying for. As you said, “Sometimes we sweat, sometimes we die not a big deal.” It is not just cheap avoiding of the hard reality, rather it is just a

fact. These days, these months, I have been feeling more of this aspect of immortality and of eternity. You are my eternal spiritual master and that is so great. Wow, I can actually serve you forever. So there is no point in being worried. I know what you want from me, I have been hearing it again during those thousands of lectures. Now I should just do it.

I can feel more that Krsna consciousness is so wonderful and unstoppable this spiritual perspective in my very limited brain has surely developed only by your mercy and your spiritual power. By Your mercy only can a dwarf see the sun of Krsna's face. Thank you very much, my dearest eternal spiritual master.

Your dwarf servant,
Kasturi Manjari Dasi

Kaunteya Dasa

Hare Krsna Maharaj,

Thank you for all that you have done in this world. Your presence on this earth impacted a lot of us fallen souls. I am personally very grateful for meeting you. Thank you for all of the personal association you have given me. I am very happy that you have except me as your disciple and your son. You have given me a chance to serve you and that I hold dear to my heart.

Thank you for my new family my brothers and sisters. You have given me love and blissful conversations I don't know how I was this fortunate but I thank you for seeing and hearing me through my trouble time. Life is becoming more and more beautiful since our last meeting in Vrindavan. Maharaj you brought me out of depression listening to you classes give me a way of life a way to live and a way of forgiveness. Thank you for all your dedication to the Hare Krsna movement. You are the best and I love you very much. Thank you for being you Maharaj.

Kadamba Kanana Maharaj ki jai.

Kaunteya Dasa

Kaveri Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Let me please express the admiration and respect, which I feel towards you, on the occasion of your Vyasa-puja. Last few days, I've realized more and more how great and irreplaceable personality you are for all of us and how many things you've done in Srila Prabhupada's mission and for your dear spiritual master Jayadvaita Maharaj. How you inspire us by your own example, life, sense of humour, singing of spiritual name, preaching, and your kind heart. How you lead us in our spiritual life, how you teach us to make the right choices, how we can give Krsna consciousness to others, how we can be involved in the Srila Prabhupada's mission, how to not give up, and how you give us strength and inspiration to reach a pure love to Krsna.

Thank you that I can be your disciple and that you have such a great influence in my life. I wish that my life and everything I do in it was for your pleasure.

Yours sincerely insignificant servant,
Kaveri Devi Dasi

Keli Lalita Devi Dasi

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada. I can only say a positive things about you, so it should be very easy to write an offering for you, but more I'm thinking and trying to write something, more I find that I can't find the right words to describe you.

When I think back to the time I met you - an initiations, the summer camps in Protivan, the programs, festivals and darshans, I thank you again and again for letting me experience them. I don't know how or what to write. All I can say is thank you for your patience, encouragement and grace, dear Gurudeva.

Thank you for giving me a life in which I feel safe and which has a meaning. It is only now af-

ter various experiences, downs, trials and as the years go by that I am beginning to appreciate more and more the possibility of this life and how much protection we gain from it.

You came into my life at a very early age and suddenly a spiritual support and encouragement were given to my life. You have always been there for me like my dad, who was happy with me when I was doing well, but also helped me up when I fell or tripped.
Through all my problems you showed me your incredibly personal and loving approach that helped me to cope and endure.

Even though I can no longer physically see you as often as I like to, I can feel your presence even through a distance. You are always watching my steps and helping me move forward with a slow steps. Your personal approach to all your disciples, your humour, and your very practical view on Kṛṣṇa consciousness is so inspiring and wonderful that I can only thank you over and over again for the privilege of being your disciple.

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

“By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the benediction of Kṛṣṇa. Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancement. Therefore, I should always remember and praise the spiritual master. At least three times a day I should offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master.” (Verse 8, Sri Gurvastakam).

It takes my breath away how personally and individually you treat to each of your students and give us a sense of uniqueness. The warmth of your approach, your friendly smile, your patience and your unwavering commitment to your mission encourage us to deepen our Kṛṣṇa consciousness. With every word and kirtan you bring us closer to the Supreme Lord.
Every time I hear so many personal stories from your disciples - my spiritual brothers and sisters, I feel so much amazement at the personal care you can give to each one and how much love and inspiration they receive as a result.

In each of these moments I realize even more what an amazing person you are and feel so much gratitude that I am a small part of this big family too. Krsna always accepts us through the prayer of our spiritual master. Therefore we are always indebted to our spiritual master.
It is an eternal relationship that can never be destroyed. Nothing can destroy it, not even ourselves. We can walk away from it, but we still cannot destroy it. That relationship will always remain. It is the permanent bond that is formed between the guru and the disciple, when we

take vows to the guru, we are actually taking vows to Krsna. The spiritual master takes the vows on behalf of Krsna and supervises them on behalf of Krsna.

I remember a story you mentioned in one of your lessons:
When Krsna once wanted to plant pearls. His parents told him, "Kṛṣṇa, what are you doing? You cannot plant pearls. Pearls cannot sprout and grow." But Krsna convinced them that they would. He planted the pearls, watered them with a milk, and sure enough - the pearls sprouted and grew into a bushes that produced many more pearls. The vows at initiation are like these pearls. We receive a great gift. Promises are very valuable and we must do something with them. We cannot just keep the gift; we have to take the vows, take the pearls, plant them and water them by hearing, chanting, devotional service and making sacrifices for Krsna - we have to do something special with the vows. If we do that, then those vows will have wonderful results - that's the idea. We have got the pearls, now we have to plant and water them.

I wish to write to you that my spiritual life is flourishing and everything is going on smoothly, that my attachment to Krsna is becoming greater and my detachment from material things is becoming less. But I must say that I am rather still trying - trying to fight every day for Kṛṣṇa with all the pressures of material energy , with all the trials etc. and to be what You want us to be. I don't know if I can say that I am succeeding or that I am succeeding, but I know that I can promise that I will try my best every day to water and take care of these pearls and hopefully one day they will sprout and grow.

Your servant,
Keli Lalita Devi Dasi

Keli Vrindavan Devi Dasi

tad viddhi praṇipātena
paripraśnena sevayā
upadekṣyanti te jñānaṁ
jñāninas tattva-darśinaḥ

‘Just try to learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. Inquire him submissively and render service unto him. The self-realised soul can impart knowledge unto you because he has seen the truth.’ (Bg 4.34).

My dear spiritual master, spiritual father, spiritual saviour, his holiness Kadamba Kanana

Swami Maharaj Gurudeva, The most merciful and compassionate chosen special soul, who appeared in front of me as a miracle, at Krsna Balarama Temple on October 30th in Kartik in our spiritual home Vrindavan.

I whole heartedly cried from all my heart and soul, the day before this fateful day, to Srila Prabhupada at the Vrindavan temple, fervently praying and wailing nonstop. "Please help me. I don't know what I am doing, if I am making progress or am digging my hole. I feel that all I do is to offend devotees. I really need a spiritual master to help me, guide me toward the path. I can't do it on my own, please Prabhupada be merciful to me."

I know, Gurudeva, you are very special and chosen one, and Srila Prabhupada ordered for you to pick up this most unfortunate soul, me. As you are committed and surrendered soul, so you did faithfully with open arm and open heart. Each time when your Vyasa-puja day and the day coming up to, I cry. I think I cry because my inability to serve you in the way you want me to, and I am not up to the standard that you are wanting for me. But, it's been my 9th year since my fortune changed forever. I cry now because I feel and I acknowledge the deep authentic love and care that you have for me.

This is the most purifying time of the year by celebrating your most auspicious appearance. The appearance of you, Gurudeva that took place in the holy land of Holland, where you were defined to be a spiritual master of the time. And one of the most renowned and influential and beloved gurus, and the most importantly you are a beloved faithful servant of his holiness Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj and Iskcon Founder Arcarya, Srila Prabhupada.

My Gurudeva, you are beyond special. Why? You have ability to heal everyone and you impart your realised knowledge of love of Krsna to even those who are not asking for it.
I am the recipient of this magic. I was not supposed to get this opportunity to know about Krsna and to experience how deep Krsna's love is.

Thank you, my Gurudeva for protecting my Krsna consciousness in any situations, and loving me even I am making you angry and frustrated. I am working on being honest with myself more and more, since I heard it from you at a retreat event at the beginning of my spiritual journey.

Hare Krsna with lots of love and gratitude for you being you and being most magnanimous guru in the whole universe,

Your servant, who is ever witnessing and keeping your loving service and kindness in my heart eternally,
Keli Vrndavan Devi Dasi

Kesava Bharati Dasa

Hare Krsna Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you Guru Maharaj.
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I want to take this opportunity to show my gratitude to you Guru Maharaj. Seeing how Krsna conscious you are especially at these trying times in your life really inspires me so much to become more serious. I admire the example you are setting by showing us how to overcome obstacles and to remain focused deeply in spiritual life. When I watch your Zoom meetings, I can't believe that you are actually not well because you don't even show the slightest bit of discomfort you are experiencing. I know that you are setting the example for all of us to understand that we are not these bodies by just being fully Krsna Conscious at every moment. I feel extremely inspired by your example and I have developed the desire to want to please you even more now than ever.

This last year has been a year of deep reflection in my spiritual life. I have been thinking a lot about how I can practice spiritual life in the best way possible with a clear mind and how I can preach more to the rural communities in South Africa.

When the New Year started I made a conscious decision to let go of the ill feelings that I have in my heart to certain devotees. I realized that actually every person chanting the holy names of the Lord is a devotee with or without faults. I learnt that I cannot judge those devotees because Srila Prabhupada says that Krsna is the ultimate judge and we are not. While making this decision I realized that any free moment should be used to think about Krsna and not to entertain the mind's thoughts. This decision has really helped me to focus more in every aspect of my spiritual life as the meditation is no longer about these ill feelings.

Knowing that preaching in Soweto is close to your heart, I decided last year to do a program at a church in Soweto with his holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami. In this program Maharaj thanked the church for allowing us to use their premises to start our Ratha-yatra. We awarded them certificates of appreciation, did some kirtan with Maharaj which made the locals danced with all their hearts and we distributed prasad. I am going to continue with these programs as well as harinams in Soweto. We also have the opportunity to preach in a rural Afrikaans com-

munity in Pretoria which I will be starting in the New Year.

I really got inspired a lot by reading Caitanya-caritamrta last year. I am seeing how much focus is put on harinam sankirtan and how Lord Caitanya sets the example for us to follow. There is no discrimination and the Lord freely distributes the holy names to every town and village.

I want to sincerely offer these thoughts as well as the results of my services to you. I am no one and I don't have the right to even think that I can take credit for any services done. Your mercy is carrying me and I am fortunate that I have your presence in my life to guide me so that I can contribute to the preaching in some small way.

I pray that I can make you proud as my spiritual master by following your example of preaching this message of Krsna consciousness to the African community in South Africa.

Your insignificant servant,
Kesava Bharati Dasa

Kirti Kumari Dasi

Hare Krsna dearest Kadamba Kanana Swami,
Please accept my humble and heartfelt obeisances.

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to the tidal waves of devotion consuming your ever kind heart.

nārāyaṇa jagannātha vāsudeva janārdana
itīrayanti ye nityaṃ te vai sarvatra vanditāḥ

The fortunate souls who always perform harinama sankirtana, loudly chanting O Narayana! O Jagannatha! O Vasudeva! O Janardana! and so on, are worthy of being worshipped by the entire universe. (Hari-bhakti-vilasa Verse 11.403).

The entire universe comprises all that exists, even all physical matter, all the stars, the planets, the galaxies and everything else surcharged with Divine Energy of the Lord. All the forms of life, the trees, the plants, the breezes and all the 400 000 forms of human life. The Vyasa-puja book presented before you is a mere fraction of a drop of the unlimited glorification that con-

tinuously goes on of a devotee such as yourself. The song of the wind, the rays of the sun, the constellation of the stars, the overflowing milk decorating Sveta-dwipa and the microscopic entities clinging to our bodies are all manifesting their adoration and perhaps of a krsna-krsna devotee such as yourself.

What is it like to be in touch with someone like you? Something that you will never know. But I can tell you this if by the churning of the shoreless ocean of nectar one attains the incomparably sweet essence of all nectar. That nectar will taste very bitter to those who have become enchanted by the rhythm of your ever expanding caring heart.

As Rama's appearance is so close to yours and the bhajan Rama, Sia Rama, Sia Rama, Jaya Jaya Rama, was one that perturbed your consciousness even seemingly unconscious there is undoubtedly an eternal link between the saga of Ramayana and your pastimes. One similarity which instantly comes to mind is the acceptance of a clan of monkeys to be engaged in the service of the Lord. And not just the monkeys, but also the squirrels, the water, the rocks and all the other factors which took a favourable course, were summoned and engaged by you, just as at the time of establishing Rama-setu. You are not just a representation of Lord Rama, but also the setu - you are the bridge. And each stone brings us closer. The first stone represents klesa-agni, followed by shubhada, all the way through the Kingdom of Lanka, where our material existence subsides and our eternal soul radiates a colour and vibrates a sound attractive to Lord Krsna.

You do not make any distinction between others and your own, in fact anyone who wants to embrace you, you welcome. And those who are under the illusion that life without you is an alternative to living, are forced by the ropes of affection you have tamed them with. Some control the cows with a rope through their nose and some simply with the sound of lovingly calling out their names. You belong to the latter Maharaj and we are always eager for you to call our names.

You often quote that Srimati Radharani is the mirror of Krsna's qualities and that by looking at it each time she discovers more and more qualities of Him. In this way, the situations thrown at you in this earthly life, keep adding to the repertoire of your wonderful characteristics. Now, we do not only worship you because of how you live, but also for how you are welcoming death and with that you are removing the dark fear associated with that and show that there is light in darkness and new life in endings.

But out of all the qualities that have become visible to my mundane eyes, it is the quality of the kindness of your heart, which attracts me and binds me the most, adorned with the deep and poetic realisation of your unique perception and practice of the beauty of Krsna conscious-

ness. I simply wish to have your words and the playfulness you engage them with for breakfast, lunch and dinner every day. So please whatever you do, speak, keep speaking, keep writing, keep attacking us with the newest ever fresh ragas of the tidal waves of your electrifying meditations.

jīvitaṁ viṣṇu-bhaktasya varaṁ pañca-dināni ca

'If a devotee of Sri Visnu stays in this world for even five days, it is a great blessing to humanity,' (Hari-bhakti-vilasa 10.317).

Each 5 days longer in this world is like expanding the mercy and love of your heart and flooding us with enthusiasm to conquer Krsna every minute of the day. But then again, even five days is enough to do the same. You are the culmination of the concentrated essence of sankirtana and the embodiment of the patita pavana feature of Lord Caitanya. And although I am not worthy to be officially yours, you are always mine, now and forever.

Your adopted daughter,
Kirti Kumari Dasi
(Daughter of Gita Govinda and Mother of Janaki Kumari. Belonging to the Monkey-vamsa)

Kisori Radhe Devi Dasi

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

What a year has 2022 been. Krsna has placed us in situations where we have had no choice but to surrender to Him. Every one of us in the material world are full of anxieties. This material world is fearfulness and this fearfulness is called anxiety. But this anxiety can be changed by devotional service to Krsna. Association of pure devotees, studying Srimad Bhagavatam we can get free from material anxiety. Anxiety will be there but if it is for Krsna, then anxiety is blissful. For a devotee even when there is anxiety, there is fearlessness.

Dear Guru Maharaj you have shown us this. How to remain steady in our sadhana and keep pushing on in Krsna consciousness and never give up. You are our perfect example. The only thing that will save us is your mercy. My blessings, prayers and thoughts are always with you. May Krsna always be with you, guiding you always and may you always be fearless.
Happy Vyasa-puja.

Your ever well-wisher and servant,
Kisori Radhe Devi Dasi
(South Africa)

Kolompar Laura Ramona

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I want to thank you from my heart for being so merciful and open to me when I first time met you in Vienna. Thank you for giving your darshan. Thank you for your association and thank you for feeding me with wonderful kirtan, amazing lectures and with your beautiful warm hearting funny way to be.

Thank you for making time to answer my questions, this means so much for me. Your beautiful way to talk about Krsna, to feed your disciples with immense love for god inspires me so much. My life changed listening to your teachings, many things are happening miraculous. I'm really very grateful to you.

All glories to you. I keep praying for your health and to be always in your good association.

Kolompar Laura Ramona

Krishna Kirtan Dasa

To my dearest,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Swami.
All glories to yourself.

Guardian of Vrindavan.

I offer my head at your feet
Which have traversed the globe
Through vraja raj and concrete
For he is my guardian of Vrindavan.

From a tough family drama
You fled East in search of truth
To create in others good karma
For he is my guardian of Vrindavan.

Enthusiastically calling for Krishna
Searching from a dog to God
Exploding the Kirtan phenomena
For he is my guardian of Vrindavan.

When the going gets tough
The tough get going
The Dutch are stubborn stuff
For he is my guardian of Vrindavan.

Srila Prabhupada's home was built
Later which Kadamba Kanana saved
A labour of love with no guilt
For he is my guardian of Vrindavan.

Going out with a bang
A bullet to start a new chapter
Returning with his own gang

For he is my guardian of vrindavan.

Booze, hash, LSD and red lights
Amsterdam brings its best to King´s day
Your saffron army singing Harinam delights.
For he is my guardian of Vrindavan.

Compassion started Soweto ratha yatra
Where you saw them dance to a TV box
Now they sing and dance to the mantra
For he is my guardian of Vrindavan.
Never before shown a matchless gift
From Prabhupada's tree to 5th Avenue
Working to create a paradigm shift
For he is my guardian of Vrindavan.

"Sell books, not temples" is the order
When in need you are indeed
Vrindavan, Madrid, Brooklyn crossing any border
For he is my guardian of Vrindavan.

1997 he receives the order of sannyasa
25 years busy planting Bhakti latas
2022 empowers the next in line of vyasa
For he is my guardian of Vrindavan.

Pregnant within is life and death
Cancer killing our vapu seva
Whilst your vani gives us a fresh breath
For he is my guardian of Vrindavan.

Today the lord advents in gold
Your legacy is here for all to see
Gathered in vrindavan we are now sold
For he is my guardian of Vrindavan.

As you lay in your bed fasting
Body crippled with cancer
Your samadhi is internal chanting

For he is my guardian of Vrindavan.

From the first to the last exchange
You penetrate my steel cage
Putting Krishna within range
For he is my guardian of Vrindavan.

Your servant,
Krishna Kirtan Das

Gaura Purnima, 2023
Vrindavan

Krishna Smaranam Dasa

Hare Krsna the most dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble dandavats.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada and to all devotees.
The materialists say that everyone is replaceable. That may be true among them, but as for spiritual personalities, it is certainly not true. Dear spiritual master who is most valuable to your disciples at the end of your spiritual pastimes you show us all the qualities of holy persons in such a unique way, that you are worthy of the title of acarya.

With all due respect to all devotees, you show us in a completely unique way what it means to act personally. In this respect you have no equal and in such a direct way that you win our hearts and we naturally want to follow you. Happy are those who can continue to share a personal company with you.

Your physical company is absolutely irreplaceable and of incalculable value to all of us in whose hearts you are forever stuck. Please stay there and in this way show us more grace which is a torch on the way to knowledge. Today is the day of causeless mercy, so we beg you for the strength to become full-fledged devotees who can proudly claim to be your disciples with qualities such as humility, freedom from envy, compassion, freedom from false pride, respect for everyone and be useful in the preaching mission of Srila Prabhupada.

Your servant of the servants,
Krishna Smaranam Dasa

Krishnendu Dasa

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you Guru Maharaj,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

bhayaṁ dvitīyābhiniveśataḥ syād
īśād apetasya viparyayo 'smṛtiḥ
tan-māyayāto budha ābhajet taṁ
bhaktyaikayeśaṁ guru-devatātmā

'Fear arises when a living entity misidentifies himself as the material body because of absorption in the external, illusory energy of the Lord. When the living entity thus turns away from the Supreme Lord, he also forgets his own constitutional position as a servant of the Lord. This bewildering, fearful condition is effected by the potency for illusion, called māyā. Therefore, an intelligent person should engage unflinchingly in the unalloyed devotional service of the Lord, under the guidance of a bona fide spiritual master, whom he should accept as his worshipable deity and as his very life and soul.' (SB 11.2.37)

Once I heard you give the analogy of kids playing in the Netherlands jumping over ditches from one side to the other. Eventually getting to the really big ditch and everybody puts on a show saying they can do it, but when push comes to shove, only very few make the attempt. You used this analogy in terms of taking sannyasa. You took that leap, following in the footsteps of Srila Prabhupada. Coming into Krsna consciousness I wondered deeply what fear was and how to overcome it. This sloka highlighted fear, but still I couldn't claim to fully understand. When you made the announcement about your health situation, the impending outcome of leaving your body, and then hearing you speak on the matter, it was like a purport to this sloka. Death, the primal fear of conditioned souls is just the change of service for a devotee. You have dedicated your whole life to service in Srila Prabhupada's mission and travelled the globe inspiring others to follow suit as well. You have given so much of yourself to be the servant of the servant of the Lord, always depending on the mercy. You always say how the mercy will carry us. You have taken the mercy you have received and so freely distributed it to others uplifting them as well. Krsna says himself that there is no one more dear to him than

one who does this, 'na ca tasmān manuṣyeṣu kaścin me priya-kṛttamaḥ.' (Bg 18.69).

When I was younger I explicitly desired to not live to old age. I lived very foolishly. Now I don't care if I become old or not I just want to live more like you and in a manner that pleases you. You make age and the other distinctions from birth seem irrelevant as your always able to connect to the people in whatever place and circumstance through kirtans, lectures, service and just being very personable. You bring the shastra to life in a very dynamic way so that others can see more clearly how it relates to their lives both subtly and grossly. When I was seeking shelter of a spiritual master I was listening to your lecture series you did on the C.C. I thought that Lord Caitanya is the incarnation of Krsna in this age who came to initiate the yuga dharma and if this person has dedicated so much of their life to studying and learning everything they possibly could about Lord Caitanya than that speaks volumes about them. That encouraged me to approach you and I am very grateful I did.

caitanya-caraṇāmbhoja-
makaranda-liho bhaje
yeṣāṁ prasāda-mātreṇa
pāmaro 'py amaro bhavet

'Let me offer my respectful obeisances unto the devotees of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Simply by the causeless mercy of the devotees engaged in licking honey from His lotus feet, even a fallen soul becomes eternally liberated.' (Cc Antya-lila 7.1).

When I hold you and your instructions very close then spiritual life becomes smooth and tactful (or at least manageable) and when I take you for granted, neglect your instructions, or become disconnected in some way everything becomes difficult.

All glories to you Guru Maharaj.
All glories to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Your insignificant aspiring servant,
Always dependent on your mercy,
Krishnendu Dasa

Krsna Bhumi Dasi

Hare Krsna, dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

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

It is very inspiring for me to see how simple and naturally spiritual life seems to you. This is such a wonderful quality that only real a great soul possesses. It is admirable how you take Krsna, sastra and the understanding for Prabhupada's mission for granted. You set an example, what it means to follow the footsteps of the acaryas. Krsna empowered you, because of your pure dedication to Sri Caitanya's mission. You had overwhelming tasks in your life and now Krsna gave you your final task, which is maybe the most intimate material thing, everyone has to go through. But it doesn´t matter for you, because you show the world officially what it means to leave the body, or like you use to say: "You change your service." This is only possible because of your deep faith, your causeless mercy and your real detachment. This reminds me of Prabhupada, who also had this causeless mercy to set an example for the world. Of course I am very happy for you that you can go back to our beloved Krsna. But on the other hand this will be a great loss for me, for the devotees, the community, for the whole world.

Who will play this enchanting and most ecstatic kirtans? Who will we meet on Saturdays at Zoom? I am deeply sad, not only because of me, for all your disciples and friends
Who stay really close to you? My prayers are with you and them. Today I read a very nice quote from his divine grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura from his Amrita Vani - Nectar of Instructions of Immortality and this describes you so nicely:

"Only an empowered personality can distribute the holy name of the Lord and enjoin all fallen souls to worship Krishna. By distributing the holy name of the Lord, he cleanses the hearts of the most fallen people. Therefore he extinguishes the blazing fire of the material world. Not only that, he broadcasts the shining brightness of Krishna's effulgence throughout the world. Such an acarya, or spiritual master, should be considered no different from Krishna that is, he should be considered the incarnation of Lord Krishna's potency."

What more can I say or do? As to bow down before you and surrender my life and soul to fulfil your desire to serve this mission with all my potential and become a very kind and dedicated devotee of Sri Sri Radha- Krsna and spread the mission with love and affection to the devotees.

Sometimes you say that you are only a pumpkin from Holland, but for me you are the blooming lotus from the spiritual world. I remember our first meeting in Simhachalam. My dear husband arranged darshan for him and me. And he asked, if you would accept me as your disciple. To be honest, I meditated at this time on another Swami. But I got married and my husband said it would be the best that we both are under your shelter. I was completely confused, so I decided that Krsna should decide. I was really nervous at this time and could hardly speak a word when I sat in front of you. You were so kind and so lovely. And you accepted me. I was on the one hand completely happy but also spiritually shocked. So much happened at this time. I married and I had a husband and also a spiritual master now in my life. So I tried my best to fulfil your desires. Vrajajana and I had really hard crisis in the marriage, I can say it was the hardest time in my life. But we went through. And the main reason we made it, was you. Because you were (are) our shelter and we didn´t want to disappoint you. Thank you for everything.

A short time later, Covid moved in. So we had the good luck that you stayed at Simhachalam and you travelled around with your van. We had the opportunity to come closer to you. This was amazing for us. I also got initiation at this time. This was one of the most beautiful days in my life. I couldn´t believe that this mercy came upon me. And you gave me this wonderful name according to my husband's name in front of our dear Narasimhadeva. Your mercy was overwhelming me till now.

Then you visited our yatra in Vienna. When I heard this I was out of control. So we bought a bed that you can sleep comfortably and prepared your room nicely. I couldn´t welcome you when you arrived because I had to pick up flyers for the event. I was really in a sorrow, that you feel fine in our small temple. But you were so humble and grateful. It impressed me so much. Then you asked for a new bead bag and I gave you one from the shop and you gave me yours. This is one of the biggest treasures I possess. The bead bag of my beloved Guru Maharaj.

Another happening I remember was, when your dear servants needed someone in Vienna to pick up their passports from the embassy. Of course I wanted to do that service. And when I was waiting at the petrol station, where we met, and my phone rang, because you called me. I felt ecstasy when I saw that and I really had to think what to say to you, although I am not such a shy person. And then you invited me in your Van and offered me some mahaprasadam. I felt as the luckiest Mataji in the three worlds. I always want to bow down before you, because





Whatever was important to Prabhupada, let that be important to me



you are so kind. Also that the brahmacaris tolerated me was very nice from them. Then we had Vyasa-puja 2022 which was a very heart-warming event. I offer my obeisances to all your exalted disciples. Such sweet souls.

You said at this happening a few times that you are in the last stages of your life, but you didn´t reveal your health-issues at this time. When you said that I thought by myself, that we are very fortunate to have this association with you and for sure we will have much more opportunities to meet. But short time later you revealed the truth about your health to us. When I read this, I really had a breakdown. I never felt such pain in my heart before, I never cried like this. I was completly shocked and overwhelmed with sadness. And also the first Zooms you gave about this subject, I think it stroke the heart of everyone. But then something wonderful happened. I felt this mood of separation and it went very deep, because I was meditating the whole time about you, your instructions, your narrations and lectures. Like today, when I write this offering. The whole day I am in a deep meditation about my spiritual master. Since then I am really more into it to meditate to offer my seva to your lotus feet.

This vani-seva-connection is really deep. Thank you so much for this realizations. Although I am so grateful that I had a few opportunities to serve you directly. This is such a mercy, I don´t know why I have deserved it.

In July 2022 you had your last visit in Radhadesh. This was really heart-touching. You let your mercy flow like anything. So many initiations and out of your kindness you gave me diksha-initiation. I don´t feel really qualified, but I try my best to fulfil the standards internally and externally and pray that I can do nice progress in spiritual life.

I do Bhakti-shastri, because I promised you. Studying is real austerity for me, but this is my offering to you. And I promise that I will go through. When you left Radhadesh, this really touched my heart. You have so many intimate friends and relationships there. But you seemed so cool, amazing and how detached you are.

And I will never forget Ratha–yatra in Cologne. This was such a transcendental experience. I felt so fortunate to participate Ratha–yatra with my Srila Gurudeva, who is the best amongst the kirtaniyas, because Lord Caitanya kindly manifested in his heart. And the last time that I saw you in person was in Vrindavan. Actually it was the first time for me to go to Krsna Bhumi but I think I´ve never really left since then. Not only because of all the impressions, your amazing programs and kirtans, the presence of Srila Prabhupada, the Goswamis and of course of the holy couple Sri Sri Radha – Krsna.

We met there at our real home. At the time of my initiation you said that Vrajajana Prabhu

and I should always stay connected through Vrindavan. At this time I hardly understood what you mean, because I´ve never been there before. But since then I think I can understand the meaning better. All this Bhakti flows out from Sri Sri Radha-Krsna, from Sri Sri Gaura-Nitai. All this Bhakti is manifested in Vrindavan and Srila Prabhupada and the Goswamis had this connection and revealed it out of causeless mercy. And you as my beloved spirtual master have this strong bond to your spiritual master, to Prabhupada and the parampara, the six Goswamis and so on and out of your causeless mercy you reveal it to us – this Vrindavan dhama.

Thank you so much! Again and again I bow down before you. I humbly pray that I can always stay in your service and can take shelter at your lotus feet and that your instructions remain as my life and soul. I humbly pray for forgiveness if I am weak and make mistakes. I humbly pray for the strength, intelligence and humility to be allowed to spread the message of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

You are the perfection in my life and through you I am able to attain perfection. May Krsna always play His flute for you and May you always be protected by Sri Narasimhadeva and May Srimati Radharani guide you the path to your beloved Krsna.

Your soul faithfully devoted to you and humble servant,
Krsna Bhumi Dasi

Krsna Kesava Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Although it has only been almost a year since my initiation, I feel that you have given me a lifetime of mercy. Just your instruction to be kind I feel is enough to carry me throughout this lifetime and beyond, thank you. Thank so much for your ability to deliver the juice in a way that is so relevant. Your naturally light hearted and witty delivery is always so refreshing.

May I endeavour to do special things that you and Srila Prabhupada would be proud of.

Your humble servant,
Krsna Kesava Dasa

Krsna Prema Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

On this auspicious day, I would like to begin by expressing my gratitude to you for changing my life for the better. We first met in Dubai in 2018 and then later stayed in touch via YouTube and other platforms. Your fired-up kirtans, alongside clarity in tattva and practicality in preaching the same, touched my heart the most. You didn't only preach the philosophy but also taught us how to apply the same by your own example.

Time and again you have reminded me of not wasting this precious human form of life and dedicating it for the service of Lord Krsna. I specifically recall the day of my birthday, when the body turned 25 years of age, you told me that I had blown away a quarter of my life, and that the next quarter should be spent carefully in service of Krishna and propagating Krishna consciousness before old age hit.

I look up to you as my hope every time I'm haunted by challenges and difficulties, reminding myself of the austerities and challenges you went through in Mayapur and Vrindavan; Yet you never compromised on Krsna consciousness, keeping it on the forefront of your life. Even today, you continue to show us on how to embrace Krsna in the form of time by personal example.

Amongst many fond memories, my favourite is the day we spent time jamming and trying out tunes on the harmonium, where I knew nothing more than a simple melody but you kept me engaged with love.

Thank you for accepting me as your disciple and I promise to try my level best to become sincere and be serious about serious things, while desiring to achieve pure devotion to Krsna and distribute the fruit of bhakti like you have taught us, amongst many other precious instructions.

To conclude, I would like to beg you

krsna se tomara, krsna dite paro,
tomara sakati ache
ami to' kangala, 'krsna 'krsna 'boli',
dhai tava pache

'Krsna is yours; you have the power to give Him to me. I am simply running behind you shouting, "Krsna! Krsna!"' (Verse 4, Saranagati, Bhaktivinoda Thakura).

Your fallen son,
Krsna Prema Dasa

Krsna rupa Devi Dasi

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

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obesiances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories unto you on this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.
I am such a fallen and conditioned soul that l don't qualify to say your glories.
I thank Lord Sri Krsna and his divine grace Srila Prabhupada for delivering me
unto your lotus feet.

Thank you dearest Guru Maharaj for giving causeless mercy in the form of transcendental realisation with my heart that have brought inner peace of happiness and shelter and spirit of serving of the Absolute Truth Sri Krsna. I am eternally indebted to your divine grace for all eternal gifts that have been bestowed upon me. I don't think I can thank you enough for mercifully giving me shelter and giving me a chance to purify myself.

Dearest Guru Maharaj, please continue keeping your merciful glance upon me So I can't fall into forgetfulness of all wonderful experiences and realisation of Krsna consciousness that

you bestow upon me. I listen to the class on zoom every week and listen to your nectarean lectures and the ecstatic kirtans.

I'm cooking for Sri Sri Radha Madhava and looking forward to Ratha-yatra were I make maha bhoga which includes different sweets, savouries, cakes and biscuits. After offering them to Sri Jaganatha Sri Subhadra and Sri Baladeva they are distributed to the public and devotees.

I am completely unfit and desire to receive your mercy. Please give me some mercy and blessings.

Begging to remain forever in your divine service.

Your humble servant,
Krsna rupa Devi Dasi
(Leicester, U.K)

Krsnadas Kaviraja Dasa

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nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

Hare Krsna dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble prostrated obeisance at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to your divine grace.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On the auspicious occasion of your appearance day, I would like to wish you Gurudeva.

I have a deep desire to preach and request your cause less mercy on this degraded fool. Also request to bless me so that faith in the Lord, guru and process increases. Also please bless me so that I scrutinizingly study scriptures with proper understanding and utilize the knowledge in serving you in your service to Srila Prabhupada.

On the occasion of your auspicious appearance day, I would like to dedicate a kirtan to you. It is a song composed in Bengali language and it has been converted into English characters.

(1)
Gurudeva

Patita pāvana, kadamba kānana
tomāre śaraṇa kari
tomāro caraṇē, āśraẏa lo'iẏā
janama sārthaka kari
(2)
Gaura-kṛpāmṛta, śrī rādhā-prāṇa
brajadhāmē sid'dhamaẏa
tumi prabhupādēra, priẏotama lōka
tomāre prārthanālaẏa
(3)
Sumadhura kanṭhē, harināma śuni
prāṇa jurāẏē yāẏa
kīrtanēra śrēṣṭha, harināma priẏa
tomāre ē'i ākhyā dēẏa
(4)
Pāścātya jagatē, kariẏāchō pracāra
gaurabānī kṛṣṇanāma
māẏābādī saba, ākṛṣṭa ha'iẏā
karitēchē harināma

Translation of the Kirtan: 'Oh my dear Gurudeva his holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami, you came into this world to save the fallen like me. And we are sure that we can return to Lord Krsna if we are under your and Prabhupada's umbrella. That's why I remember you constantly. You won the heart of Srimati Radharani after drinking the nectar of Gaura Kripa. You are still in penance in Vrindavan dham. That is why you are the favourite person of his divine grace Prabhupada. When you do kirtan, may all of us be cleansed and soul-enriched by

hearing that kirtan. After hearing your kirtan everyone is impressed and says you are the best of kirtan. You have propagated harinam in the western world and attracted the Mayavadis to harinama. They are now making their lives successful by practicing Krsna consciousness.'

Salutations to you Gurudeva, you will always be in our hearts.

Your unworthy son,
Kṛsnadas Kaviraja Dasa
(Mayapur, India)

Laksana Devi Dasi

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

namas te sárasvate deve gaura-váni-pracárine
nirvisesa-súnyavádi-páscátya-desa-tárine

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

My dear Gurudeva,

The time given to us by our creator is brilliant, He gave us the time to meet you, He gave us the time to learn from your wisdom and associate in Krsna consciousness. He also gave us the opportunity to walk on the streets of New York City carrying the joy of been a devotee of Krsna.

I will be eternally grateful to you Maharaj for giving me the opportunity to be your disciple

and to belong to this incredible movement called Krsna consciousness. I want to wish you a good health in order to have the blessings in enjoying more of your kirtans, and your happy enthusiastic ways of doing it.

I want to wish you a long healthy life in order for us to get the mercy to be closer to you. And also to continue to enjoy the nectar of your wisdom. My life has changed since I met you, and continues changing because of you. Thanks for your kindness, your love, your inspiration, your presence, most of all for been the greatest human being that I ever met.

Happy Vyasa-puja my dear Gurudeva, we will always celebrate your life in this universe.

With respect and devotion your servant,
Laksana Devi Dasi
"FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS"

Lalita Sakhi Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

My best wishes on this most special day of your appearance. You are such a special soul.
I want to thank you for accepting such a fallen soul like me.

Life after life I will be grateful to you, my spiritual father. With the dust of your lotus feet I will clean the mirror of my mind and with chanting I will clean my heart. Your command to continue devotional service I will fulfil with sincerity and love.
May I please have your blessings to grow in spiritual life and receive inspiration from you Guru Maharaj?

Your servant
Lalita Sakhi Devi Dasi

Latika Devi Dasi

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nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I don't know where to start. So many really sincere, talented, powerful disciples you have. I don't have any talents, special skills or abilities. So I just want to say what you mean to me. And the first thing that comes to mind is shelter and protection. Ever since I've known you, I don't feel alone. I don't know how it works, but you always come when I'm having a hard time, when I'm not sure, when the whole world is going to an abyss. That's how it was when I was just about to get initiated. So many obstacles, but you said you would be there with me, and it all worked out. When my friends and loved ones were passing away. You were invisibly there, holding me up in moments of weakness.

When I did not know what to do, I followed in your footsteps that you left in the form of your books. There are your thoughts and realizations. The way you collected these jewels helps me to understand the direction in which to move when darkness descends around me. My ignorance makes me afraid of the unknown. And because I am so unfortunate that even after long practice God remains something distant and unknown to me, all I can do is obediently follow in your footsteps. Because I believe you. You say God is wonderful, and I believe you. I don't know what He looks like, but you said He is always with me. If He is as much with me as you are, then I will believe in Him. I want to believe in Him the way you believe, to serve the way you serve. Every time I hold the flowers I want to offer to the deity, I know that on top of my hand lies your hand. I know that when I am cooking in the kitchen, you are picky and correcting my blunders. And when I try to pass off my notions unsupported by shastras as something worthy, you grudgingly wrinkle your nose.

You are there even when I do something wrong. So I am no longer afraid. Once I wrote to you that I have a fear of God. And ever since then, I feel like every time you become a mediator

between me and Him. I see Him in the reflection of your eyes and I stop being afraid. Because He no longer seems so unfamiliar to me. I don't need to try to serve God on my own, just to be where you serve. And even though I have no talents, I don't need them. Just let me be there near you, please. No matter what material circumstances. I ask God for the only talent and grace--to make me feel like you are always there with me in every circumstance.

I wish I could say that you have opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge, but no, I have not become more intelligent, and my eyes are still blind. But I firmly know, even blind, if I grasp the edge of your garment, I can get out of this maze without even knowing where I am going.

Thank you a lot to allow me to be your disciple.
Your servant
Latika Devi Dasi

Lekhasravanti Devi Dasi & Jai Nitai Dasa

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances to your lotus feet, all glories to Srila Prabhupada and all glories to Jayadvaita Swami.

The biggest shelter in our life is the thought of having an eternal connection with you.
The day you accepted us as your disciples was definitely one of the best days in our life.

Having found a shelter, someone who will guide us back to Krsna, someone who is concerned about our well-being, a real well wisher, a guide, a master, someone to look up and listen to, someone to have faith in, a friend, it is so wonderful to find all these things in you. And even though, in the material world we are limited, and we can not always be in your association, the spiritual dimension is unlimited and we can always seek your shelter.
Knowing that you, who did so much service, who is so dedicated and so dear to Krsna is our well-wisher is a great relief.

Your mercy is the basis of the little advancement we are doing. You are offering an amazing spiritual experience to us, the proof is yourself who lives it and it is up to us to grab the chance

by following your instructions. You want all of us to reach the highest goal in bhakti. And even though your offer is there we are very, very weak in our endeavours in devotional service and the desire to overcome the bodily platform.

So let us endeavour to please you and if, by your causeless mercy, we can do a little seva that is the greatest mercy we can receive. Pleasing you is the highest mission in our life, even though we have many shortcomings and are doing so many mistakes it is the greatest gift and our only shelter.

Thank you for all the priceless moments in your association which changed our lives for the better.

Your eternal servants,
Lekhasravanti Devi Dasi and Jai Nitai Dasa

Lilamayi Devi Dasi

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Happy Vyasa-puja day to you. I have been reflecting about this past year and thinking about what to include in this offering and as I was reading I came across this lovely line from Srimad Bhagavatam:

"If after many, many births one is able to find a bona fide spiritual master and surrender to such a bona fide representative of Kṛṣṇa, one can be taken to the side of light." (SB 3.25.8, purport). Reading this made me think of you and how fortunate I am to have such a merciful and kind spiritual master like you, who has made such a big impact on my spiritual life.

I remember when you came to London last summer, I thought that you may have forgotten about me since I had not seen you for a long time. But I was wrong, you remembered me and took the time out to talk to me. You told me to keep in touch, even though I was just your well-wisher at the time. And this was just one of many memories of your caring nature that I experienced.

A few months ago I was going through a hard time in this material world and one night in particular everything all felt too much. But when I woke up the next day, you had sent me a message that gave me reassurance. I felt emotional as this message came completely unexpected but it certainly changed my life. This goes to show how much you care and think about all of your disciples.

I am indebted to you for giving me this second life and accepting me as your disciple even though I have many flaws. I don't deserve all the special mercy and blessings that you continuously give, but I will do my best to become a pure devotee like you want all of us to be. I will forever be grateful for having your association all these years and will never forget all of the memories I have of you.
Thank you for accepting me as your disciple, I will continue to serve you to the very end of this life.

Your eternal servant,
Lilamayi Devi Dasi

Lilasukha Devi Dasi & Dhrstadyumna Dasa

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Gurudeva, let us express our deep gratitude to you and the immense mercy shown by Lord Krishna by allowing us to meet you in this lifetime. You are our shining sun who illuminates our life's paths always, even in the most difficult moments. Your special and very personal approach to us throughout the years we have spent together will always be considered a great privilege for us.

I personally thank you very much for sending such a kind and loving wife like your entusiastic Lilasukha Devi into my life. She is teaching me all along with her personal approach what true selflessness and helping, preaching others means. She is the embodiment of dharma patni, never let me go or fall into ignorance, even when my conduct was not ideal.
The depth of your knowledge of the vaishnava scriptures and insight is admirable. Your lessons and meetings will forever remain a well of inspiration and nectar for us all. We thank you and pray that the grace of your spiritual master and Srila Prabhupada will follow your footsteps. May Lord Nityananda and Gouranga personally bless you with the greatest gift of all, Their personal presence in Their blissful harinama. Golokera Prema dhana harinama sankirtana.

How can we recognize you in the spiritual realm when one day we cross this ocean of ignorance? Please continue to guide our steps and be our well-wisher. All glories to you dear Gurudeva. We will strive to be those who will please you with our life and service. We are sad that we cannot be with you personally in these days.

Your humble servants,
Lilasukha Devi Dasi & Dhrstadyumna Dasa

P.S. Lilasukha has just finished the first 2 books of Bhakti shastri. Upadesamrita 90% and Sri Isopanisad 95%.

Locan Dasa

Hare Krsna Maharaj,

Aanvaard alstublieft mijn nederige eerbetuigingen, alle eer aan Srila Prabhupada.
In de vele jaren dat ik u ken heb ik het geluk gehad u talloze malen te mogen ontmoeten. Het wonderlijke is dat deze ontmoetingen me nog heel helder voor de geest staan, ondanks dat er soms toch al zo'n kleine 20 jaar overheen zijn gegaan.

In die jaren heb ik langzaamaan mijn eigen weg kunnen vinden om steeds dichter bij Krishna te komen, en ik kom woorden tekort om te beschrijven hoe groot uw rol daarin was en nog steeds is.

Onze eerste ontmoeting was op Radhadesh bij het zomerfestival (ik denk rond 2005), ik deed mijn best om een aantal raga's te spelen op mijn sitar en u gaf daarna een lezing. We raakten na mijn optreden in gesprek, en ik voelde direct een band met u, als leeftijdgenoot en mede-muzikant. We waren beiden opgegroeid in Nederland in de jaren '50 – '60 en we hadden beiden de muziek uit die tijd passief en actief meegemaakt. Ik had het gevoel een oude vriend weer te ontmoeten.

Hierna spraken we elkaar meestal weer tijdens het zomerfestival op Radhadesh en hadden we soms ook lange gesprekken. Ik herinner me nog een gesprek op het terras van het restaurant waarin u uitgebreid vertelde over de roman die u zou gaan schrijven.

Langzamerhand, zeker nadat ik Puspasara had leren kennen, voelde ik de wens om me echt in Krsnabewustzijn te gaan verdiepen en toen tijdens de Vyasa-puja van 2019 Bhagavati aan mij vroeg waarom ik geen initiatie wilde nemen en of ik al wist wie ik dan het liefst als guru zou wensen hoefde ik alleen maar 2 tafeltjes verder te wijzen. Ik ging direct naar u toe, vertelde wat ik net had besproken en uw reactie was een grote glimlach en de woorden: "Welkom bij de club!"
Vanaf dat moment verdiepte de vriendschap die ik al voelde voor u zich steeds verder en groeide deze uit tot de guru-shishya relatie die het nu geworden is. Puspasara en ik konden zo vaak bij u terecht met onze vragen en twijfels, wat ons enorm steunde. Ontmoetingen voor Radhadesh, in de camper op Radhadesh of op New Mayapur, in uw appartement of een onverwacht telefoontje uit New York, het zijn en blijven voor mij onvergetelijke momenten.
De "kers(en) op de taart" waren natuurlijk ons Vedisch huwelijk en onze initiatie, beide in onze eigen achtertuin! Hoe groot dit voorrecht is geweest dringt steeds meer tot mij door. Alhoewel de fysieke afstand tussen ons nu groot is blijft uw aanwezigheid voor mij heel dicht-

bij voelen, zeker ook door de wekelijkse zoom-meetingen en helpt het enorm bij onze activiteiten zoals de kirtanmiddagen, Bhagavad-gita introductie enz.

Uw dankbare dienaar,
Locan Dasa

Locanananda Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

All abilities for service to the Supreme Lord Krsna are coming from saintly vaishnavas, who showered mercy upon fallen souls. So in this way I have no merit on my own and therefore nothing to offer to you. But still by the causeless mercy of the Lord I got opportunity to spend some time with real sadhus.

Just by seeing you, Guru Maharaj by how you are serving the Supreme Lord Krsna and always acting transcendentally with full purity, power and perfectly managing each and every situation, one gets spiritual impetus and can learn how to properly use intelligence and senses in Krsna's service. I didn't spent much time in your association, but surely long enough that you gave me what is most valuable, more than millions of diamonds. Even that you mentioned quite some times about this devotee, "painter" who did attend every single aarati and chanted many rounds at Sri Mayapur dham is very meaningful to me and nice meditation. I would like to sincerely thank you for sharing this.

Although my progress is very meagre and I'm full of demoniac tendencies, getting kicked by lust from one side and false pride from the other, I really want to do my best and don't want to ever disappoint you. In association of devotees I'm always acting very proud and advanced although my devotion and purity are very shallow.

But somehow this struggles are also my good fortune because in this way Krsna teaches me again and again how to become and stay humble and He will keep teaching me until I will accept my actual position free from self-centeredness, lust and pride. Thank you for keeping such faith and trust in us that we will be able to act according our responsibility and do our duty properly.

I am aware that connection between spiritual master and disciple is eternal and I'm very fortunate that Lord Krsna gave me opportunity to be at your lotus feet. Still it will not be easy in

your physical absence but you are giving us perfectly complete instructions so we can carry on under your shelter. Devotional service is eternal and is only activity that is bringing true happiness. I beg you to please always supply me faith in Lord Sri Krsna, His devotees and His holy name. Maharaj again thank you for everything, I know that you are my ever well-wisher.

Your servant,
Locanananda Dasa

Luta Prema Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Happy Vyasa-puja. Thank you for taking me under your shelter. I was an extremely lost person and you were the only one to understand and provide the most wonderful guidance. I am so eternally grateful for your kindness, tolerance and patience.

Your eternal servant and well-wisher,
Luta Prema Devi Dasi

Madhava Gauranga Dasa

Dear Gurudeva,

Thank you for officially accepting me as your disciple (2nd July, 2022). I started thinking that it already would never happen, due to lack of my endeavour, conditions and circumstances. Although I have always had the desire in the depth of my heart.

I have no doubt that the spiritual master fulfils the desires. The spiritual master as a representative of the Supreme Lord has a great power and even the impossible can become possible.

Thank you very much for your lectures, in which I always find answers I need. You help me to live better in Krsna consciousness and thus to gradually become a better person. Now there is the time to seriously use the knowledge I have received. I am not a great devotee and preacher but I still learn from your books and lectures, I am very thankful to you for that.

Although due to the circumstances you are now in, it is not possible for you to travel as before,

and I always have your association through your lectures full of knowledge about Krsna and also through your sweet kirtans which can accompany us all our life. Although I hope I will still be able to serve you personally in Vrindavan dham.

Once you mentioned in the lecture - three types of relationship and care between guru and disciple. The first is like a bird, the second is like a fish and the third is like a turtle, who is hundreds of kilometres away from its children and protects them with his mind. This is how you protect your disciples who are thousands kilometres away from you. And I am very thankful to you for that.

After your lectures full of realisations and experiences, I am more and more convinced that it is possible to return to the spiritual world in this life. You are a very dear devotee to Lord Krsna and I will try to please such a person with my life.

Your servant,
Madhava Gauranga Dasa
(Slovakia)

Madhudvisa Dasa

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you so much for giving me so much even in such a short time. Your unconventional way of imparting spiritual knowledge is exactly the space for my way of life. Thanks to you I find strength and inspiration every day to work on myself, to understand things from different angles than just what we can and cannot do. Also to deepen the relationship with you and the Supreme Lord all the more. Thank you also for how many people you help in this way with your wit, even though it is certainly not easy.
You have my admiration and great respect.

Your servant,
Madhudvisa Dasa

Madhukanta Dasa

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
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All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

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

kali-kālera dharma — kṛṣṇa-nāma-saṅkīrtana
kṛṣṇa-śakti vinā nahe tāra pravartana

"The fundamental religious system in the Age of Kali is the chanting of the holy name of Kṛṣṇa. Unless empowered by Kṛṣṇa, one cannot propagate the saṅkīrtana movement." (Antya-lila 7.11)
Dear Guru Maharaj, to me, and I think many devotees feel the same way, you have created, as you have often mentioned, "Not only a movement of followers of rules and regulations but a movement where we can find real happiness, real friendship and where it is possible to experience a lot of fun."

I remember the times when you used to regularly visit the Prague Shree Shree Nitai Nawadvipacandra Temple which had been two family houses, one on each side of the street. One

served as an ashram for brahmacaris and brahmacarinis, the other was an ugly grey cube that served as the official building. The kitchen was in the garage, the temple in the living room and there were several smaller rooms and two bathrooms on the upper floor. The rule was that whenever Kadamba Kanana Swami came, the whole Czechoslovakian nation would mobilise, and all those devotees, that we puffed-up brahmacaris thought had already been swallowed by maya, would emerge. In short, the hall was always full when Kadamba Kanana Swami visited.

During the morning program, we always had to take down the door, so that even the devotees sitting on the corridor, stairs, and in the toilet aisle could be present at the program. The windows were always closed because our neighbours were not yet pure devotees and sometimes, after a wild kirtan they wanted to call the police. That day, it seemed like our cube was going to break into pieces, so we opened the windows and steam rolled out like from a clothesline. The class after was really something, super fun, pierced with realized philosophy and seasoned by incredible stories from the preacher, who had most likely been everywhere and knew everything.

It was like a transcendental cannon that fired us into the streets of Prague with Srila Prabhupada's books, and we didn't mind at all that the unsentimental inhabitants of the capital played around with us, as if we were a tennis ball. Because at 4 pm there would be a harinam, then a class at the Govinda restaurant and the transcendental party would continue. After the evening program, we literally flew up to the ashram and quickly zipped up our sleeping bags to get some sleep before mangala aarti.

There was simply no time for maya and after a few days of living like this, we were all totally finished and completely blissful. When you, dear Guru Maharaj had left and I returned to my normal earthly consciousness, I thought to myself, “Well, sometimes it's really hard and I have to try hard to stay and not go back home, back to my mommy. But there will be Ratha-yatra, Guru Maharaj will come again and it will be great."

Dear Guru Maharaj, thank you for creating a movement of happiness, friendship, and ecstasy. If I hadn’t met someone, who has transcended the boundaries of the ordinary understanding of spiritual organisations, and is immersed in the ocean of blissful Krsna consciousness, I with my anti-institutionalist nature, would certainly not be able to continue with the process of purifying the heart.

Thank you very much.
Your humble servant,
Madhukanta Dasa

Madhurangi Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

On this most blessed day of your Vyasa-puja, first of all, I would like to thank you with all my heart for having accepted me as your disciple, even though I don't qualify. I would like to quote from Sri Sri Gurvastakam, verse 8:

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

'By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the benediction of Krsna. Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancement. Therefore I should always remember and praise the spiritual master. At least 3 times a day I should offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master.'

Earlier on I used to read automatically, but not understand most books. Now with your blessings, reading Srila Prabhupada's books is another enjoyable experience. After listening to your lectures, I can now relish most of what I read.We were fortunate to have personal association with you in Vrindavan and enjoyed the parikramas with our god family.

Some devotees, disciples of his holiness Krishna Dasa Maharaj came to visit us from Durban and they were glorifying you. It was nice to hear their appreciation of you Gurudeva and they love having you in South Africa.

I pray to Sri Sri Radha Shyamasundar to always protect you. May we be engaged and connected with you through our regular service.

Your most fallen servant,
Madhurangi Devi Dasi
(Mauritius)

Madhurika Devi Dasi

nama om visnu-padaya krishna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate kadamba kanana-svamin iti namine

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gurudas jayadvaita-svamin iti namine

nama om visnu-padaya krishna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine

namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-paschatya-desa-tarine

My dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Jayadvaita Swami. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Time and time again we are told that in this world a mother's love is as close as we can get to pure and selfless love. But these days I am not so convinced. Because my dear spiritual father, you have triumphed it all.

Growing up it seemed crazy, almost illogical to think that a purely good person exists. One who unflinchingly lives (and loves) by the best values, purest intentions, well-wisher to all, sees through the lens of love, has a heart filled with undiscriminating mercy, knows no bounds of love and is on a mission to selflessly serve without any ulterior motive. And what crazy good fortune that he is my spiritual master. I couldn't have asked for greater shelter.

My dear spiritual master, somehow or another, by Krsna's arrangement I was led to you at a time when I was desperately searching, desperately enquiring, desperately praying. With time, the relationship blossomed so beautifully. Very organically as though it was waiting to manifest. You often give me more than I qualify for, more than I ask, and more than I even desire. You call it 'concentrated mercy'. Perhaps this is what mercy is - beyond qualification or desire. For the sake of this one small soul you have done so much. Thank you Gurudeva for giving me the greatest fortune.

The real test of love and faith often comes in the physical absence of the beloved. It's one thing

to have met Prabhupada and, after witnessing his glories, serve his mission. So what great empowerment and conviction would be required that despite not having physically met him to offer your life at his feet, with faith and chastity. As you continue to be enthused, so we learn by example also. We learn what a 'Prabhupada's soldiers' is, and we aspire to become one also.

What a testing journey it has been and in many ways it is not getting any easier. But as you have said, "The protection of a personal relationship with the spiritual master is not a luxury, but rather our saving grace." Thank you for saving me.

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!" (Verse 4, Saranagati, Bhaktivinoda Thakura)

My head and heart at your feet.
Your daughter,
Madhurika Devi Dasi

Madhurya Kadambini Dasi

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dearest Guru Maharaj,
You have given us the ultimate benediction and perfection in our lives. You have blessed us with devotional service. You tirelessly give yourself to us so we may be constantly inspired and engaged in devotional service to the Lord. There is no greater gift or anything higher in the three worlds. I pray therefore to be grateful and always have complete faith. Everything is there already, you pray for us constantly and are constantly giving us your blessings.

Now I wish to give back to you. It is not what we can get from the spiritual master but rather what we can give. We can always be with you when we are engaging in service and when we are trying to be the person that you aspire for us to be -pure devotees of the Lord. I pray that I can constantly know and understand our relationship and make it go deeper through my service to you. I hope to make everything I do as an offering to you, taking full shelter with love, devotion and faith. This movement is your heart and soul and you have shared that so magnanimously with all of us.

You continue to teach us by your vast transcendental knowledge as well as by your perfect example what it means to be a devotee and how we can ultimately fulfil life's purpose. You care so deeply for all of us and your compassion is endless. For this I am forever in your debt. I have been fortunate enough to have your association and in your association my heart floods with happiness and joy and all of the trivial problems I have due to my contaminated consciousness disappear. This is by your mercy alone, because you are so close to Krishna that it permeates to all of those around you.

My time in Vrindavan with you has been etched deeply into my heart and even though I did not deserve to be there and even though I did not fully understand the depths of the Dhama, you gave us that experience of the spiritual world. In this extremely unfortunate time of Kali-yuga, you have made all of us more fortunate than we ever could have imagined. I hope to always have deep gratitude for what you have given us and I pray to always be determined to serve you with my heart and soul and mould my life according to your desires and instructions.

Thank you for accepting me as yours and for the kindness you have shown me. I hope I can be worthy one day and please you with my service.

Your servant,
Madhurya Kadambini Dasi
(South Africa)

Madhuvan Dasa (Leipzig)

Hare Krsna, lieber Guru Maharaj Kadamba Kanana Swami.

Bitte akzeptiere meine demütigen Ehrerbietungen zu deinen lotusfüßen.

Alle Ehre zu Seiner Göttlichen gnade Srila Prabhupada.
Alle Ehre zu Seiner Heiligkeit Jayadvaita Swami.
Alle Ehre zu dir, an diesem glückverheißenden Tag, deinem Erscheinungstag, lieber Guru Maharaj.

Ich kann gar nicht beschreiben, wie glücklich ich bin, mich im Schutz deiner Lotusfüße zu befinden. Ich bin so dankbar, daß du mich als deinen Schüler angenommen hast, denn damit hast du auch mir die Chance gegeben, zurück nach Hause zu gehen, in die spirituelle Welt, zu unserem geliebten Sri Sri Radha Krsna.

Danke für deine nektargleichen kirtans und deine erleuchtenden Vorträge.
Mögest du immer im Ozean des rasa versunken sein.

Zu deinen lotusfüßen falle ich demütig nieder. Danke so sehr.

Dein unfähiger Diener,
Madhuvan Dasa
(Leipzig)

Madri Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna lieber Guru Maharaj,

bitte akzeptiere meine demütigen Ehererbietungen,
Alle ehre gebührt Srila Prabhupada,
Alle ehre gebührt Jayadvaita Maharaja.

Die besten Wünsche und alle Ehre gebührt Dir, der großen Seele, die uns die Barmherzigkeit gibt, hier auf der Erde mit uns zu sein, uns zu erleuchten und die sich von keinen Umständen verwirren lässt, Krsna Bewusstsein an uns zu geben.

Dein unaufhörlicher Enthusiasmus, Deine Begeisterung im kirtan, Dein Beispiel zeigen uns, worauf wir uns ausrichten müssen, was wirklich wichtig ist, wie wir mit dem materiellen Leben und der alles verschlingenden Zeit umzugehen haben. " Wir sind nicht der Körper", wie oft haben wir das gehört? Aber haben wir das in uns wirklich realisiert? Wie bin ich noch in dieser körperlichen Auffassung gefangen? Steht der körperliche Zustand, sein Verfall, nicht noch zuviel im Zentrum meiner Aufmerksamkeit?

Es ist schwer, diese seit vielen, vielen Inkarnationen verinnerlichte Sicht zu überkommen. Letztlich ist es nur möglich, wenn wir jeden moment, mehr und mehr, mit Krsna sind, vertieft in einen Dienst für ihn, der uns vollständig absorbiert. Du lehrst uns diese Lektion. Du bist der Quell der Kraft und Entschlossenheit zu Krsna zurück zu kehren, indem Du den Fußspuren Srila Prabhupadas folgst und uns auf diesem Weg mitnimmst.

Jaya Guru Maharaj.
Mögest Du alle Segnungen großer vaishnavas erhalten. Hare Krsna.
Madri Devi Dasi
(Suhl, Deutschland)

Maithili Devi Dasi

My dearest Guru Maharaj,

As I am writing my offering to you I feel saddened to see the deterioration of your health. This really breaks my heart to pieces. I am still mourning the death of my beloved husband Bhakta Rupa Dasa and I am faced with another traumatic situation that I have. No doubt you will gain a spiritual distinction of course. Otherwise, why wouldn't you have given your life to Srila Prabhupada? I thank you for who and what you are. I am grateful for the way you moulded the lives of my family and we highly are indebted to you.

I am left with you sweet memories, your kirtan and your lectures is what we could survive on. The lotus feet of the spiritual master is the only way one can attain pure devotional service. The spiritual master is the representative of Krsna and I honour that whole heartedly. Please give me the courage and strength so that I could continue with my services.

Until we meet again on the other side.

Your servant
Maithili Devi Dasi

Maitri Devi Dasi (Czech Republic)

nama om visnu-pádáya krsna prestháya bhú-tale
srímate Kadamba kánana svámin iti námine

nama om visnu-pádáya krsna-prestháya bhú-tale
guru dasa Jayadvaita svámin iti námine

nama om visnu-pádáya krsna-prestháya bhú-tale
srímate Bhaktivedánta-svámin iti námine

namas te sárasvate deve gaura-váni-pracárine
nirvisesa-súnyavádi-páscátya-desa-tárine

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Jayadvaita Swami.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

In advance, I would like to express the joy of your presence in this material world. For your pleasure, I go to sankirtan with prasadam, which my husband Jagannath Krishna Dasa and I baked. I try to be your good student and follow your instructions. I also try to be a good wife to my husband to support him on his path to Krsna. Thanks to your grace, I perceive how I can continue on this path to your satisfaction. Whether you will be here materially or not, you will always be here for me and I will continue to try to please you despite the pitfalls that occur and will occur.

Your servant,
Maitri Devi Dasi
(Czech Republic)

Mali Caitanya Dasa

Hare Krsna my dear Guru Maharaj,

I remember with love our last visit of India Vrindavan, when we visited holy places with you and with group of devoties. It was very nice. We bathed in sacred ponds. Chanted Hare Krsna maha mantra. Listened to lour lectures and explanation of holy places. We tasted mahaprasadam from deities at the Krsna Balarama Mandir. It is amazing how beautiful are all these places.

When we were under the desire tree you asked us to have any wish and that wish will surely come true. I went to tree and my only wish was to have some small darshan with you. And when I was praying you suddenly appeared here and you was talking with another devotee. It was your servant from Mayapur. I only listened what you talking about. I was little afraid if I am not interrupting your conversation. I wanted to tell you something nice but I was not able. I didn't know what to say. It was amazing moment.

I know that you have lot of disciples and you can't attend to everyone. But still I feel some connection. I always remember on you and I am thinking what you would say If I ask you on something. How would you advise me? I have lot of instructions from you. Maybe I am not able to fulfil everything now but I think that in time everything I will put into practice. Your mercy is everywhere.

Your servant,
Mali Caitanya Dasa

Malini Devi Dasi

My dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I was thinking to write happy appearance day, but due to your physical condition, your declin-

ing health, I don't know if you will actually still be around. It's tough hearing about how you are facing the last stage of your life in pain. At the same time I experience joy and appreciation seeing you handle the fact of near death. You call it 'just a change of service' and I like your ease about it. It helps me a lot in the way I think about death; it's actually very inspiring. The way you transcend your bodily discomfort, keep on chanting, keep on joking, and keep on spreading Krsna consciousness. Sharing about the raw beauty and honesty of spiritual life, emphasizing the chance or opportunity we should not miss to become Krsna conscious. You're doing this all while your body is full of growing and expanding cancer cells. You just seem to ignore them and do your service anyway. That's a way of preaching which is in my opinion stronger than any word ever spoken. I hope and pray to become like that, overcoming the limiting mind and bodily discomfort and serve anyway. You show me how to do that.

When you first announced the news it was a shock. Although I already felt a difference in your Vyasa-puja classes in 2022, the way you addressed us felt as if you were preparing for another time, an after time, after you leave us. When the news came, the Zoom call when you addressed us, telling us about your situation, was so tough, seeing you emotional, addressing us with so much love and affection. It made me sad and grateful at the same time. To have a personal relationship with you is a great gift in my life. It's the gift Srila Prabhupada made possible. You're a Prabhupada man. You carry his message. You saved our lives with that.

I remember I once texted you on Gaura Purnima. I was still in Berlin. We exchanged pictures of the deities from where we were. You spoke about Srila Prabhupada and Lord Caitanya's mercy. The question was where would our lives be without that mercy? I can clearly see how I would be quite lost without the mercy of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu, Srila Prabhupada and you.

Now is a time where I think of our personal exchanges way more. The talks, the jokes you made with me and about me. The time back in Leipzig and Berlin. The time I could serve you in Vraja and Mayapur, back in 2012 and 2013. So much mercy to purify my heart and mind. Now comes a time to face the inevitable. The leaving of my dear friend and guru. How am I supposed to react and deal with that? When you share your excitement about the next service, about going back to the spiritual world, I love it. You said you are greedy, how you want everything; Gaura Lila, Krsna Lila and being with Srila Prabhupada – everything. That's so you. I love it.

I can honestly say that I wish and pray for that to happen to you. It sounds strange to me to speak like that but that's how I honestly feel about it. I know that I have to grow up now, apply what you have taught me over all these years. Seek shelter in your vani form. I have to become more serious, put my sadhana much higher on my priority list. Since I moved to Australia and

live in Govinda Valley at least I feel that I can be in full time service. This keeps me connected to you. Lately I realise I have to put more endeavour in my personal relationship with Krsna. More endeavour in chanting the holy name and regular hearing.
Due to your unlimited mercy you accepted me as your disciple and with that connected me to the unlimited chain of teachers and lovers of Krsna, representatives of Him, exalted souls which carry the message of divine love even to me, a little lost soul, selfish but ready to change. I want to say so much more. I am praying I will be able to feel our connection always. I once heard from a dear friend and disciple of Bhakti Tirtha Swami that she never felt a separation from him because she always felt deeply connected to him also after he left this material world.

I am excited for you, to see Krsna with the new eyes and spiritual body you will get. I wish you could give Zoom calls from the spiritual world. Every Friday, helping us more to understand that this material entanglement is not worth deepening. Krsna consciousness however is for sure! I find myself still not excited enough about the spiritual world because I don't understand it yet. I also don't understand yet how it's not to understand but to experience it. I still make too many excuses. I pray I will dream about you to receive a message where you tell me how it is 'up there' and I will believe you, always. I will always keep your loving welcome to your loving KKS family close to my heart. You told me you're my friend and you always were. I love you my dear friend and eternal master.

Your servant,
Malini Devi Dasi

Mandakini Ganga Dasi

My weak material eyes
Are totally blind before Krsna.
Trying to see Him through yours,

Perceiving with care your words.
Before every wrong tread
Your voice is guiding:
"No, not compromising.
Just follow my steps."

Inside me a huge piece of dirt.
I am inspired by your

Pure dimensionless heart -
Loving, graceful, vibrant.

My shallow life becoming profound,
Bit loosen material's nature bounds.
Surrounded with spiritual sound,
I know, - you are chanting with me every round.

My dear spiritual father,
My true ever well-wisher,
Merciful, full of compassion,
Prowess warrior of Caitanya mission.

You are my shelter, my pain-relief,
My hope for love and tranquillity.
I am bowing at your lotus feet,
With gratitude and humility.

Your humble servant,
Mandakini Ganga Dasi

Mani Kundala Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada,

It is a rare opportunity to glorify you. It's just so difficult for me. So many circumstances are happening.

So shallow is our relationship as guru and disciple. So distant are we, yet by a thread we are bound. I gave a vow to chant a minimum of 16 rounds a day and follow the 4 principles and you accepted me into your family. I'm part of that huge family, and that's nectar. I hope the time will come soon when I can catch up on my due rounds, listen to all the zoom lectures and start reading Prabhupada's books again.

Right now the situation around me is difficult. Your situation is not at all easy either. The test that Krsna has set for us has come like a bolt from the blue. None of us expected it and suddenly within a month my husband died of cancer. A month after he turned 40 years old.

It still hurts and now? You have a similar diagnosis, a slower type of cancer. You get to spend time with your disciples, sing the holy names and listen and glorify. I'm here with you from a distance, and I'm afraid of another loss.

All that's left are memories. And time goes on anyway. Somehow we come to terms with everything and must move on. The spiritual family you are building is very strong and hopefully will be a great support to us in difficult times.

Your servant,
Mani Kundala Devi Dasi

Manju Madhavi Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

Every time I sit down to write an offering my thoughts go straight to awe and reverence, but then I remember that has never been your relationship with your disciples. With anyone you come in contact with, you instantly touch their hearts whether it be from your sweet words, your compassion or your selfless love towards us.

Recently spending so much time with you, I've learned that's just who you are. You're a river of selfless actions of love that flows constantly from your heart into ours. It wasn't a priority to you whether you were hungry, tired or not too well. But if anyone approached you wanting to talk about anything you would give them time, time you didn't have, to care to their needs. That's such a Prabhupada quality, and like you always say, you're a Prabhupada man, and what better quality to possess than that.

You've dedicated your life entirely to the mission of Mahaprabhu and to continue what Prabhupada started and there hasn't been a day where you've let him down. You are a clear example of what an ideal devotee should be like. If I possess any good qualities at all, they're only a

reflection of what I've learned from you through your unconditional mercy. They say that true love isn't shown with words but with our actions, and if you really love something you should let it go. I often think, "How can I let go of one of the things I love the most?" I'm nowhere near to being a pure devotee, I cannot see or talk to Krsna. I never met Prabhupada or his guru.

You have been my direct connection to anything I may call bhakti that I feel in my heart, you are my Krsna. You ask of us only 5 things that we should follow for the rest of our lives when we get initiated. Is there a limit to what we should be prepared to give to someone who loves us selflessly? This is the bare minimum we can do on our part. I pray, whether it be after this lifetime or after 100 lifetimes that I can be drowning in eternal service to Gopinath, the lover of the gopis and to one day meet with you in Lord Caitanya's harinam party, where our feet and hands never hurt from dancing and the only thing to mutter from our lips is the glories of Krsna and where our minds are forever intoxicated with the hankering desperation to be with Govinda.

Your forever servant,
Manju Madhavi

Manjubhasini Devi Dasi

My dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obedience,

All glories to you and your lotus feet,
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Krsna,

This year was very difficult for all of us, but also full of blessings. I always knew what a special soul you are, but now I have seen it in action. Your dedication for Krsna consciousness is enormous for all of us small fallen. Your love for Srila Prabhupada and Krsna are very good example how to improve your life for the higher cause. All the blessings that we are receiving through the lectures, kirtans, instructions, through the service for you, are giving me the light to continue my spiritual path, that will be my strength when you are no longer on the planet. As you said you left us a legacy that we need to continue after you.
Thank you for all of this.

Thank you for teaching me what is important. Thank you for being so practical and simple in all important things, so they stand out and we are familiar with them. Thank you for all your words, blessings and critics. My heart hurts when I think about your departure, and on the other hand I really wish you quick and easy passing, because I know it is something that you want. I never saw a men better prepared for that than you. I admire your spiritual strength, and the strength of your mind. I admire your focus on what is important.

I love you with all my heart and soul, and only the knowledge that is better for you to leave, is what is giving me the space for happiness. Imagining you to sitting next to Srila Prabhupada and other great teachers, leading long, kirtans which are so loud and so crazy that we can hear them through our heart, our paramatma, because our connection is eternal and I know that you will wait for us there in Goloka Vrindavan.

I wish you lots of blessings for your Vyasa-puja, and beautiful spiritual journey when the time comes

Your most humble servant,
Manjubhasini Devi Dasi

Manjulali Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

I listen to almost all your Zoom meetings from the recordings. I started to work more on my japa, willing to increase it. Most of the joy and I get from Russian Namahatta programs, the organizing devotees are just amazing. I like how deep understanding of Krsna consciousness they have, one of the best souls I ever met.

I am very glad that you are still with us, your lessons are now very focused. Which reminds me the most important thigs. Thank you for everything, I will be never able to pay you back everything you have done for me. But I promise that I will make your endeavour worth it.
Bowing down to your lotus feet.

Your servant,
Manjulali Devi Dasi
(Czech Republic)

Mantrini Devi Dasi

Mijn Dierbare Guru Maharaj,

My full respect goes to your devotional life that began at a young age. I admire so many qualities you have that you have been able to deepen. You have always remained loyal to Iskcon in difficult times and I admire you for that.

Because of your enthusiasm, I also took the step towards the path of love for god.
Following an advertisement, I came to the summer party and saw you standing in front of Radhadesh. You immediately gave me your mercy by giving me your personal card. Since I could not understand at that time what you were doing, it took me a while to become a devotee. Now you are about to switch services. It almost looks like you're looking forward to it. Special how you now receive the love and guidance from your dear and faithful Guru Maharaj

This is a unique moment in all our lives that our time together was short, but Krsna apparently thought it was enough. I will try to keep connecting with you at the lotus feet of our founder acarya, your beloved Srila Prabhupada. Radhadesh will always give a connection to your presence.
With all my enthusiasm I will try to continue to serve you and hope to feel your presence in my devotional service. I am so impressed by Srila Prabhupada's books. I also hope to spread them along with your music and books with your grace. I feel very fortunate to have travelled with you in so many countries. Our native country made a strong connection and bond for understanding a part of your nature.

I am grateful Gurudeva for all the service opportunities that have come my way
It shaped me who I am today Gurudeva, forever in my heart.

Your servant,
Mantrini Devi Dasi

Matanga Dasa

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj and Srila Prabhupada.

Another year of transcendental adventures has passed thanks to your merciful decision to save a fallen soul. A soul which would have been verily condemned to rot in the dark pit of sinful life in this age of kali.

I remember once I approached you in a distressed condition with few questions and you simply responded: "Just continue chanting Hare Krsna and one day He will reveal Himself to you." Sometimes I remember this instance, I find solace in it and I think to myself how powerful and how important it is to have such guide in life. A guide that lifts you up immediately from the filth, and not only that, but also gives you a 100% guarantee of success. Sooner or later - mostly depending on my own effort. On how much I am able to curb my rascaldom and follow in your footsteps. In the footsteps of somebody who is sure of success, somebody who knows what he is doing and has that type of unflinching faith. Faith firmly rooted in the deeper realms of bhakti; unshakable and indestructible.

How fortunate am I to have this wonder in my life. I don't even deserve it, I cannot repay it, but still I got it. The causeless mercy of Nityananda prabhu which flows from your transcendental association, Guru Maharaj. I am deeply grateful and I want to surrender. It is very difficult indeed I kind of saw that. After all it's not a matter of getting a couple of million dollars or becoming a famous movie star, but winning over death. Winning over sexual desire. Such an insurmountable feat indeed but nevertheless Srila Prabhupada concluded with one stroke: "Spiritual life is difficult but material life is impossible." And indeed I have realized that at least.

There is no hope in trying to enjoy the world but at the same time it is very difficult to give it up. It feels just like if you were haunted - everything is roses and flowers and one day you wake up and there ya go. Lusty desires are back. The show goes on. So what to do? But I have faith because I have your example. You have shown us how there is nothing that can stand in front of the power of the holy name. By your practical example, by your struggles and by the ability to always choose again and again Krsna. Because you teach us: "Surrender is not a onetime effort. It's a constant surrender day after day, moment after moment". That is Krsna consciousness. And how difficult it is to do that every day, every instance. To always choose Krsna, instead of maya.

I am hankering for that moment when one day I will be able to do that. When I will be able to withstand all the onslaughts of the material energy. So I have deep gratitude for your guidance. Thank you very much. Please keep me in your prayers.

Your humble servant,
Matanga Dasa

Matsya Dasa

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine
nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine
nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to you,
All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

I once thought I was having a lot of fun playing different sports, flying high in a friendly sky and doing so many other useless activities created by godless creatures to take our time away from Krishna. This inconceivable phenomenal forest can be so interesting and so captivating, a never-ending source of illusory fun and joy.
Can you see what you have done to me, Gurudeva? You smiled at me, and you have made me your eternal servitor. I cannot leave you, ever. You cannot leave me either, ever. Without your service there is no existence for me. You attracted my interests away from this bleak material life and are directing me back to some eternal land - or something - from where we both have come, where there is no birth nor death and everyone is always filled with real, eternal happiness.
You have given me real life. I know there is nothing I can do to repay you, so please let me stay forever helping in any small way I may be fit. You may even send me somewhere, anywhere you like, to heaven or to hell. I know you will be there with me, because you said so at my initiation. Please let me always be one of the servants at your sheltering feet.
Srila Prabhupada told a parable of a young boy falling in love with a young girl and that girl becomes the life and soul for the boy. This is the way it goes in this material world. The girl becomes everything in the world for that boy and if she were to go away, the boy would feel he had nothing to live for and would want to die. Gurudeva, I am praying that I may also become attached with such love in that same way to you, so that if I ever leave your service I will also want to die. Your lotus feet are my only refuge. Your smile is as life sustaining as the air that I breathe. Your lovingly serious face decorated with sharp glances, enhanced by glasses, that precede a cutting scolding – ah that is as deflating as a needle acting toward a balloon of ahankara which flies as high as only an air-bus driver can.

Lately I have also been part of lamenting about dying, more than I or we all usually are. Srila Prabhupada has taught us with his own example how fearlessly a devotee departs idam sarvam jagat, this forest. Now you are in that same apathetically detached, fearless disposition, eager to follow Srila Prabhupada's ideal, and reaffirm even this last masterpiece of his teachings by your own example. You are determined to show us that he reasons ill who thinks that Vaisnavas die. You are determined to continue living in sound, by your disciples, determined to die to live, and thus alive continue spreading the holy name around.

I am thinking, the moment you leave, I will suffocate like a flapping fish washed up from the sea. I will pitifully cry like a little girl. Srila Prabhupada says this is exactly what I should do. How can I live without your presence, without your service? You gave me these neck-beads, my dog collar, and you armed me with upavita and mantras. So like a dog I shall scamper after you, even though you may try to leave me behind. Where you go, so will I. If you die, then I will too! My life is already yours, so what can I lose?
But maybe this is not what you want? Maybe you desire to proceed alone? Maybe you want me to stay and help spread the living sound and the holy name around?
Actually no, Gurudeva, I do not believe you are leaving! I refuse to reason ill! It may appear as if you are leaving, but I do not believe in that.
Srimad Bhagavatam says, "Being now alone and a widow in that forest, the daughter of Vidarbha began to lament, incessantly shedding tears and crying very loudly."
And Srila Prabhupada illuminated:
The disciple and spiritual master are never separated, because the spiritual master always keeps company with the disciple as long as the disciple follows strictly the instructions of the spiritual master. This is called the association of vani. […] As long as the spiritual master is physically present, the disciple should serve the physical body of the spiritual master, and when the spiritual master is no longer physically existing, the disciple should serve the instructions of the spiritual master. (SB 4.28.47)

I pray to be of some use. Devotees are saying this Krishna consciousness movement is marching full speed forward. And there is nothing to worry about. Your soothing smile confirms - it is imprinted in my innermost chambers.
Your smile is just like Srila Prabhupada's smile. Srila Prabhupada has the most beautiful smile. It must be what Srimad Bhagavatam says about Krishna's smile, priti-prahasitapangam. Priti means affection, satisfaction, attraction. We can practically experience this in times of trouble, vipadah santu tah sasvat (you were always with me in times of trouble!) Priti is there in priti-purvakam too. Prahasita means smiling, and apanga refers to Krishna's sidelong glances, which Srila Prabhupada would give to devotees who became anxious to serve, just as Krishna is said to smile at devotees and give them His attractive, satisfied sidelong glances out of love and appreciation.

Being anxious for your smile, I pray to be an instrument in your service to Srila Prabhupada, wherever you may go.
Humbly and with love,
Your servant
Matsya dasa

Mayapur Chandrodaya Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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namas te sárasvate deve gaura-váni-pracárine
nirvisesa-súnyavádi-páscátya-desa-tárine

Please accept my respectful obeisances.

All glories to your holiness,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Let me congratulate you from my low devotional level to your success in the life mission. For serving to your spiritual master faithfully, for accomplishing so many preaching achievements and inspiring so many people to become more serious in Krsna consciousness. I hope that you will achieve your devotional goals without too much physical pain caused by the disease.

I would like to be more personal in this message but I have difficulties to accept the fact that some people who would read it, could easily misunderstand it. This is the reason why I avoided Vyasa-puja books last years and rather sent you offerings in personal message. But nowadays it is not possible anymore since so many people write you letters and you do not have capacity to read it.

So thanks again for your care, love and attention you invested into my difficult case. I will never forget. Unfortunately life has its own scenario which is sometimes pretty tough.
I hope against the hope that one day, whether on this planet or somewhere else, I will be again close to you as we used to be in the past. But this time as a fully mature disciple pleasing you with my service.

Your servant,
Mayapur Chandrodaya Dasa

Merumala Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Another year has passed. On your milestone birthday, I wanted to say:

Our wishes for you are always of the very best,
We know that having you in our lives means that we are eternally blessed.
Material anguish, misery, turmoil – we keep worrying about this without rest,
But we force ourselves to remember that this is Krsna's ultimate test.
So many years you have endured and what an epic journey it's been,
70 years of wonders amidst suffering that you have seen.
We pray that our parampara and the holy dham remain at your side,
And that you continue to sing for them with great zest and pride.
I'm not sure if we will meet in person again,
But I will try to see you in the good that I do and wait until then.

Your servant,
Merumala Devi Dasi

Mitravinda Devi Dasi

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisance.

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

You are my wonderful reason for my growing spiritual life. You were waiting complete fulfilled with your unending love and your stunning passion until the time I was ready the time I was ready to overcome my burdens and I became your disciple.

Once you said to me with your lovely smiling: “Where are your problems? Wasn't it yesterday?"

You reached me not to hang in my past. Because past is one second ago. Better to concentrate of the Lord’s past times.
You're like my steady rock in the water of material ignorance.
You re like my unstoppable power of the wind to blow the mission.
You re the amazing heat of the sun for cultivating my bhakti lata.
You re the deep grounding of the earth to be present
You re the unshakable connection to the universe.

All this, all your incredible properties and your endless love and power.
Let me grow up my faith and trust in the connection to our beloved Lord.
Thank you so much dear Maharaj, let's rock the kirtan of spirituality.

Your insignificant servant,
Mitravinda Devi Dasi

Nadia Mani Devi Dasi

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All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Krsna Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances on to your divine lotus feet.

We are happy, that you are still around, we can take darshan of you through Zoom meetings (lectures). And of course your super ectastic kirtan. We ask Krsna to grant you some more quality time with us. Although we do not know what Krsna's plan is.
You are and will be always in our prayers, dear Guru Maharaj. Dear Shyamsundar, king of Sri Vrindavan dham, please do watch over our dear beloved Guru Maharaj, because he is also our spiritual master and father.

Your servant,
Nadia Mani Devi Dasi
(Leidschendam, Holland, Netherlands)

Nama-rupa dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

At this moment I feel strong connection,
Stronger than ever before.
My heart is reaching to you.
My mind is sheltered at your lotus feet
At this moment everything I need to know is revealed to me.
I see you, Srila Jayadvaita Swami and Srila Prabhupada,
I see entire disciplic succession rooting for me,
Blessing me that all the knowledge will be realized within my heart
At this moment I feel accepted.
You have given me space to be myself,
To dance to my own rhythm and to
Sing my own tune of Maha Mantra

At this moment I feel loved
By Krsna, by Srila Prabhupada, by you,
Not because of who I am
But because of who you are
At this moment mercy is stronger than ever before.
It is overflowing,
And it sweeps others into its current.
I can only witness how perfect everything is.
At this moment everything is possible.
This moment is my life-line.
This moment is stretching to eternity.

You are my master and
I am your servant and your mercy case,

Nama-rupa dasi

Naradiya Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble sincere obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet on the day of your Vyasa-puja. This is my first offering to you as your disciple. And I don't have the qualities and qualifications for this, there is only your mercy and the mercy of Sri Vrindavan dham.

"By the mercy of Guru we get Krsna and by the mercy of Krsna we get a Guru." (Cited in, dinesh-krsna.blogspot.com). In my life, these words now have absolutely real meaning. A life in which I have an opportunity to serve, to listen, to wonder at your qualities. From the first time I met you, I was inspired by your personal relation towards everyone, your endless enthusiasm for preaching and kirtan, and your simplicity. When you talk about Lord Caitanya, He manifests and becomes tangible. You involve everyone in the process of service in accordance with the nature of the individual.

Thank you for teaching me (despite my lack of qualifications) chanting of the holy name, serving the deities with practicality and love, associating with devotees, careful reading of books. Everything you say is brilliant and simple. Even the most difficult becomes accessible through your grace. Thank you for the service you have given me. Through this service I can develop

my love. I pray that after this life, I would come to you and you would say: “Good work, Naradiya.”

Your servant,
Naradiya Devi Dasi

Narayani Devi Dasi

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I came across Maharaj about 10 years ago at a Ratha-yatra held at the Durban Beach Front. Maharaj was having kirtan in one of the garden rooms at the Amphitheatre. My family and I although not devotees would frequent this festival annually. Little did I know that this crossing of paths would lead me to the Ultimate destination.

We entered the room, my husband and daughter were ahead of me. As I pushed the stroller passing Maharaj he looked at me so deeply and smiled. My unconsciousness just thought, “What a friendly Swami.” But this was a smile of knowing things yet to be. 'Yes, you too will come to Krsna.'

Over the years through my husband we would enjoy audios of Maharaj's vibrant kitans. These accompanied us on many road trips. Fast forward to 2021. We began attending programs regularly at Midrand and Sandton. We met Maharaj early 2022 when he visited South Africa. After this meeting my husband suggested that we take initiation.

Dearest Maharaj, I will eternally be grateful that you accepted us as devotees. I have learnt and experienced the bliss of Krsna consciousness. Thank you for your association. Thank you for your love and kindness. Thank you for making your kirtans and classes available that we may continue to be blessed with your association.

My heart aches that we have not been in your physical presence since our initiation... Krishna willing we will see you soon. I pray for your peace and comfort. May Krsna grant your hearts desires.

All glories to Kadamba Kanana Swami,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada. Jai.

Your servant,
Narayani Devi Dasi

Naru Gopal Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Because you gave me initiation I am serving as a pujari in the temple here in Sofia. As you told me I am reading the books of Srila Prabhupada. I am participating in the morning Srimad Bhagavatam classes. I am not good in music, but I am taking part in every harinam. In December I was distributing books. Me and one another devotee we gave lectures on the relationship between abrahamic religions and vaishnavas. In this year I promise you, to read more from the books of Srila Prabhupada and to participate more actively in their distribution.
Because I studied Christian theology and vedic astrology, before they left for New York, Pandava Prabhu asked me to make a research on Christians who had personal view of god and Tulsi Prabhu asked me to give some astrology classes in terms to attract more devotees for the evening aarati. Guru Maharaj, if you are happy with this, please give me suggestions and your blessings.

As you wonderful kirtaniya, please give me your suggestions and your blessings to be able to make kirtans for the glory of Krsna.

Humble obeisances,
Naru Gopal
Hare Krsna

Navadvip Candra Dasa

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Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

durgame pathi me 'nd hasyas
khalat-pāda-gater muhuḥ
sva-kṛpā-yaṣṭi-dānena
santaḥ santv ava lambanam

"My path is very difficult. I am blind, and my feet are slipping again and again. Therefore, may the saints help me by granting me the stick of their mercy as my support." (Cc Antya-lila 1.2).

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami,

This year I tried to express something in this form as well, despite the fact that I have been again trying to collect video and photo material for a new multimedia offering. This year was quite tiring and full of challenges for me, but it brought new and fresh realizations about how meaningless human life is, if it is not connected to God and devotional service.

Svayam Bhagavan Keshava Swami says many times that the devotees of Lord Krsna are agents of Vamanadeva - because in the beginning they say that there is no need to change anything - you only give a little something for the devotees and Krsna. Well, we know how this story goes and I wouldn't be where I am today if I hadn't been a part of this transcendental trick.

This trick completely changed the course of our lives and I always try to realize where would I be, if the devotees and spiritual master had not somehow involved me in devotional service? As Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura said: "In every birth one gets a father and a mother, but one may not get instructions for his ultimate benefit." According to my understanding, the greatest achievement for a teacher is to see his students happy and flourishing in the realized knowledge they have acquired.

Sometimes I get a little sad when I realize how little I am availing of the boundless ocean of your grace and how much more I could devote myself for Krsna and guru-parampara. When it's hard for me, I often remember a beautiful story that goes like this: "A man comes to God and says to him: 'Father, we were walking on the sand in the desert, I was looking and looking- there were always double footsteps, but when it was the hardest, where have you been... because there were only one footsteps in the sand.' And God says: 'Dear son/dear daughter, those were the moments when I held you in my arms.'"

So I also feel your hands and the support of the guru-parampara who stands by my side despite my weaknesses and instils courage that the mission of Lord Caitanya is the most glorious thing in this universe. My only wish is that I may continue the mission of spreading harinam sankirtana to your satisfaction. It also keeps me alive and gives me the feeling that in this way I can engage all my talents and potentials to fullest extent.

Your insignificant servant,
Navadvip Candra Dasa

Nayanabhirama Dasa

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

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

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

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

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

I offer my obeisances again and again at the dust of your feet.

Bhaktivinoda Thakura wrote:
"He reasons ill who tells that Vaisnavas die When thou art living still in sound! The Vaisnavas die to live, and living try To spread the holy name around!"

Although it's feels like my heart is breaking holding back the tears of separation from you. I'm so grateful and indebted for all you've done for me. Although being completely unqualified and unworthy of it, you have always been a kind well-wisher.

Your mercy has changed my life and vision of what my life would be and took me to places I never would've dreamt of. The good fortune of your service gave me the honour to engage so many in the service of Krsna. I'm forever in your debt. You gave us the holy names and introduced us to the dham.

Your instructions are our inspiration daily to go deeper and be better and ultimately fly our own plane. Maharaj you once said: "Vaisnavas are generous, they give what they have, and they give themselves without expecting return; that is how they conquer people's hearts." For us that's exactly what you did. I often stop to think about.

All of the end of year kirtans and Ratha-yatras all those romping guru pujas and harinams that took us all over the city night and day and going from the opera house to the key to Pitt St mall in that unforgettable 4hr harinam one year. The albums we recorded with you. The yoga studio nights that took us on journey into our own hearts and the dham. All of the electrifying

kirtans and home programs and Govinda's programs, the retreats, festivals and all inspiring lectures. Going up a down those dusty roads of Vrindavan listening to all the pastimes as you took us across the dham deep into smaranam of Radha and Krsna.

Or the time our bus broke down in Jaipur and we got to spend the day deep in kirtan with you and last year the 10 buses, 3 cars and two motorbikes in the blazing sun. Truly amazing.
The unforgettable queensday and kingsday harinams and Vyasa-puja festivals of Radhadesh.
My good fortune that I had to get to drive you and be with you all around the world and all those moments in time with you in all those places.

The samskaras will never fade as you conquered my heart as you did so many others.
We live forever with you in those moments and instructions.

I pray to be forever at the dust of your feet.
Your humble servant,
Nayanabhirama Dasa

"As Lord Krsna's appearance and disappearance are all spiritual, transcendental, they are not ordinary things, similarly, Lord Krsna's devotee, His representative, who is sent to this material world for preaching the glories of Lord Krsna, their appearance and disappearance is also like Krsna's. Therefore, according to Vaisnava principles, the appearance and disappearance of Vaisnava is considered all-auspicious." (Dedication to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada Excerpted from Back to Godhead Magazine Vol. 13, 1-2).

Nilamani Dasi

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

My Anxiety and Hope:
In my life I have faced lots of difficulties and only by turning to you did I find some solace, courage and support. I never revealed my heart to anyone except to you. I feel anxious thinking where will? I go to seek for help when you will not be physically present. I find some hope when our acaryas say that the spiritual master will on the contrary be more available to us as there will no more be any bodily limitation.

The Best feeling in my Life:
One of the most amazing experience I remember is when you once messaged me telling me that you will call me at a particular time. I was so excited, despite I was so much stressed, after seeing your message I felt being the luckiest person in the whole universe. I felt like my problem was not a problem anymore. I was stress-free. I took bath, wore clean clothes, and did arcanama before you called me because for me it was Krsna, The Supreme Personality of Godhead who was going to call me, you are His representative and you are none different from Him. That was such an amazing feeling. I can still experience that feeling I had within my heart.

My Strong Desire:
During the 2019 parikrama in Jaipur, you said that despite you don't answer to our emails, and messages you will still take us back to Godhead. I trust your words and strongly desire to go back to Godhead after this lifetime to serve you eternally in Goloka Vrindavan Dham.

The Goal of my Life:
My life is yours, and I dedicate this life to fulfil your desire of becoming a pure devotee, preaching and pushing this movement up to my utmost capacity.

Your eternal servant,
Nilamani Dasi

Niskincana Caitanya Dasa

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Hare Krsna Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

You've been saying for some months now that you're in your Antya Lila now. Initially I accepted it in a somewhat lukewarm manner. Seeing you preach, doing your nectarian Zoom sessions and question and answer sessions with Jayadvaita Maharaj, it's been easy to think that you've got the health issues somewhat under control and it's maybe a while before anything serious happens.

After all, you have beaten cancer before along with a host of other health issues and other attacks to your body.

But now, as I'm writing this offering from Vrindavan in your vicinity, it's apparent that I must prepare myself for your departure. I don't feel I've taken enough advantage of your association. Maybe I could have asked you better questions, served you better and certainly tried harder to fulfil your instructions. Even though I've spoken to you about so many things, I still feel like I could have found out more about you.

Just the other day, we were doing kirtans in your flat and Badri Narayana Maharaj mentioned how you saved the Spanish yatra. This was a chapter of your life that I wasn't familiar with. I later found out more about how you were asked to go to Spain and assess the situation and you were pivotal in helping to build up the community. It was from that period that you apparently developed your strong command of the Spanish language so you can communicate with the devotees there more effectively.

We're taught how vani is more important than vapu. To be honest I could have taken more advantage of your vani too. I wish I could have listened to more of your lectures, Zoom sessions, table talks, seminars and especially your series of lectures on the Caitanya-caritamrta you did in lockdown.

Thanks to technology, it's all on record and I pray that I can go through all your material studiously throughout my life. Saying all that, I know I'm fortunate that I got your vapu association over the years. I'll miss that very much, I'll miss having chats with you. Your casual chats have often been the conduits for your most pivotal instructions to come through.

I'll miss your humour and the way you do impressions and accents of various nationalities and character types. I'll miss your social observations and I'll certainly miss being your driver in England. One of my favourite services ever.

Of course how can I forget your kirtans, your legendary kirtans? Putting aside the fact that you're my Guru, you are my favourite kirtaneer. Your kirtans make us forget that we're trapped in the time space continuum and knock the material conditionings were generally encumbered into the stratosphere. Pure magic.

No doubt, you'll go down in history as one of the great kirtaneers of our movement alongside Aindra Prabhu, Visnujana Swami and other such luminaries.

I know that development of spiritual education is very dear to you and you made it clear to me to situate myself in that area. I've tried to position myself accordingly and develop the educational aspect at the Manor. It's certainly a long term project and Manor being the big ecosystem that it is, it takes time for things to happen there, especially when they are of a very substantial and somewhat brahminical nature. Being a predominantly kapha type person, I tend to be slow on the uptake. I'm really hoping to pick up the pace. Throughout your life you've always been razor sharp and a swift operator in everything you do.

I hope to play to my strengths and play a part in executing your vision of how Krishna consciousness education can take form for the 21st Century. Time is ticking, I'm no longer so young anymore, I pray with your grace that I can live up to my potential in your service. That means doing my service with a focus, energy and determination which frankly I need to muster up by Krsna's grace.

I carry on teaching, preaching, mentoring at the Manor and a bit of drama here and there but I know so much more can be done. I haven't touched on the writing area yet. Again I know that writing is very dear to you. You've often said how we need to develop more writers, books, articles, periodicals and journals.

You have placed so much emphasis on this. After all it's integral to the first purpose of Iskcon. I pray that I can develop your insight into how to effectively manage things too as that seems to come more and more with the territory.

You've left all of us such a lofty example to follow and you've made it look easy. Dare I say, even 'cool.' And yet you've carried yourself in such a way that you've never made yourself intimidating to us. You've always been down to earth and very tolerant and just wanted to bring out the best in us.

I've seldom met such a personal individual as you and without sounding clichéd, I don't know what I've done to deserve your presence in my life. You've never presented yourself as a superficially 'lovey, dovey,' person but in actuality you are an extremely loving person.
Your whole life has been a beautiful, artistic, adventurous labour of love in Srila Prabhupada's service and a gift of love to your disciples.

I'm not overly emotional, and I think missing your presence is something I'll feel more in increments as the years roll on. But I know that the way I'll be able deal with and process it is to connect with your teachings, instructions and your vision and make your vision my own and execute it in my own individual way.

I love how you've given us your overall vision but you've also encouraged us to be ourselves and align ourselves with your vision in our own unique way and not just be clones of each other. It shows in our god family too, I think your disciples are the most eclectic, eccentric group of god family I've seen in Iskcon so far. I say this with the utmost respect and in a complimentary mood to all my god siblings, many of whom are giants compared to a little 'pipsqueak,' like me.

You've always been so inclusive of so many different types of personalities and you've always encouraged all of us to be inclusive, loving and open of each other and embrace and love each other as your disciples. With you making your way to the next stage, that instruction seems every more pertinent which I'll strive to abide by.

There's so much I wish I could have said to you but I think the best offering I can do now for you is to make your vision my life and soul for the rest of my life and act on it. By your grace, mercy and blessings I will.

Your insignificant servant,
Niskincana Caitanya Dasa

Nivedita Devi Dasi

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nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

My dearest beloved Guru,

Thank you for blessing me with the shelter of your lotus feet in this life, for your instructions on how to advance in my spiritual life, and for going beyond the duty of my spiritual master and displaying so much humanity and compassion towards me as your disciple.

You gave me opportunities when I thought there was none, and allowed me to develop at my own pace in my spiritual life, all the while respecting my feelings and opinions, as your disciple and servant. You allowed me to grow, by patiently guiding and inspiring me. You were always available to answer my questions and tolerate my flippancy, on subjects I knew little about, and you never chastised me.

Your kindness drew my Kate and Evan to you, to love and look up to you as their grandfather and for spiritual guidance. You adjusted your advice to our individual needs, according to time, place and circumstance, and that endeared you more in their and my eyes.

Your ability to relate to each of us individually as your disciple is your best quality and you tolerate us all. While this is sweet, you always emphasize that we use that individuality to fulfil

Srila Prabhupada's mission. Your instruction has been "Express your individuality but also develop yourself into a mature Krsna conscious being."

I know my service has been more aligned to your needs than to Srila Prabhupada's mission, but I pray that with your continued mercy, I can still achieve that in this lifetime. In Caitanya-caritamrta, Adi-lila 17.140-141 we see how Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu led the civil disobedience kirtana in violation of the Kazi's orders. It reminded me of the Durban February 2019 beach front harinama when you were leading kirtan, and the police came and tried to stop us. And they did it about 3 times and you just went around the police vehicles and continued chanting the Maha Mantra, more loudly than ever, and leading everyone away from them. They asked for the organizer of the function and Vibhu Prabhu just hid from them and, eventually they didn't know what to do, so they just allowed us to carry on till you deemed it okay to end the harinama.

This is just a small example of the many times I've seen your determination, drive and passion to never allow anything to interfere with your preaching and glorification of Srila Prabhupada and the movement. Your example as a devotee and servant of the Krsna conscious movement has been empowering. Your devotion to Krsna is what attracted me to you as a spiritual master and your belief in the mission of Lord Caitanya has been invigorating. I pray that as I continue in my spiritual life, I am able to achieve an iota of that, by following your instructions and serving in a manner that helps me prepare my life for a greater service to Krsna.

Your forever servant,
Nivedita Devi Dasi

Nrsimha Caitanya Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Some devotees use their Vyasa-puja offerings for glorifying the spiritual master with beautifully written and erudite essays with scriptural quotes. Other devotees recall personal encounters with the spiritual master and relish the shared moments. And yet others use their offering as an opportunity for confessing their current state and for expressing appreciation for the help the spiritual master has given to them. With this short offering I would like to confess.

You saved me many times Guru Maharaj. The last and most important moment was during last spring, when I was falling deeper and deeper in maya. Being unable to control my lowest





The more we take to devotional service the more Krishna becomes a reality



urges I was on a downward spiral without really acknowledging what's been going on, until I didn't go neither for last year's your Vyasa-puja nor King's Day. At that point I started to worry whether I did not go too far.

Your message about your health condition came as a huge slap to my face and I woke up from my madness like Sugriva, when he heard the sound of Lakshman's bowstring. I was so grateful, yet so heartbroken and guilty, because I have traded precious moments with you with worthless sense enjoyment. But as you said, the important thing is to renew our commitment. I am doing my best but I know that my best is not very much.

But still I hope against hope that one day, I will be able to glorify you by my behaviour, character and service. I hope that one day devotees will say that Kadamba Kanana Swami's mercy is so powerful, because he took Nrsimha Caitanya das as his disciple and made him into a sincere, surrendered and hardworking devotee of Lord Krsna.

Thank you Guru Maharaj for all the mercy you have given me. Thank you for all the stories with you that I will remember. Thank you for the knowledge I can always take shelter of and thank you for always being my well-wisher. I love you.

Your humble servant,
Nrsimha Caitanya Dasa

Padmamukhi Devi Dasi

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Happy Vyasa-puja Gurudeva.
Guru Maharaj we have not met in real, only one time on video call during initiation but I feel that I know that you created a radical shift in my life. You enlightened, inspired, educated, accompanied and supported me until this present moment with your living example as a lover of god. A true expression of pure bhakti.

I remember before your accept me as your disciple, I was searching for myself. I was living in dreams and material desires, but gradually I changed. By just talking to you from my altar I asked you, "Gurudeva can you please named me,'Padma.'" And on the initiation day you gave me the most beautiful name, 'Padmamukhi Devi Dasi.' To be frankly speaking I never tell anyone my name written on my identification card is Parthivee, I always tell them Sweety.

Thank you very very much, Gurudeva. That moment when you announced my name, I did not know how to react, to smile or cry. By your mercy, I received the benediction of Lord Krsna. Without your grace nothing will be possible. Yes, I got the opportunity to serve and cook for Sri Jagannath, Baladev and Subadhra Maharani. Thank you Gurudeva for explaining us very clearly and giving reality as it is, and encouraging us. You activated the capacity of my bond of love towards Krsna The Supreme and eternal friend (Sakhya Rasa).

Thank you Gurudeva, please accept my most respectful obeisance at your lotus feet and please continue to inspire me to offer you my every desire, thought, word with heart.

Your devoted and loving servant of the servants,
Padmamukhi Devi Dasi

Padmanabha Dasa

'Krsna consciousness just got really real.'
Of course it was real all the time.
Lately we have seen you apply the teachings of, nay. We have seen you show the reality of how we are not our body but the spirit soul. We see you transcend your body in front of our eyes. You do it in such a way that if you had not told us in June last year that you are sick, most of us still wouldn't know. You look younger and more vibrant every week.

I saw you in Radhadesh for Janmasthami 2022. I was sitting less than a meter away from you when you led us in one of your three hour kirtans. Nothing simple; changing tunes and melodies as you do, rocking Radhadesh to be anything but mellow! I was sitting next to you and did

not see any bodily discomfort in you or anything holding you back. When I saw you in Vrindavan early September you told me your lungs were full of tumours. I asked you, "How did you sing for three hours on Janmashtami just a few weeks ago?" "Ah" you said, "That's when I thought: to hell with my body."

In September you took us on parikrama around many holy places in Vrindavan. After that you continued to connect. On the weekly Zoom meetings; already going for nearly three years uninterruptedly each week you connect deeply with us, wherever you are, or were, in the world. Now you do that from your home, Sri Vrindavan dham. You are there for us and with us. You expanded the Zoom meetings to connect with countries and even with separate yatras. It's just incredible. You look younger every week. Every day you share pictures of your Giriraj, Sadbhuja and now Tulsi as well.

However, now things are getting serious. We hear of your troubles sleeping, the pain, the strong discomfort. The inevitable leaving seems to come closer. We hear Jayadvaita Swami has moved in and is with you day and night. The latest we hear is that you're doing somewhat better and the pain has subsided a bit. We feel relief. On the one hand we hope, I mean, I wish and hope at least, that you can pass without too much suffering. On the other hand we won't like when that moment comes. Let us be joyful for you and swallow the sadness for ourselves. You have been there for us and you still are there for us, in your books, in your lectures, CDs and instructions. You have done everything and more for us. Now it's up to us to carry on.

Writing this offering, on the 14th of February, we don't know whether you will still be around when this book gets published. This makes us dig deeper and express ourselves more real, more heartfelt, and more heartbroken. I want my heart to break open with more love for you, more love for Krsna and Srila Prabhupada. More love for the process of Krsna consciousness. More love for the purification and more love for the opportunity to serve you; serve you on behalf of Jayadvaita Swami, Srila Prabhupada and the sankirtan movement of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Let's do something for Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you Guru Maharaj. Thank you for everything. I wasn't 38 worldwide when you initiated me in December 2005. Still very new to Krishna consciousness I accepted you as my spiritual master and you accepted me as your servant. I never regret that choice but I do regret not having done more for you. I regret not having grabbed or created more opportunities to serve you. I regret where I did the minimum and could have done more but didn't. I know that you are my eternal spiritual master and that you will give me more chances to serve you and sing Waltzing Matilda for you.

I hope I have not disappointed or offended you and if I have I beg for your forgiveness, pa-

tience and understanding. I am glad I could help you with recording those few albums in Sydney. I still find the Heart & Soul albums one of your best offerings if I may make that distinction. Jananivas on piano in the beginning with you singing the Om Ajnana prayers over it, it's just magical. Hope you can play more with Emanuel in the future. You know what I mean.

With love and affection.
Your servant,
Padmanabha Dasa

Panca-Tattva Dasa

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

On this auspicious day of your appearance, I am again reminded how you have given me everything that I need for success in my spiritual life. I cannot comprehend how your mercy has landed upon me but I can see how it has been guiding me throughout my whole life. I pray that I may remain within the shelter of that mercy.

I have struggled with the reality of having to face your physical departure from the world and I am prone to thinking that I have been treated unfairly as I have had not so much time in your personal association. However, despite the difficulty of the situation I can also see your mercy there because it is forcing me to imbibe your mood and follow your instructions if I want to feel your connection.

Of course I can only have a limited understanding of the depths of your Krsna consciousness. But I have experienced how much pleasure you get from going beyond the call of duty in order to spread the mercy of Lord Caitanya, from participating in the kirtans on parikrama in Vrindavana. I can see how much life and relish you get from the holy name, and by listening to your classes I get a glimpse of how you have made Prabhupada's books your very life. In my personal experience of Krsna consciousness I have felt most connection with you when trying to imbibe this mood.

I am very much hankering for having this personal association with you. I know that the relationship with the spiritual master is eternal and that one has to become qualified to personally assist such an elevated personality as yourself in their service to the Lord. Upon our first meeting you gave me clear and simple instructions which are gradually unfolding and revealing themselves as I make more of an endeavour towards sincerely following them. Just as the holy name is more manifested and personal when we chant with attention and feeling. I pray that I may be able to remain constantly engaged in your service with intensity and loving devotion, never forgetting that I am simply made of your mercy. I am very unqualified but I am feeling resonance with the prayer of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura when he sings:

kabe heno kṛpā, labhiyā e jana, kṛtārtha hoibe, nātha!
śakti-buddhi-hīna, āmi ati dīna, koro' more ātma-sātha

'When will such mercy fall to this one who is weak and devoid of intelligence? Allow me to be with you.' (Gurudeva Krpa Bindu Diya, Bhaktivinoda Thakura).

Your mercy is so potent because of how strongly you are connected to your spiritual master and to Srila Prabhupada. I beg that I may become attached to your lotus feet, which is the perfection that fulfils all desires, and become an instrument of your mercy here in Scotland. May I remain on the winning side of the revolution of Lord Caitanya's mercy as it over floods the entire world - one book at a time. You channel Prabhupada's mood that this movement is completely changing the course of history and I also hope to have that vision and therefore never slacken in my service to you. May I become worthy of your mercy and always be hankering to experience your association.

Your eternal servant,
Panca-Tattva Dasa

Pandava Arjuna Dasa

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My dear father,

What struck me the most, is your causeless mercy. Just like Lord Nityananda you give it indiscriminately, 'just take it, for the price of a little faith.' I'm such a mercy case, undeserving, but very much willing to become a sincere devotee, doing everything I can to please you, vaishnavas and Gaura Nitai. At the same time, I feel I'm not doing enough.
You have saved me from repeated births and deaths, and it's the debt I will never be able to repay, but I will never stop trying to serve you with everything I have. I'm your property, and I'm your lowly servant, please use me as you see fit, so my life would have any meaning at all.

I may be the greenest mango in the world, but after a lot of ripening (your blessings) I hope I will be juicy and sweet for Lord Krsna to taste. All I need is to hold on to your lotus feet, which means following your instructions, initiation vows, and pushing forward this movement. I took up many services so I would always be busy, either preaching directly, or helping the helpers, any way to spread Krsna consciousness. Life is so precious, and you show a perfect example how not to waste a single moment of it, and I feel your love and guidance in my life every day.

I feel ever increasing separation from you, my dear father, but Śrīla Prabhupada's words give me solace, that our connection will remain forever, ever growing, as it's completely spiritual, if I just follow your guidance, within and without:

"I shall remain your personal guide whether I am physically present or not, just as I am getting guidance from my Guru Maharaj." Please guide me, my lion Guru, please guide me to your lo-

tus feet wherever you go to serve Srila Prabhupada, Gaura Nitai and Radha Krsna, so I could assist you in Their eternal pastimes.

Forever grateful.
Your insignificant servant of the servant,
Pandava Arjuna Dasa

Parama Karuna Dasa, Parvati, Haridas and Danakeli (Australia)

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Jaya Gurudeva,

I was once a disciple of a disciple of Srila Prabhupada. Now by your mercy I am your disciple, who are a disciple of a disciple of Srila Prabhupada, Jaya Jayadvaita Swami.
Srila Prabhupada showed absolute humility in fanning the sparks of his disciples and knowing the appropriate response to meet with the various situations so that they grew in spiritual life. Soft as rose, heavy like a thunderbolt, all done in a personal way.
All the time adjusting instruction and circumstances so that Lord Caitanya's sankirtan movement could go on meeting the challenges in various parts of the world.

Gurudeva, the mood and mission that you have imbibed via your own spiritual masters adherence to Srila Prabhupada divine will is the ripened fruit that allows us access to your own broadened vision .As you have said how Srila Bhaksiddhanta Goswami Maharaj bridged the divide between the ancient and modernity in the teachings and practice of Krsna consciousness via yukta vairagya. You also are able to appreciate the struggles of modern life and devotional practice. But give practical and realistic realisations how we can connect to Krsna on many levels in this present age.

I wish to thank you so much for your efforts to relate to everyone so personally and give so much of your energy to being yourself and allowing Krsna to shine through so we have such an excellent example to aspire to.

I wish to do only the best for you in my spiritual life and to represent this rich divine lineage we have been fortunate to find ourselves a part of. “Actually there is no difference between hearing directly from Krsna and hearing directly from Krsna via a bona fide spiritual master like Vyasa. The spiritual master is the representative of Vyasadeva also. Therefore, according to the Vedic system, on the birthday of the spiritual master the disciples conduct the ceremony called Vyasa-puja.” (Bhagavad-gita As It Is 18.75).

Dear Gurudeva, I feel you are such a bonafide spiritual master and hence a worthy candidate of such an honour. I bow down to you and pray for your mercy always.

Your servants,
Parama Karuna Dasa, Parvati, Haridas and Danakeli
(Australia)

Parampurusa Dasa

Hare Krsna Guru Maharaj,

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

I remember in the bhakta course before initiation we discussed the relationship between guru and disciple. As part of this we also discussed how to choose a spiritual master. At that time there was an interesting question "What to do if, we choose the guru properly according to the instructions, consulting everything with the authorities. Then we choose a spiritual master on

the basis of that, and despite all that, after some time it turns out that we have chosen a person who does not exactly inspire us and we feel even after a long time after the initiation that we should have chosen someone else?"

I thought about it a lot after that. What if I make a decision based on sentiment alone? So I had some doubts. But after some time, I made a final decision and you kindly accepted me as your disciple. Already at that time I saw it as the most important decision one can make. It's not some temporarily fleeting decision in our lives. It is something eternal, permanent and spiritual. Krsna says in many places that if we want to make spiritual progress we must accept a spiritual master. Srila Prabhupada, he repeats the exact same thing as often as possible. That is the Vedic system.

Moreover, in our position it is not possible for us to serve Krsna directly, so he kindly sends us his representative, his dear devotee, who opens our eyes by the shining torch of knowledge, inspires us and kindly accepts our no-pure service. By the causeless mercy of the spiritual master, we can engage in the process of devotional service and assist him in the service for Krsna, as an instrument in his hands. So, you are my spiritual master and I am your disciple, and I thank you immensely for allowing me to become your disciple.

Your mood is very inspiring and close to me, to my heart. I admire your kirtans that are legendary, so deep. Your lessons also. You are such a big scholar and expert for practice application. You can speak hours and hours about any topic. You giving example of how to live and also how to act at the end of this life. Just like Srila Prabhupada. I also appreciate how you make sure that Srila Prabhupada is properly understood as the supreme authority in Iskcon, the Founder Acarya. I very much appreciate the efforts you make to keep in touch with your disciples. You give us so much time. You are so merciful. It is very inspiring.

Thank you very much again for everything.

Your servant,
Parampurusa Dasa

Parantapa Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

It is difficult to describe all your generosity, mercifulness and love that you've been sharing

with us all this time. I can only express my gratitude for accepting me as your disciple, to give me your shelter and having trust in me.

With love.
Your servant,
Parantapa Dasa

Pavitra Devi Dasi (Switzerland)

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Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you Guru Maharaj,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

The last year just flew by, and yet so much has happened in that time. I can still clearly remember your Vyasa-puja in Simhachalam, the first of your Vyasa-pujas that I was allowed to attend, and it was one of the most wonderful moments in this bodily life for me. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to you from the bottom of my heart. Every word you say is a blessing, every kirtan from you is ecstatic and totally connected to Krsna. It's incredible to see how you don't give 100 but 108 percent in everything you do, even now, although your physical complaints are there like no time before.
In one of your lectures, you said that you want us in your kirtans to forget that we have this material body - and what can I say - your kirtans are so unique. On your Vyasa-puja and also

on Janmashtami in Radhadesh 2022, we danced and couldn't and didn't want to stop. I will never forget these moments. Whenever I listen to your kirtans I feel like in another world and don't want to go back from this feeling.

I want to try to follow your example. Every time singing in the temple, I imagine you looking over my shoulder and helping me to sing in the right mood to Krsna.I am sure that there have already been countless such wonderful, blissful moments. But since I only got to know you about two years ago, I missed these moments. Sometimes this makes me sad, on the other hand I am infinitely grateful for the few times I was allowed to see you and talk to you.

Even if we only saw each other four times and didn't have long conversations together, I feel a very strong connection to you and believe that you know me and my personality without many words had to be spoken. Thank you, dearest Guru Maharaj, for everything you have given to all of us and are still giving.

The fact that we can see so many of your lectures on YouTube is a wonderful gift. In this way, and through your books, also your "newer" disciples can absorb so many of your instructions and, by following them, make their contribution to Srila Prabhupada's mission. I will try to follow your instructions and contribute to the Krsna consciousness movement whatever is possible for me.

It has often happened that one or even more of the many questions that fill my mind have been answered by a lecture I just heard from you. I don't even know what to write to express my feelings and thoughts about you.

You are at the same time our master, friend, well-wisher, father. You give us an incredible amount of teaching and love on our way. To put the deep gratitude to you in words is impossible, and that’s why I try to show you this gratitude every day through thoughts and prayers.

Hoping that the prayers for you from all of us will be accepted by Krishna and that you get all the mercy that is available, all possible blessings and total protection. My greatest wish is that I may serve you, his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj and thus his divine grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada in the best possible way.

With my full heart I wish you all the best.

Your insignificant servant,
Pavitra Devi Dasi
(Switzerland)

Pavitra Devi Dasi (Dubai)

SOME HOW OR THE OTHER
When my life was in a clutter
I found you my dear Gurudeva
And since then all you did is just gave
My every shortcoming
Somehow or the other
You just forgave

In this lifetime or ever
Wish I could be of service
And not shy away whatsoever.
For you know me
Somehow or the other
I am not a pure devotee

You fit in the puzzle of my life
Like a perfect design
Your courage is giving me an insight
To really look deep inside
Somehow or the other
I look at you as my only shelter my only guide

Somehow or the other
I wish I really be what you want me to be
My heart feels the anxiety
I know life and death is not our propriety
Death is just a change of service you say
Somehow or the other
My heart still wishes you to stay

I never spoke enough
I hardly shared to you
Somehow I wasn't clicking
For I felt I would blew
Somehow or the other
It's a start of a new beginning

For a relationship of a guru and disciple
Is very transcendental

Pray you're always engaged in kirtan
And complete whatever is undone
Thank you for everything and opening my mind
Somehow or the other
I will try to be what you wanted us to be
For you my Gurudeva are so very kind.

Wishing you a very happy Vyasa-puja dearest Guru Maharaj. I thank you always for accepting me and doing so much for all of us. Truly grateful

Your servant,
Pavitra Devi Dasi
(Dubai)

Prem Sarovara Dasa & Padmaksi Devi Dasi

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

namas te sárasvate deve gaura-váni-pracárine
nirvisesa-súnyavádi-páscátya-desa-tárine

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

You changed our life in an instant – we first meet unexpectedly on 23rd June 2018 when you landed at Gatwick and we volunteered to host you thinking it would be nice to do something to serve an advanced devotee – we were also super nervous as this would have been the first time we were hosting a sanyasi but mainly we did it as a service for the local centre Bhakti Yoga Centre.

Little did we know on that day that good fortune would enter our home and hearts and that the trajectory of our lives would change forever. The thought of being a disciple, being accepted as one or even being capable of being one was far far away if at all in our minds. However, from the moment we met, you put us at ease, you tolerated our mistakes and in your jovial manor accepted us for what we were, basically not advanced in Krsna consciousness.

Guru Maharaj, we often think of ourselves as being buffeted in all directions by the winds of maya and you reached out and brought us to safety without considering your own situation, health or position. Guru Maharaj this quality of being selfless you preach by your action, you often talk about being truthful, this we have witnessed in our interaction with you but one quality we most admired was the respect you gave us.

Guru Maharaj, we still don't fully understand why you have been so generous to us with your time, understanding and in accepting us as your disciples. We pray that we can serve you in the manor that will most please you. We pray that we never let you down. Saying thank you in a million different ways does not do justice too exactly how we can express our love and gratitude that we have for you.

Guru Maharaj, we are not good wordsmiths and cannot fully glorify you but will always remain at your lotus feet.

Your unqualified servants,
Prem Sarovara Dasa & Padmaksi Devi Dasi

Prema Bhakti Devi Dasi & Madhava Gauranga Dasa

Dear Gurudeva,

"Spiritual master is soul of spirits. He knows everything whether far or near," I heard this from Ghanshyam Govinda Dasa, the Sydney Temple President. This can't be better experienced by anyone who recently got new birth as Prema bhakti and Madhav Gauranga at Vrindavan by his holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj. This divine journey from our thought building to reaching Vrindavan for the first time was truly Lords driven.
As if someone from Lords abode has planned our December 31st. We met Radha Shyamsundar first time. We met you first time your blessings on 31st made us feel so special Gurudeva.

Initially Kishori Keshavi Mataji use to send me your deities and Giriraj darshan.
The day I got your number I kept sending my Shri Shri Radha Gopinath darshan to you Without thinking if you will have time to take darshan or not. I can't forget the happiness I had when I saw all blue ticks on my phone. I quickly called Hemang Prabhu and Kishori Keshavi Mataji to say that, "Maharaj read my message." And the blissful day was when you replied. We trusted that the connection are all destined it just one step towards the Lord - made everything so smooth.

We never thought in such spiritual dham we will be getting our new birth. We cannot forget the day after initiation we were leaving Vrindavan on the 1st of January. We all were in the taxi thinking should that we go and meet Gurudeva. Gurudeva you read mind and suddenly we saw someone in orange. "Oh Krsna." We stopped and we bowed down to you. We owe you till our last breath Srila Gurudeva. Your enthusiastic kirtan your lectures your preaching messages - it's a boon in this janma to be in your shelter.

It's Lords decision that you are in Vrindavan. And how nicely you adopted this decision is a true example of surrender. We wish we could imbibe all your teaching and live your instructions and be in service of guru and Gauranga eternally.

We pray to lord that your strong spiritual health should miraculously overcome all the material challenges and we wish that we should have more and more association of our Gurudeva.

Your very new born insignificant servants,
Prema Bhakti Devi Dasi & Madhava Gauranga Dasa

Premanjani Rupa Devi Dasi

Dear Gurudeva,

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

I have always heard from people that I have got things in life without any struggle. Which might be true in some cases. Like how I came into Krsna consciousness just by marrying Tusta Krsna Dasa Prabhu. The jackpot is I got to meet you without any struggle.

I remember first time I met you at North Sydney temple I was not good at English back then, still struggling, but sitting next to you I was just listening to your conversation with Tusta Krsna Prabhu couldn't talk much, after spending some time we were leaving your room I was trying to gather words to say bye but I baffled and addressed you Prabhuji in place of Maharaj.

I am very grateful to Tusta Krsna Prabhu, because of him I got to take your shelter. Because of him I got so many opportunities to serve you over the years, I have cooked meals with your super strict diet. It was difficult to come up with any dish as my knowledge was limited for cooking, but I enjoyed learning new recipes for you. It was very satisfying experience. Thank you for being sweet and eat what we cook for you. It must be difficult to eat every day from different people.

As time passed, I got into habit that you will visit Sydney and I'll get to serve you, have your association, and hear your elated kirtan. I was dumb to think that "I am not ready to be your disciple." I was dumb to take your presence and visits for granted.

We got the news of your sickness and then I thought, "Now how can I ask for initiation?" It would be selfish to ask but when we meet you in person you said, "Why didn't you ask before? You should have called me or talked to me about it, such a rascal you are!" This word was a delight to my ears. I still sometimes recall and laugh, I got to hear rascal from your mouth. That time I realized, I already have relationship with you where I can ask you.

We are thankful to Krsna that we got to see you this year twice. The time we spent with you in Vrindavan was very memorable. After listening to one of your lectures, I have started singing/practicing kirtan, soon will start learning harmonium as well. Need your "surreal blessings." This is my very first offering to you. Please accept my apology if my English doesn't make sense.

Gurudeva, I would like to request you that please pray for us that we always listen to your vani and keep holding Krsna's Lotus Feet.

Lastly, our prayers for your less painful journey ahead, what else I can pray for? And I know for sure you can hear our prayers.

Always want to stay in your service.
All glories to Guru and Gauranga.

Premanjani Rupa Devi Dasi
(Wife to Tusta Krsna Dasa)

Premarnava Dasa (Vrindavan)

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my sincere obeisances at your lotus feet.

The celebration of Vyasa-puja is an expression of respect and love that I feel for our beloved spritual master. I personally feel reinforced when a god brother or god sister express one's own gratitude towards our Guru Maharaj. By this process we can cultivate that exclusive devotion to Guru Maharaj by hearing about his life, following his instructions and teachings, rendering some service according to his desired wisdom.

Guru Maharaj, you are such a wonderful soul and I am equally blessed to be somehow get connected with you and also feel ashamed of the poor example that I have been and the use-less unworthy servant I am. Your words are not lost on me and I pray to be rectified from my fallen conditions and be able to assist and help you serve Srila Prabhupada's mission and the movement as long as you are with us.

Please bless me to find some steadiness in my devotional life. You are always my spritual father and a well-wisher. I am eternally grateful for your kindness to keep me in your Lotus feet. Although this day, I should be praying for your good health. I can only beg that you give me a small place and bless me to keep going with your instructions. Last, please keep and bless me to serve you long and long time.

Your unworthy servant,
Premarnava Dasa
(Vrindavan)

Prematali Devi Dasi

I found my way of expressing gratitude to you, Guru Maharaj, through simple poetry.

What can I offer from my heart?
It's dusty, dirty, all of that.
Yes, somehow, by your mercy only,
I get to keep myself on track.
I fight and fight my mind, desires
For useless things which make no sense.
Your words of knowledge, love, compassion
Keep rising through this fearful mind,
No matter if I keep it dense.
If light of spiritual advancement will slightly shine upon my soul,
My mind will go all crazy, thinking that I did it all.
However, I will know for sure that the mind is clearly wrong.
How can it be anything in this whole world?
But your simple glance upon my soul?
The moment you've accepted me as your disciple, student, and servant can be the only reason for that undeserved upliftment, which I couldn't make alone.
Although I often fail to be like those
Who are fit to be on your sankirtan boat,
I'll always try and cut these fails to zero,
So that I could join your party soon.
I offer my humble obeisances to you,
My spiritual master, the saviour of my soul.

Your servant,
Prematali Devi Dasi

Premnidhi Devi Dasi

My dearest Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj,

Please accept my most sincere and humble obeisances.

All glories to your divine grace,

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I just want to thank you for the difference you have made in my life, and continuously carrying out Sri Caitanya Mahaprahbu's teachings as passed through the guru-parampara. I will forever be indebted to you and this amazing Iskcon movement. Your strength, unconditional love and discipline is beyond admirable.

After hearing about your illness in 2022 and your strength to continue as you do, is remarkable and made me quite emotional to be honest. But it has really helped and inspired me to try and grow in my own spiritual journey and really discover myself. Thereafter I got the wonderful opportunity and wrote to you and explained the dream I had of you and Srila Prabhupada, as well as having you respond I felt so fortunate.

Recently I visited you in Vrindavan during Radhashtami 2022 and my dear friend Darshana and I were able to be in your association and I am forever grateful for that moment we shared with you. Recently as well when I got the opportunity to be accepted as your disciple and being initiated by you and sharing a conversation with you regarding my name and being so lucky to have you think of different names for me and being picked the name you chose for me and the explanation of it. I felt ever so lucky and so blessed.

Thank you again for all your time you have spent with me I will forever cherish these memories in my heart.

Hare Krsna my dear Guru Maharaj
Your insignificant servant,
Premnidhi Devi Dasi

Priyanka Rao

Hare Krsna Maharaj,

My name is Priyanka. I am from Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh, India. I take tuitions. Every Sunday I go to Isckon centre here in our town (Jagdalpur) and chant 16 rounds daily.

I have been listening to your lectures and kirtans and following your instructions about pure devotional service. I want to share you an incident. One day I was thinking about you so deep-

ly. That time the kirtan was going on there in Vrindavan and suddenly one of your disciple's (Rasapurnima Mataji) video called me and showed you. You were in front of my eyes. I cannot explain that feeling but something was there. From that particular day I felt some connection with you. And two days before when we were celebrating the appearance day of Lord Nityananda I prayed to Him for going ahead into my spiritual life and suddenly the next day and the thought of initiation struck on my mind.

I beg you to shower some mercy upon me. I request you to please accept me as your disciple. Please take my hand and lead me to spirituality. I will follow the four regulative principles throughout my life. And I'll devote my whole life by obeying your orders.

Waiting for you.
Your servant,
Priyanka Rao

Priyavrata Dasa

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

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

A lot of personal association I had recently. Great opportunity to observe you and be around. I've never been this drawn to a person before. When I'm in your association I immediately want to be involved in sankirtan. I feel this energy from you. It rubs off.

I'm trying to please you but not always doing my best. Hearing from you helps a lot. Recently I got into habit of hearing Prabhupada daily and I feel even more connected to you.
I'm not really in1volved in much service right now but I'm making arrangements to be involved in the mission.

You said once that the spiritual master is on a mission to save the world and that he is most pleased when a disciple helps him with this. I'm trying in my small way to work up to this. I don't have much to offer right now at this stage in my life but I have a small drop of enthusiasm to want to serve and please you. Hoping to offer more in due course to try and please you more.
Your eternal servant,
Priyavrata Dasa

Pushkar Raj Dasa & Hara Devi Dasi

To our dearest most merciful siksa guru on this special occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to Sri Radha Shyamasundara,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj.

Maharaj, we cannot find the words to correctly convey our deepest gratitude to you. But know for sure that we are eternally grateful for all your support, help, guidance and the time you have shared with us. We have known one another for many years and relish the times we shared.

We were so fortunate that you stayed with us shortly after we moved home to Leicester. In those days, we did not have any lampshades in our home and we had an overgrown rear garden that you described as looking like Bengal tiger grass. We quickly understood that these things needed to be improved if we were inviting Lord Krsna into our home.

Once all these minor things were attended to, you requested that we focus on our chanting. We attended a japa retreat but sadly didn't put into practice the tips shared. The good news is that as our Krsna consciousness has matured, so has the quality of our chanting and now we regularly rise early and chant before Mangala Arati time.

We also shared with you our dilemma with our estranged relationship with our Guru Maharaj. You gave the situation very careful consideration and initially informed us to resolve the issues but then reflected on the matter further and requested that we do nothing at all, but wait. We must admit, this was very difficult to do but we trusted your guidance and endured many years of separation from our guru. Then, suddenly, everything just changed. Guru Maharaj was asking to see us. He was made aware of the difficult and challenging situation we were in and said that we had not done anything wrong and should return to serve him. Very eagerly we took on the privilege to serve Guru Maharaj directly and these years were the most special and fulfilling we ever experienced. Our Guru Maharaj showered us with blessings. Without your guidance, support and encouragement, we don't believe that the situation would have corrected itself. We are literally indebted to you. You are certainly the smartest and most intelligent person we know and it is our absolute privilege to know you.

Dearest Maharaj, we contacted you when our own spiritual master was critically ill and his

suffering became unbearable for us. You promptly replied explaining that our Guru "Maharaj was greatly dedicated to Srila Prabhupada and deeply devoted to Lord Krsna. He was already a resident of the spiritual world during his lifetime. He will continue to bless his disciples." These words were very comforting as we flew to India to attend our Guru Maharaj's funeral. After we returned, you agreed to take us under your wing as a siksa guru. We will never forget what you have done for us.
Maharaj, you are the shelter for so many fortunate souls. Your love and compassion for each and every one is outstanding. Over many years, you have dedicated much love and energy into so many projects like Srila Prabhupada's samadhi in Mayapur, Temple president in Vrindavan and taking responsibility for New York. In addition to these very important roles, you have recorded many kirtans, written books, travelled around the globe and faced many challenges. Your material body has also given you more than your fair share of challenges, like literally being shot, facing a firing squad and now battling with cancer.

When we met you in November, you didn't complain at all about your illness. In fact, despite the cancer spreading, you explained that you were still stronger than either of us and had hoped to travel again. So, even in your seriously ill material body, your focus remained fixed on helping others. It's incredible that you were still giving initiation.

You gave us further instructions and we were perplexed because it was definitely outside our comfort zone. But, we are working towards fulfilling your guidance because we have complete faith in your words. We have given two classes so far and felt enlivened and joyful from the experience. If you hadn't encouraged us, it's definitely not an adventure we would have attempted.

Maharaj, you are, without a shadow of doubt, a pure devotee who has accepted and fully embraced the teachings of Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada's request to reach every town and village. You are selfless, dedicated, merciful, forgiving, compassionate, humble and courageous. An excellent example to your disciples and all devotees in Iskcon.

We cannot thank you enough and would be delighted if you could give us a little service that we can do for you to express our gratitude. May you remain always in our hearts and continue to guide us.

Your most fallen servants,
Pushkar Raj Dasa & Hara Devi Dasi

Pushti Devi Dasi

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

I offer my most respectful and humble dandvant pranam at your lotus feet. All glories to Jagad Guru Srila Prabhupada.
This is the first time I am writing to you. I made several attempts to write you before but I couldn't put anything on the paper and just cried. I think I needed to purify myself to attempt to write to you. Your divine grace I am very lucky that you have accepted me with all my faults and took me under your shelter.

I started my Krsna conscious journey with Gita life course. I watched and sang along all your kirtans. I always thought in my lifetime I will never be able to meet the divine personality like you. One day I got a WhatsApp message informing of a retreat to Belgium. I went on a retreat and and I met you. Gurudeva you asked me, “Can I help you?” I froze and kept on looking at you. Please forgive me I didn't pay my obeisance to you.

Three years later Guru Maharaj you gave me initiation with my all faults and my life changed for the better.

गुरू गोवदि दोनों खडे, कसिको लागु पाय।
बलहिारी गुरुदेव की, जनही गोवदि मलिाय॥

Guru and Govinda both are standing, whom should I pay my obeisance first. I will pay my obeisance to Guru first because of Guru I got Govinda. I came to see you in Vrindavan in October 2022 and took part in Govardhana puja. Gurudeva, I must admit that my chanting is sometimes not good and I must take every available opportunity to preach. Although I have taken some regular service to serve divine Lordship.

I listen to weekly Zoom meetings and I remember in one meeting you said about being kind. To practice being kind, I stated being kind to myself because if I am not kind to myself I won't be able to kind to others. That made a big impact on my outlook to every situations and circumstances.

Thank you Gurudeva, from the bottom of my heart. You are very kind to me.

Your most fallen servant,
Pushti Devi Dasi

Puspanjali Dasi

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

It is by Krsna's mercy and arrangement that I received initiation from you, dear beloved guru Maharaj. On that memorable day in 2022, June 10th, a Friday marking the beginning of the New York City Ratha-yatra festival; this day was truly transcendental.

Guru Maharaj, you had come to New York's Radha Govinda Mandir Temple in the first week of June. I was in the pujari room doing flower garland service. On stepping outside the room, I saw you down the hallway entering the building. My reaction to seeing you was one of happiness; it was blissful. I had such a happy feeling in my heart and a big smile. As you came down the hallway getting closer to the pujari room, you smiled as well with me.
You asked me. "Do you want to go to the transcendental world?" As we both smiled. We spoke and shared some experiences we've had with Krsna, showing Himself in amazing ways.

Little did I know at this point, that I was now in the presence of my future guru. A future that was going to be happening in the not too far future. On June second, I was given a merciful opportunity by Krsna's arrangement to talk further with you. You so mercifully availed yourself to me. We sat on the wooden benches outside the temple room. After engaging in conversation, the next thing that happened was that you told me that you would be giving initiation on Friday, June 10th in the temple. This was eight days away from our meeting in that moment. Only Krsna could have made this arrangement. It is with humility and gratitude that I'm thankful for this mercy.

Since that memorable day, the name Puspanjali Dasi given to me by you has brought much more meaning in striving to serve Krsna. The flower garland service has become so meaningful. It is a meditation in and of itself on Krsna and Radha. It is a great way to connect with Krsna through this service.

In striving to follow your instructions to continue to fulfil Srila Prabhupada's mission, I try to share Krsna consciousness with others whenever possible. Guru Maharaj, you are a great inspiration to me. You relentlessly continue to show that, no matter what, always strive to follow Srila Prabhupada's instructions.

Through your lectures, I learn how to stay on the path of Krsna consciousness, though one may falter or meet up with obstacles, by continuing to listen, chant and keep association with devotees.
Thank you dear Guru Maharaj.

Hare Krsna, Hare Krsna,
Krsna Krsna, Hare Hare,
Hare Rama Hare Rama,
Rama Rama, Hare Hare.

Your humble servant,
Puspanjali Dasi

Puspasara Devi Dasi

Berg en Dal, The Netherlands, 15 februari 2023.

Lieve Guru Maharaj,

Wat ben ik intens dankbaar met u als mijn geestelijk leraar. Ik word zelfs steeds dankbaarder naarmate ik u langer leer kennen en ik me realiseer wat u wel niet allemaal heeft gegeven in met name de afgelopen jaren maar ook in die véle jaren daarvoor.

Uw energie lijkt wel onuitputtelijk en uw liefdevolle vriendelijke houding is altijd voelbaar aanwezig in elke ontmoeting. Uw bezorgdheid en begaan zijn met de ander heeft u ook bij mij diverse keren getoond en dat heeft een diepe impact achtergelaten omdat u het op hele wezenlijke momenten in mijn leven op vaak heel subtiele wijze liet blijken.

Er is zoveel dat ik van u mag leren. Uw ontzettend grote doorzettingsvermogen, standvastigheid, wijsheid, kennis, zachtheid en tegelijkertijd grote kracht en gevoel voor humor in welke situatie dan ook vind ik enorm inspirerend en bewonderenswaardig. Dat zijn nog maar een paar dingen die ik in u bewonder. Uw grote veerkracht die u elke keer weer laat zien moedigt mijzelf aan om een voorbeeld aan te nemen in deze onrustige en soms moeilijke tijden. Ondanks grote lichamelijke uitdagingen waar u mee te maken heeft laat u elke keer weer een enorme veerkracht zien die er in u aanwezig is. Tot aan de wekelijks levendige, diepgaande lezingen en de - nog steeds - Rock kirtans toe. Elke keer sta ik er weer versteld van waar u de energie vandaan haalt in uw situatie.

Vele zegeningen heb ik mogen ontvangen van u waarvan ik wel een hele speciale nog zo voor me zie. Dat was tijdens mijn initiatie en de dagen erna, tijdens de retraiteweek in Berg en Dal afgelopen zomer. Ik dacht dat ik er zowat door kon vliegen zoveel zegeningen mocht ik van u ontvangen. Ik was diverse keren compleet high die week en moest enorm mijn best doen om met beide voeten op de grond te blijven. Onvergetelijk hoe intens deze week is geweest en hoe sterk ik uw vertrouwen in ons heb mogen voelen. Uw aanmoedigingen zijn van grote betekenis en ik hoop u een plezier te kunnen doen met mijn bescheiden offeringen op mijn pad van Krishna Bewustzijn. Hopelijk mag ik u nog een lange tijd dienen en daarin blijven groeien waarbij ik mijn best zal doen om mijn liefde en toewijding voor Krishna zoveel mogelijk te kunnen intensiveren.

Ik weet ook nog heel erg goed dat ik bij u was in uw appartement op Radhadesh, samen met Locan en dat ik me ongemakkelijk voelde omdat ik mijn werk als verpleegkundige achter me wilde laten en me daar ook onzeker over voelde. Maar u was als een liefdevolle vriend voor me en reageerde zo oprecht en bekrachtigend dat u me vertelde er heel blij mee te zijn met welke weg ik was ingeslagen. Dát zal ik nooit vergeten. Daar ben ik u intens dankbaar voor en het is ook doorslaggevend geweest voor het werk wat ik nu doe.

Uw vertrouwen in mij en in ons beide voelt als een enorme zegen en ik moet vaak denken aan de inspirerende en bekrachtigende gesprekken die ik met u heb mogen voeren over Krishna Bewustzijn en onze gerelateerde activiteiten. U benadrukt altijd dat u het zo belangrijk vindt om de dingen op een natuurlijke manier zijn weg te laten vinden waarbij je de dingen met je hart benaderd en uitvoert op een Krishna Bewuste manier. Dit is in het contact met u ook altijd zo geweest en u heeft mij versteld doen staan in hoe vriendschappelijk en op natuurlijke wijze we met u mogen omgaan.

Zo nu en dan voel ik uw aanwezigheid ook heel sterk in specifieke situaties en lijkt het alsof u zo voor me staat en ik met u in contact kan komen, ondanks de grote fysieke afstand die er dan is. Het zijn díe momenten dat ik u het hardste nodig heb en dan bént u er ook altijd voor me met uw zachtmoedigheid en liefdevolle aanmoedigingen.

Mijn diepe oprechte dankbaarheid voor alles wat ik van u mag ontvangen lieve Guru Maharaj. Dat er heel veel zegeningen naar u tot mogen komen en de allerbeste wensen u mogen bereiken.

Hare Krsna.

Uw discipel,
Puspasara Devi Dasi

Radha Kirti Devi Dasi

WALK BESIDE ME

His holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami is my special Guru Maharaj,
Humble, energetic and joyful, he needs no entourage.
He is an elevated soul,
Spreading Krsna consciousness to humanity is his goal.
His harinaam sankirtana are like divine nectar,
That spreads celestial vibrations to every sector.
He cultivates every soul with great passion,
In it there is always a lesson.
Thank you for taking me under your shelter,
Guaranteed to make my spiritual growth to be better.
Your call is 'walk beside me, and you shall see,
This divine bliss you cannot miss,
Going Back to Godhead is my ultimate destination,
Which can only be achieved by Sri Krsna meditation.
My dearest Kadamba Kanana Swami you are my eternal spiritual master and treasure,
Who is beyond measure.

Radha Kirti Devi Dasi
South Africa

Radha Raman Dasa & Radha Priya Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna
Dear Guru Maharaj,

Happy Vyasa-puja Guru Maharaj,

We are fortunate and grateful to be under the shelter of your divine lotus feet. Whenever we had the good fortune of your divine association, you made us feel very special and close to you especially during the Vrindavan parikrama 2022. You kept showering your mercy through

your blissful kirtans and lecture on all devotees who were lucky to be present there. You are so merciful that despite being very busy you still gave us your personal association few times. Thank you very much Guru Maharaj.

For the last few years, we have been feeling more and more connected to you through your regular Zoom meetings. Despite being so busy, you make time for the weekly zoom meetings and answered everyone's questions. We are all very grateful to you. In every meeting you give us some instructions. We would like to highlight few of your instructions and promise you that we will follow them as much we could:

1. kṣudraṁ hṛdaya-daurbalyaṁ tyaktvottiṣṭha paran-tapa (Bg 2.3) - Rise above our weakness spiritual weakness, weakness of heart, one of the aspects of weakness of heart is that we always do things to show others but in reality we should do everything to please Krsna.

2. According to Vedas there are many rules for each varnashrama. Some of us work full time and do some services in temple. However, you told us many times, we should not be cutting corners and staying in mode of laziness. We should be doing devotional service with full faith in Krsna and in our spiritual master. There is no other way to understand Lord Krsna other than devotional service. Krsna reveals himself only to his devotees.

3. You repeatedly told us to be kind. Sometimes we struggle to be kind when other devotees and non-devotees engage in behaviour that disturbs our sadhana. But every time when we get upset and want to say something, we just remember your words – Be kind and try to avoid being angry or upset. You want your disciples to known by their kindness.

4. You always asked your disciples to come together and work collaboratively. One reason for having Zoom sessions, that means we are your disciple community. This community of disciples is very valuable and dear to you. Your disciples, who are from a diverse range of cultures and ethnic background will fulfil your instruction and build a community where we can serve, associate, support and help each other. There is already an effort in this direction in Australia especially in Sydney area.

5. You have always promoted Inclusiveness and always accommodated different types of people, even if they are not devotees of Krsna. You have always given your guidance to all kind of people, you do not mind, you tell all disciples to be engaged in Krsna consciousness activities according to their own ability and skills.

6. When you joined Hare Krsna movement it was very strict. It was very hard to meet Guru Maharaj of that time. However, you are so merciful that you are easily accessible to one and

all, your disciple or not. We will always be grateful to you for that. We pray to Sri Sri Radha Shyamasunder for your good health.

Thanks for giving us association of his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj and his holiness Svayam Bhagavan Keshava Maharaj. Thanks for showing us your altar every day. It is very inspiring to us. Thanks for giving us some new god brothers and god sisters.

We beg for your forgiveness for all our shortcomings as we are way short of your expectations from your disciples, and we should be doing many times more service to Lord Krsna and to your divine grace. Please bless us with intelligence and strength so that we can work towards fulfilling your instructions.

Thankyou Guru Maharaj.
Your humble servants,
Radha Raman Dasa & Radha Priya Devi Dasi

Radhakanta Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

“One who can spread the Lord’s name is called labdha-caitanya in the words of Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati. The labdha-caitanya is one who has actually awakened his original consciousness, Krsna consciousness. The influence of the pure devotees in Krsna consciousness is such that it can awaken others to become immediately Krsna conscious and engage themselves in the transcendental loving service of Krsna.” (Caitanya-caritamrta, Madhya-lila 11.102, purport).

Your appearance in this world is such a blessing for the conditioned souls. You took much inconvenience travelling around the world, coming in contact with so many people and helping them come near the Supreme Lord. This is the real help, real welfare activity and real love. Now you are travelling through modern technologies, doing the same as you were doing before. You stress always doing practical service than some esoteric topics and at the same time you dive into the Goswami scriptures, finding valuable gems and sharing them with others.

During one of your last visits in Czech, we were walking together. I was expressing my idea to choose one service over another, but you stopped me, telling me: "But you have to do something." Meaning I have to do something for the Temple and for Prabhupada´s preaching mission. May these your words always emerge in my mind, when I get overly concerned about my life, my comfort, my needs my, my.

You show us by your example, that the real happiness in life is giving Krsna consciousness to others. You never hesitate helping and serving others, may it be your spiritual master, your disciples or some conditioned souls. Seeing this melts my heart of stone. May I be useful in your and Lord Krsna's service.

Your insignificant servant
Radhakanta Dasa

Ragamayi Bhakti Devi Dasi

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

Hare Krsna Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to you on this auspicious appearance day.

Without devotion to Guru one cannot achieve that stage of controlling one's senses and mind. Hari-Guru-carana-seva upasanastram. This is the weapon. Hari Guru carana upasana: 'serving Guru, completely surrendering oneself to the lotus feet of Guru.' By achievement of guru-kripa, if through your service Gurudeva is pleased, Krishna is pleased and then your mind can easily be fixed at His lotus feet. Otherwise, you cannot fix your mind at the Lotus feet of Krishna. Krishna will disappear from your mind because you have committed an offence. (Excerpt from book Trinad api sunicena by Gaur Govinda Swami).

While reading this I could resonate how I committed offences having no complete attachment at your lotus feet. I have suffered, but despite of knowing everything, you still have given me another chance to be serious, to surrender.

Last year when you visited UK and I could feel you are not happy with me. I don't know what went wrong from my side exactly. You ignored me but also being merciful father, you made me realise Guru is not from this world. He is representing Krsna and we should take him seriously.

In your last trip to Leicester, I had been asked to make dhokla for you, as you had requested that you will eat only dhokla. Usually, my dhokla's turn out well but this time I tried three times, and it was a flop show. May be because I was first time cooking for you and was very nervous. In my heart I was praying that hopefully Maharaj would refuse dhokla and eat something else. When I had been asked to serve you dinner, my hands were shaking. You just asked for dhokla and in my mind I was like, "No Maharaj, please don't eat them." And you asked me to serve more. I felt embarrassed and humbled seeing the way you are ready to accept everything what your disciples are offering.

Thank you so much for keeping me under your shelter. At multiple occasions you gave me the same instruction, to remain in the UK and serve devotees there. I hope I will get enough strength to follow this instruction.

Thank you so much for everything. Words are not enough to express my gratitude.

Your insignificant servant,
Ragamayi Bhakti Devi Dasi

Rai Kisori Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Your Vyasa-puja is an occasion for me to try to focus a little bit more on all of your magnanimous qualities and the more I think about them all, the more I realise how unqualified I am to do so. Yet, due to your causeless mercy I am where I am today. One thing that you have often said and that has stuck me deeply is that Srila Prabhupada always used to say, "Krsna consciousness is so simple, you might just miss it."

Srila Prabhupada also used to say, "Always remember Krsna and never forget Krsna," And You have always shown us that in any situation that might come to us we should always remember that surrendering to guru and Krsna is the only way out. In this vivid ocean of material sufferings, only your words and example provide us with shelter and guide us on the path even closer to Krsna. Thank you Gurudeva.

I beg you to please continue to enlighten me and guide me. I pray that I may offer my body, mind, and soul to my best of abilities in helping you serving the devotees, the mission of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Your most fallen servant,
Rai Kisori Devi Dasi, Vyasa Krsna Dasa, Vrndavani and Varsana Vasini

Ramani Rohini Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dearest Guru Maharaj,

On this auspicious day of your appearance, I express my deepest gratitude through this offering. Last Vyasa-puja I wrote my offering as an aspiring disciple and today by Krsna's mercy, I write to you as your disciple. It is always challenging finding the words to express my gratitude for the impact you have had in my life. As my spiritual father, you have taken me under your shelter in hopes of guiding me to become a good devotee which I am forever thankful for.

Gurudeva you have taught me the significance of devotional service and how it is a 'manifestation of mercy.' You preach that, "By serving Krsna - we rise above all material energy." Your words and affirmations as such stay with me in my heart and mind. It is by your encouragement that I continue to immerse myself in devotional service for their lordships Sri Sri Radha Gopinath. Thank you for acknowledging that, "Every little bit of service has the power to attract Krsna" and that no service is less significant than the other.
Dearest Gurudeva, despite any distance I have always felt close to you through your Kirtan and teachings. Thank you for everything dearest Guru Maharaj. Awaiting eagerly to see you again very soon.

Your humble servant,
Ramani Rohini Devi Dasi
(Sydney)

Ramapriya Sevika Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I am very grateful and happy to write my first Vyasa-puja offering to you. As we all know Krsna`s plans are the best, so was His plan last year for me. I couldn't ask for something better in my life than of getting the shelter of your lotus feet and receiving my initiation. A guru is the most merciful one, and so were you by giving me shelter and accepting me as your disciple.

Last year after getting my initiation, it came clear to me, what it means of taking shelter of the devotees and the holy name and how you always mentioned the importance of it.
During my services I can feel your presence and your words reminds me again and again, that we meet our spiritual master always in devotional service. I am praying that I always keep serving under your guidance.

Knowing that we can never repay our spiritual master I want to thank you for giving me shelter and accepting me. Thank you for giving me this wonderful god family. Praying that once

I can be worth it calling me your disciple. That I can make you proud and that my ego will be destroyed through the ocean of your mercy, so that I am able to serve Sri Harinam Prabhu sincerely and nicely. So that I always remain in the service of Srila Prabhupada and the devotees.

Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.
Your unworthy daughter
Ramapriya Sevika Dasi

Rasa Prada Dasa

Hare Krsna my dear Gurudeva,

My heartfelt and humble dandavats and obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to you,
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I just want to let you know that my love, respect, and gratitude for you is the greatest sentiment that I ever experienced in my life. You became the person who changed my ways of seeing life, ways in how to accept people the way they are, and not look at them as a material matter, but as a spiritual entity. My whole universe changed the day I met you coming down the stairs at Bhakti Center and you were right there. And the only thing I could express at that moment was, "I love your kirtans Maharaj," And you said, “Thank you.” But your smile was the light that entered in the darkness of my heart, giving me the energy that I was looking for years and finally founded.

Since that day, you has never left my heart and my mind. I found a real person, a real guru. Someone who is truth and reality. Someone that inspires confidence, peace, joy, happiness (the real one) and the courage to continue dealing with this world and its miseries. I want to let you know that you are and will always be my guru and the one who showed to me that life has meanings when Krsna is present in everything I do and think. You are my only friend, the one I look up to, and my greatest inspiration.

Thanks Gurudeva for your existence, and for been the greatest human being I ever met in my life. I know miracles happens, and if for any reasons we don't get to see each other again on this side of the earth, I pray and hope that I can see you again in Lord Krsna's Kingdom, and

we can continue our relationship but now in a more substantial way! My gratitude and respect to you! Your eternal servant and friend, Rasa Prada Dasa. I will always love you.

Hare Krsna.
Om Tat Sat.
Rasa Prada Dasa
(Maryland, USA)

Rasa Rambhi Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dearest Guru Maharaj,

All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja. Although I have known you since I saw you at the retreat I attended in Radhadesh in 2017, I have been most blessed to have had your association since May of last year.

Few times in between I have tried to pluck up courage to speak with you and ask if you may consider giving me shelter, but it just didn't happen. May be I was not ready then!
Last year, one day after my mum's first death anniversary, I attended a Bhakti Vriksha program and managed to be brave and ask if you would consider me as your disciple?
My whole world changed when you said yes. This was at the Manor and felt so blessed to have had Radha Gokulananda's blessings too.

Little over a month later I got initiated by you. Everything happened so quickly, but I just embraced the mercy you were showering on us all. It was a beautiful ceremony which I shared with many others who also got your special mercy. You gave me a new name Rasa Rambhi Devi Dasi, and also a new lease of life. Thank you so much for your help in guiding me in my spiritual life and bringing me closer to Srila Prabhupada and Krsna.

Thank you for all your Zoom classes and kirtans that are enriched with so much nectar and valid instructions on how to stay enthusiastic and steadfast in Krsna consciousness.
One of your instructions that is very close to my heart is how to be kind to one and all.
I try to meditate on it all the time and implement it at every given opportunity. At the disciples meeting at Soho temple on 17th June 2022, we all gathered in the park in the square afterwards.

You were surrounded by so many devotees and you gave everyone your undivided attention

and answered all their questions.
I had a burning question about how to balance family life and spiritual practices. You explained it so nicely using the analogy of 'Juggling of the 3 balls.'
1 look after yourself
2 look after your sadhana
3 endeavour to work in Srila Prabhupada's mission.

I pray that I can always follow this instruction together with all the others.
Despite very challenging circumstances, you give us all your time each week with the Zoom classes and engage us in the melodious kirtans that helps to transport us to spiritual world.

I sincerely apologise that I have not been able to come and visit you in Vrindavan.
Please forgive me for my offenses and for not giving you the service you deserve. I feel truly blessed to be under your care and guidance. Please give me your blessings so that I can somehow serve in Srila Prabhupada's mission and make an endeavour to give Krsna to others.

All glories to you Gurudeva on this auspicious day. I am eternally indebted to you.

Your servant,
Rasa Rambhi Devi Dasi

Rasapurnima Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

This would be my third offering letter to you. Two were before getting initiation and this after I got initiated in 29 April 2022. How to start? What to write? How to express what I am going through after knowing your health issues?

I felt myself so fortunate when you accepted me as your disciple. My second birth, that made my life worth meaningful. But immediately next month i.e. may end and my heart broke when you declared about your cancer and that you have few days more to live. I felt unfortunate at the same time because I was being selfish, that recently I got my guru and I have to learn so much from him but time is less.

But as time flew with your association in Vrindavan thanks to you Guru Maharaj you have helped me a lot to come out of my childish behaviour and be mature in bhakti. You have in-

structed me to bring people to temple and you only expect bhakti from me. Not more than that. I promise Guru Maharaj that with your blessings I will make you proud one day. You will see either from here or from there above. I'll qualify myself to become a good preacher and bring people in Krsna consciousness. I pray I become one of the best students of my spiritual master.

Thanks is a very small word to say Guru Maharaj but you mean a lot to me in my life. Krsna's mercy that he accepted me as your disciple. I pray to Lord Nityananda to give me the willpower and strength to be sincere in bhakti. At the end I still expect some miracle from Krsna and pray that may you be amongst us for more years and may your cancer vanish from your body and you become fully cured by Krsna's mercy.

Please note: I wish I get second initiation from you soon Maharaj if you wish so.

Your insignificant servant,
Rasapurnima Dasi
(Vrindavan)

Rasarani Devi Dasi & Dharmaksetra Dasa

Vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam,

Lord Caitanya has taught us this sankirtan movement is the prime benediction for humanity at large. Similarly, you are the prime benediction for humanity at large, as you are highly learned in scriptures.

Thank you for all your invaluable teachings and sharing your knowledge and life experiences. Our realisation from you is: "Krsna is witness to all our actions." Hence, our focus is to make this world a better place by treating all living entities with kindness. We know this will please Krsna and you.

Your servants,
Rasarani Devi Dasi and Dharmaksetra Dasa

Rasesvari Dasi

Hare Krsna Dear Guru Maharaj,

I bow down at your lotus feet with humility, reverence and gratitude. It is only by your generosity and grace that you have given my fallen soul initiation and thus the opportunity to connect with parampara. I am indebted to you for such a gread grace and change in my life so far. You are for me an example of kind qualities, tolerance and knowledge of philosophy. I admire your ability to connect philosophy with a pinch of humour. The Vedic scriptures presented in this way penetrate deep into the heard and I am able to remember more and then use them in practical life. Thank you that I can be by your grace part of the spiritual family.

Sincerely, your servant,
Rasesvari Dasi
(Czech Republic)

Rasika Raya Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

When Tamal Krishna Goswami departed from this world and his transcendental body was brought through the gates of Iskcon Mayapur before being placed into samadhi, you were standing next to Brahmananda who told you: “It’s the end of an era.”

As your physical departure grows close, our movement is witnessing the end of another great era: the era of his holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami, one who gave his life to Prabhupada.

An era of non-stop, all systems go. None of us could keep up. You sacrificed it all. Even when you were unwell or tired from your services, you didn’t stop giving. You gave more to the movement and to your disciples than was humanly possible. You have a deep love for your disciples and are ever-concerned for them, so even at this stage, you won’t switch off. But why would you? You only live to give.

You told me that Prabhupada made a sacrifice so we must make a sacrifice. And that’s exactly what you did. Commenting on your life, Badri Narayana Maharaja boldly declared to us:

"That's real love. That's real service." What can dampen your resolve? Neither bullets, nor cancer, nor death. "Find out what Prabhupada wants and do it" you tell us!

Personified death came to offer Dhruva Maharaja obeisances and, stepping on his head, Dhruva Maharaja ascended a plane back to the spiritual world. Having conquered death, he is approaching you with folded hands too. Fearless, you tell us: "Death is just a change of service." You're unstoppable.

Soon, we will all be serving in separation. Like a loving father, you've prepared us for your departure and our lives thereafter. Undoubtedly, I will be pained at losing your physical association. Prabhupada says that it is the duty of the disciple to cry at such a time. But I also feel set and ready for the adventure — loaded up with instructions, memories and association plus your kirtans and books. What more can we ask from you? Although I know there's more to come. Of course there is. You will surprise us like you always do. Non-stop, even beyond this life.

We will do you proud and become even greater instruments of your mercy. We will become kind like you wanted. Prabhupada men and Prabhupada women. "I want you to become a sankirtan devotee" you said! So that I will do. Not living a Hare Krsna social life but thinking deeply about others. How can we drown the world in Krsna consciousness? Like you drowned us in your mercy and won our hearts, we will push on with this mission and drown others.

This is just the beginning of a new era in our movement.

In awe at your spirit of sacrifice, I offer my obeisances at your lotus feet.

Your eternal servant,
Rasika Raya Dasa

Rati Manjari Devi Dasi

My dear Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Maharaj and to Srila Prabhupada.

Today, on your Vyasa-puja day, I would like to glorify you. It seems that the wonder of who

you are is only gradually being revealed to me. Please bear with me, as I tell this story, which spans around three decades.

I first saw you in India in the eighties, when you were a grhastha, and I first met you in person in the nineties, when you and Isani Mataji came to visit us in our home. After that you came to Amsterdam as a vanaprastha when you were convalescing from the shooting incident in Vrindavan. I remember you gave some very nice classes about Krsna's Vrindavan pastimes.

Then you became a sannyasi and in your travels you would occasionally visit Amsterdam and Radhadesh. But I was busy raising my son, building a career and still trying to become happy in the material world. I wasn't able to take much advantage of your association. One highlight for me however, even in those days, was the Kings Day harinam.

You took that event to a whole different level. When you had become a guru, you decided to celebrate your Vyasa-puja festival in Radhadesh and you organized and paid for 3 busses of disciples to join you in the Harinam in Amsterdam.

Chanting in the streets of Amsterdam with 250 devotees was a transcendental and unforgettable experience, also for me. Intoxicated by all the kirtan and the devotee association, for several years I used to ride back with your devotees to Radhadesh, to spend a few days in the countryside, while you were celebrating your Vyasa-Puja Festival. I saw you giving darshans in the grass but I stayed aloof.

Then gradually, many of my close friends started taking shelter of you as their spiritual master. Partially to support them, or at least to know what you wanted them to do, I began taking some interest in you as well, and so I was receiving more of your association. And then, the mercy began to flow.

One year, after Kings Day, I went again to Radhadesh and to my surprise, I found myself sitting in the audience of a big initiation ceremony in the Temple room. I thought I was there out of politeness but I felt myself becoming overwhelmed by the solemn yet warm atmosphere of the occasion, and by your personal dealings with your sincere disciples taking their spiritual birth. As the fire was lit and the initiates threw their grains in the fire, I mentally also rededicated myself to my vows and prayed to be forgiven for my sins and my many shortcomings. I felt purified.

That year I was welcomed as a guest at your Vyasa-puja festival and I even sang a song to please you, spurred on by your disciple Gita Govinda dd. You handed out to everyone, including me, two gifts, your new book and a poster with quotes by Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakura.

All these experiences of your mercy touched my heart and I felt I wanted to come closer to you but I did not know how.

When I finally asked for a personal darshan with you, you wasted no time. Your opening statement was a sadhu's remark hurled at my material attachments. I looked down in embarrassment, wondering if this was really happening. You continued, with conviction: "What you are looking for that does not exist." In that moment I could see this was the truth and I felt relief.

I pray that I may remember your words and be able to live by them. Please help me to become strong and determined, like you are. Perhaps my favourite experience with you is in kirtan. Kindly allow me to share a few kirtan pastimes.

First of all, Kings Day harinam, last year. I remember how you chanted on Dam Square for 2 hours straight. I was astonished at the amount of energy you poured into the kirtan. And those mrdangas they practically drove me mad.

And then your favourite spot, under the bridge. Here is where the magic really started to happen. The kirtan became so tumultuous that the people of Amsterdam were unable to resist the transcendental vibration. They started dancing even before they reached us, right into the kirtan, in their orange clothes and with beer cans in their hands. And you were right there, in the center, the kirtan master, stirring everybody up to go deeper, to chant louder and to dance with more abandon. Simply irresistible.

I also remember the kirtan you lead in Berlin Ratha-yatra on the stage, which went completely wild. Amongst others, you allowed me to sing backing vocals on stage (and fulfilled an unspoken desire) and then you started the kirtan in full strength. In the course of that kirtan, the holy name transformed the whole scene.

I remember seeing many people dancing and various unusual incidents occurring. A groom and his bride, who simply happened to pass by, walked up the steps and joined the kirtan for some time, all dressed up. At one point even a gigantic clown climbed the stage and danced with us! As I was chanting and jumping up and down, I was looking at you sitting on stage and wondering: "Who is he? And who are these people that are coming by? They seemed like devas eager to join the kirtan festival."

Thirdly, I remember how last Summer, after the serene Vondelpark program with Madhava Prabhu, we went with you into Amsterdam Center, where the Gay Pride Boat Parade was going on in full swing. The contrast between the two settings could not have been greater.
But you were undaunted, leading the harinam party over the famous bridges, into the small

city alleys. Bands were playing and the tiny streets were completely packed with intoxicated people, holding up glasses of alcohol and singing loudly.

I was wondering if you as a sannyasi would take on this challenge but you entered into the midst of the crowd and we followed right behind you. After many minutes, somehow we all made it out again, a bit frazzled. You then instructed us to go on chanting right next to the crowd so they could benefit from hearing the holy names. How smart, how determined and how merciful.

Dear Maharaj, in recent months, as you are facing your physical challenges, I am deeply impressed at how you are handling yourself like a true spiritual warrior, taking my understanding of surrender to another dimension.

How you continue giving yourself to the devotees by holding programs, parikramas, even initiations. I admire how you are able to give shelter to all types of people, accepting them where they are and bringing them (us) to the next level. I also love how much faith you have in Srila Prabhupada, in the process, in Krsna and in his holy name.

My dear vaishnava, I guess what I am trying to say is that even though I do not have a formal position as your disciple or anything like that, you are important to me. I feel inspired by you, strengthened by you, indebted to you, and, at times, empowered by you.

I often lament that it has taken me so long to see how precious you are. But by the mercy and well wishes of my dear friends like Asta Sakhi Devi Dasi, Bhaktin Nicole, Gita Govinda Devi Dasi, Mantrini Devi Dasi, Locan Dasa, Puspasara Devi Dasi, Citralekha Devi Dasi, Shyamali Pranathi Devi Dasi and Harinam Devi Dasi, I too have developed some faith in you.

And through them and you, in His Holiness Jayadvaita Maharaja as well. All of your powerful association is invigorating my spiritual life and I am so grateful to you.
When I came to Vrindavan last November, I was able to join you in some of your programs. As you began chanting in Bahulavan, I became absorbed in the kirtan and then I realized that I am so not ready to lose your association.

Today, on your holy appearance day, I thank Sri Krsna that He has brought you into our company and I pray that He will allow you to stay with us for as long as possible.
I pray that I may fulfil your instruction to me: “Now the time has come to go for pure devotion and to give everything you have. Help to build the Dutch yatra with all your creativity, because that is what you are meant for. Then miracles can happen.”

May all your desires for me come true? Thank you for everything. Until we meet again.

Your humble servant,
Rati Manjari Devi Dasi
(Iskcon Amsterdam)

Ratikeli Siddhi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

This is my first offering on Vyasa-puja. So please accept this offering by forgiving me if I have made any mistakes unknowingly. It's been straight to convey as I have so much to share. Right from the day I heard you for the first time.

We had visited the first Vyasa-puja in 2019 at Radhadesh along with your sincere disciple Sudama Dasa Prabhu. I couldn't attend the mangal aarti but reached only when the "Nectar of Devotion," was been read. I just reached at the end. I was just walking towards the ecstatic voice narration. It was the best ever voice I ever heard (before I didn't know about you and not heard about you) then got disappointed as the hall was too full to find out whose voice it was.

But later in afternoon found everyone shared their offerings in front of you and realised yes this was the voice. So transcendental and ecstatic to one's ears. I am grateful to Sudama prabhu s family to get us there so that I could hear you.

The next was the day before taking shelter in Gauradesh (Köln) I was so confused but your direct eye contact, the merciful indications I got, just made me teary and my doubts got cleared in seconds. So thankful for being so merciful for giving your instructions at that time or I wouldn't reach the next meet of getting initiated. But sorry I took me a lot of time to come to this stage of accepting.

I started getting closer with time by your kirtan s and Zoom meetings. One day I dreamt that you were giving initiation to all except me, when I asked you, you replied, "Don't worry I will give." (With a smile) then I started crying. I realized that it was just a dream.
The next week we got to know about your health and then I connected the dream to your health condition I broke down thinking what did Kṛṣṇa indicate me through this.
But you are so kind you heard me every single time and you messaged me, "Come over to Radhadesh will be seeing most of them."

You were so kind in explaining the name change from Radhika to Ratikeli Siddhi and I really love my name now Guru Maharaj whenever I say the Gurvastakam. With your blessing I could do some book distribution for first time I realised it's not my thing but when I started going on the street had this realization it's dream of his divine grace Srila Prabhupada and how did this happen at the beginning of mission.

Thank you so much for your countless mercy to shower on me through Sudama das prabhu and Rupa manjari Mataji to reach to you. Sometimes I feel I am not the worthy enough but when I see the mercy in which you are showering on us by making us reach to you in Vrindavan, meeting you there just your glance is more than enough for me Guru Maharaj.
I fall short of words my, my mouth is sealed when I am in front of you, please like how Lord Vasudev touched his Conch shell on Dhruv Maharaj forehead and enlightened him, and immediately Dhruv Maharaj started glorifying the Almighty.

Please always with your lotus hands bless me so that I could reach many more to this Kṛṣṇa conscious path, may be by art or by distributing books and little to this dream of his divine grace Srila Prabhupada through you by your mercy. I am trying to give my best through the 16 instructions you have given to us all, so now I can see myself at a stage where I want to do it for you, and it's only possible by your mercy. I feel and see your mercy in everything.

Always keep showering your mercy in our grhasta life so that I with RamRaghav Dasa make our kids Dhruv and Ninad also consciously serve by increasing their faith and love for Kṛṣṇa. Vedāham Samatītāni you hear me first. And thank you for that. Please forgive me if I have made mistakes in offering it in right way but I dint want to miss this opportunity to glorify you. Please forgive I am an ignorant soul to glorify you.

Thank you for accepting me and RamRaghav Dasa and for being our spiritual master.
Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Always your servant,
Ratikeli Siddhi Dasi
Bonn (Germany)

Ravindra svarupa Dasa & Sri ji Devi Dasi

Our dear Guru Maharaj,

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

We offer our respectful obeisances unto his divine grace Kadamba Kanana Swami, who is very dear to Lord Krsna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet. Never in our lives have we seen a devotee who, despite a serious illness, has continued the preaching work in Srila Prabhupada's mission for so long.

We have read of Prabhupada that he was engaged in his mission till his last breath. Your last years are somewhat comparable to this. In daily life we use your steadfastness and perseverance as inspiration when we are faced with all kinds of shortcomings such as illness, grief and other physical and mental problems.

We would like to thank you for the way you have set an example for us to persevere with our Bhakti despite severe illness and pain. During the weekly Zoom meeting we are always there to admire how you make time for your disciples with little sleep and a lot of pain.
We should therefore be proud that Sri Krsna has arranged for us to have you as a guru.
Our sincere hope is that you will be physically present for a long time, so that we can meet you regularly.

Our request is to forgive us all our shortcomings in this life and pick us up from this wretched world someday.

Thank you for being our very special father.
Your eternal servants,

Ravindra svarupa Dasa & Sri ji Devi Dasi

Remuna Lila Dasi

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I wanted to take this opportunity to express my boundless gratitude to you. I feel that although I am still young and immature, you have kept me under your shelter, guiding and nurturing me to help me become a stronger vaishnavi. In this context, I remember a class on guru tattva by his holiness Gour Govinda Swami in which he said, "Without Krishna's mercy, you don't get the guru. And without the guru's mercy, you don't get Krishna'. By your grace I have come one step closer to Krsna and for that I will be eternally indebted to you.

I came across a verse in Cc Madhya-lila 19.151:

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

'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 Krsna. By the mercy of both Krsna and the spiritual master, such a person receives the seed of the creeper of devotional service.'

As I read this verse, I thought about how fortunate I am to have had such a deep connection with you and to have received so much of your association. Thank you for helping me to plant this bhakti-latā-bīja, and I hope that by your grace and that of the devotees I will be successful in cultivating my devotional life.

This also reminded me of how you had allowed me to serve you and Giriraj Govardhan by baking croissants. And even though this may be a little immature, I wanted to promise you that I will continue to perfect the recipe and continue my baking as a service to Krsna and all the vaishnavas.

Guru Maharaj, this is only a fraction of my gratitude to you. I will be eternally grateful to you for giving me this once in a lifetime opportunity to serve Srila Prabhupada and all the acaryas who have invested their lives spreading Krsna prema throughout the world.
Your little servant,
Remuna Lila Dasi

Revati Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna my dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you.
All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Maharaj and Srila Prabhupada.

Vyasa-puja - the time to reflect on the past and to look towards the future. To remember the past in order to understand what we have experienced and learnt with and from you. To look towards the future to make plans how to apply it, how and where to improve oneself.

This year's Vyasa-puja is a very special one of course. So I want to use the opportunity to look far back in time and far into the future as well. After all the years, many details got lost, but there are others I will never ever forget in my life,

When I first met you in 2002 on Sri Balarama's appearance day in New Mayapur, from the first moment it was clear to me: This is my spiritual master. Only a few weeks before, during a visit, I had prayed to Krsna and Balarama to send me a guru. And miraculously I was able to be there for the festival. I had to return to Goloka Dham right after the festival and you came to Goloka Dham for Janmashtami. Being a little bit shy by nature and somehow scared of being rejected, I asked you indirectly, “What are the requirements to be accepted by you?” And your reply was as indirect as my question, “This will take time. I am a sannyasi - too many Matajis.” But somehow you acted already as my spiritual master. We talked about moving to New Mayapur and I did it.

Then, about one year later, when I met you and asked, “Would you officially accept me now?” (I had become a little bit braver), you were so surprised, and “How could it be more official? You again asked me about so many things.” And I understood I was already accepted from the first moment.

My second initiation was an exciting event. It was in New Vrajamandala, and took place in the afternoon, I was cooking for many devotees in the morning, then had to rush to Madrid to the airport to pick up my daughter. It was a hot day and when I returned I was completely finished. But it became worse. Because then you personally examined me. Some weeks before you had told me to download a certain test from the internet and I had spent so much time writing down the answers. Not knowing you didn't want some type of essays but just the standard Iskcon answers. Seeing my stack of papers, everything written by hand, you didn't even

have a closer look at it, but just put everything aside. “I will ask you.” This moment I had some type of nervous breakdown and didn't know anything anymore. I don't want to claim that I knew much, because as a seva-holic I had never had the time to systematically study. But still something I knew, at least up to the moment you put everything aside. You were so incredibly kind, literally put the words into my mouth, “I know, you know this.” And I had to control myself in order to not start crying. It was so embarrassing, but now, thinking of these moments, I just laugh.

Sometimes, coming from a German temple, where everything was clean and done properly, I was so frustrated about the situation at the temple where I was staying. I don't remember what I wrote to you anymore, but will never forget your reply, “People have different mentalities in different countries. Krsna knows this and accepts whatever they offer to Him according to their ability. You still have to learn this.”

I will never forget how once I asked you why it is so difficult to just surrender and you replied, “That's because you are such a proud and puffed up rascal.” Perhaps you saw how shocked I was, trying to control myself. So you continued, “But we all have to fight with this, for our entire life.”

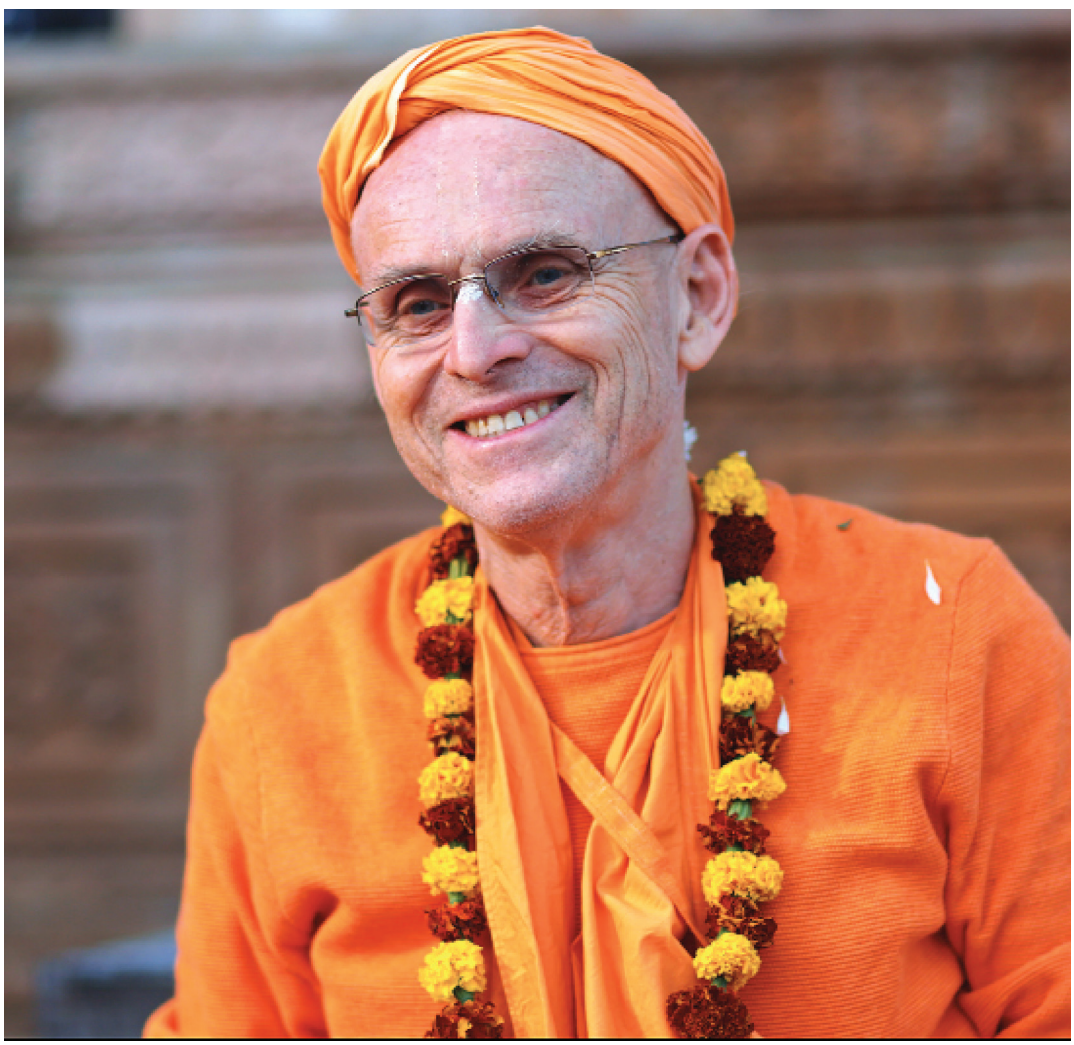
Thank you, dear Guru Maharaj for taking the risk of accepting this proud and puffed up foolish fallen soul. Thank you for your kind and patient guidance during all these years. Thank you for not giving up on me and tolerating my stupid German mind. Thank you for encouraging me to work hard as long as I could do so. And for stopping me at one occasion when I wanted to play the role of a hero again, but definitely shouldn't.

Thank you for again and again assuring me that it's okay, that I am still okay, even when I feel so useless now. Thank you for having such a strong faith in the power of the holy name. Thank you for being so approachable for everyone.

Thank you for giving everything for your disciples, for giving so much attention, spending so much time with kirtan, classes and talks. Even now, when everyone would understand and accept that it's time for you to take care of yourself.

My body will be 70 this year, what should I still desire for this life when the body is already shutting down little by little? It can be over any moment, perhaps only after 20 years or even in 20 seconds. But still, there is a desire. A desire for my eternal life afterwards (yes, you gave me some hope to really go back home after this lifetime).

I have heard that back in Goloka Vrindavan one will not recognize each other anymore and





It doesn't matter what situation we are in. There always is a path towards Krishna



somehow I found this disheartening. Because I was dreaming of meeting you there, it pacified me to imagine how you were waiting for me, telling Krsna, "Just let her in, she is my disciple."

This might have been my illusion, but please, if you want to give me any blessing, then bless me, that I will be able to meet you again, to somehow or other serve Krsna hand in hand with you. So at least, there is some hope against hope and perhaps, by your blessing, my illusion will become reality.

Praying, that all your spiritual desires, goals and aspirations will become true I remain

Eternally your servant,
Revati Devi Dasi

Revatinandana Dasa

May your holiness accept my humble obeisances on this auspicious day of your 70th anniversary? All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

This year, I have decided to compose poetry in the form of an astakam, describing the glories of the Kadamba tree, as you are named after it. There will be no particular meter, nor particular rhymes, it is just an attempt to depict in colourful ways your glorious feats. May you be pleased with it.

KADAMBA KANANA ASTAKAM

In Vrindavan, exists a moving-like sapphire that everyone wants to possess as their unique wealth. This incomparable jewel is sometimes found as if set in a gold mount at the foot of a Kadamba tree providing shade. I offer my respectful obeisances to the lotus feet of my spiritual master, who, like a desire tree, can give me the mercy of Radha-Krsna at his shade.
Like a Kadamba tree, my spiritual master is blessed to be rooted in Vrindavan, and as such he becomes filled with the happiness of witnessing Krsna's joyful dance festival. In fact, because of his particular fragrance, he makes everyone around start to move like mad elephants. I offer my respectful obeisances to the lotus feet of my spiritual master, who, like a desire tree, can give me the mercy of Radha-Krsna at his shade.

The two Kadambas are dressed in similar garments. One is decorated with yellow flowers attracting a swarm of bees, and the other one is dressed in saffron robes followed by a swarm of

disciples. Being charitable, both Kadambas are giving priceless ingredients: One is giving its pollen for the production of the intoxicating honey, and the other is giving his instructions for the ambrosia of prema. I offer my respectful obeisances to the lotus feet of my spiritual master, who, like a desire tree, can give me the mercy of Radha-Krsna at his shade.

Both of the Kadambas are humble and they present their affectionate tribute with the weight of their fruitful devotion. One is using its flowery branches while the other uses the branches of his arms. In this way, they are most eager to render service to the Divine Couple and would tolerate even to see their trunk cut for Their sake. I offer my respectful obeisances to the lotus feet of my spiritual master, who, like a desire tree, can give me the mercy of Radha-Krsna at his shade.

It is well known that from the Kadamba tree, fruits can be used in cooking, and leaves are used as a powerful medicine. Indeed, everything about the Kadamba tree is valuable and so is my spiritual master. During important celebrations, my spiritual master would cook enough amount to feed five thousand Madhumangala. As a result, Giri Govardhana asked him for regular worship. Simply by the presence of my spiritual master, the blinded are cured of the disease of ignorance. I offer my respectful obeisances to the lotus feet of my spiritual master, who, like a desire tree, can give me the mercy of Radha-Krsna at his shade.

A Kadamba tree usually doesn't move, but I know one who has been empowered to do so. He moves everywhere on this planet by dint of his compassion for the fallen souls, loudly chanting the holy name 'Hare Krsna!' People would cry simply by seeing him. What to speak of hearing from him or take initiation? I offer my respectful obeisances to the lotus feet of my spiritual master, who, like a desire tree, can give me the mercy of Radha-Krsna at his shade.
Within the foliage of the Kadamba tree, green parrots are singing melodiously the glories of Krsna. A flute is sometimes heard as a reply and creates tremors in the forest. My spiritual master similarly chants Govinda's name and attracts His reply within the heart of the audience. Quivering with the enthusiasm of love, we all become unconscious of the time passing by. I offer my respectful obeisances to the lotus feet of my spiritual master, who like a desire tree can give me at his shade the mercy of Radha-Krsna.

At other times goddesses of fortune may come and ask questions to the Kadamba: "Can you help us and indicate in which direction Syamasundara and His beloved left?" However, being well versed in the vow of silence, the Kadamba would keep the secret he has received. My spiritual master is a fathomless source of wisdom from whom words are all carefully chosen. By pleasing him I may also enter into the secret garden of devotional service. I offer my respectful obeisances to the lotus feet of my spiritual master, who, like a desire tree, can give me the mercy of Radha-Krsna at his shade.
Revatinandana Dasa

Rocani Devi Dasi

Dear Gurudeva,

I wish you a blissful Vyasa-puja. Gurudeva, you are an inspiration for all, a perfect example which each aspiring devotee should follow. Your enthusiasm is one of the most wonderful qualities that beautify your personality. You are always enthusiastically serving with a selfless mood and you have that one pointed aim. You know your destination already that is why you are so fearless and have surrendered fully to the Supreme Personality of Godhead Krsna. You have let your fate in the Lord's hands and Lord Krsna is surely taking care of you as His own.

I am definitely so unqualified to be the disciple of such an exalted person as you. Yet out of your causeless mercy you accepted me in your shelter and I am so unfortunate that i still do not realize that this is not an ordinary thing. After many births I have got the opportunity to meet my spiritual master and I feel that I am not making the most out of it.

I sincerely pray that I am able to do justice to this relationship of guru and disciple that we share and to be able to do something that you wish to be done by your disciples. You are surely very dear to the Lord. Please pray for me that all my activities be such that they are always pleasing to you, to Srila Prabhupada, to Nitai Gauranga, to Srimati Radharani, to Sri Krsna and to all the devotees.

I am sincerely begging your forgiveness since I have not been a perfect disciple of yours and I pray that throughout my existence in this world that I never stop aspiring to be the type of disciple. You would want me to be, developing spiritual beauty as signified by the name you have very loving given to me, 'Rocani.'

Your very lowly servant,
Rocani Devi Dasi
(Mauritius)

Ruci Devi Dasi

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to his holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

I remember exactly this time last year in February 2022, I said out loud "Initiation isn't for me," In all honesty I was lost. I would been struggling for a while with chanting, struggling with doubts and caught up in material life. I thought that would be it - that I would continue with a one foot in, one foot out approach for the rest of my life. Little did I know my life was about to change drastically.

I was fortunate enough to take your darshan at your 2022 Vyasa-puja. I was the, 'tag along,' as you named me when heading to an appointment. Immediately I felt a change. Your unwavering dedication to Srila Prabhupada's movement was moving and suddenly all my doubts, fears, questions and worries melted away, I knew this wasn't ordinary.

By your mercy dear Gurudeva, my life has completely transformed. You changed my heart and you changed my mind. Taking initiation has been one of the easiest and hardest decisions of my life. I have a lot to learn, I know I'm imperfect but I pray that I can continue to serve you and Srila Prabhupada's movement with love, care and devotion.

Thank you for being our guide, our inspiration and our pillar. I will strive to uphold your instructions and implement kindness throughout my life and in my relationships.

Thankyou Infinite times over. With heartfelt gratitude,

Your servant,
Ruci Devi Dasi

Rukmini Devi Dasi

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

My dear spiritual master, my father and my friend,

I bow down to you, with my body, mind and heart.
I offer you these words, simple reflections on what makes you glorious.

"And everything has to be done by 2pm."
"Yes, Guru Maharaj," I submitted, fumbling with some piece off altar decor, "We will be done by 7.30am."
"I don't care. 2pm."

I knew better than to respond. "I know Rukmini," You said as you walked away and as an afterthought, "And she knows me. At a quarter to three she will get some brain wave."
It is true. No one knows me like you do. You have seen me at the best and worst of times without flinching. I know you enough now to relish the sarcastic quips and the teasing and to try to quickly adjust if I put my foot in it. But do I know you?

Before the sunsets the lotus must reach full bloom. And the qualities of a saintly person blossoms similarly. Have I been blind to have not seen them fully before? Or is it simply the rays of mercy? Either way, with splintered vision, I see the full force of your determination.
"You're going on parikrama? That means you must be feeling better?" Surabhi Kunja asked
"No it doesn't mean I'm feeling better. I have just decided to do the parikrama and I'm going to do it."

When I'm stuck, and struggle to act on sound knowledge, you often said, "What's the problem? Just do it." Or "Just stop it." It frustrated me for so long. I wondered why weakness seemed so foreign to you. It is not foreign. In the sheer strength of your determination, it just doesn't stand a chance. And now, when we hang on a word or any snippet of information that we can get about your health, Srila Jayadvaita Swami says, "He isn't speaking much," yet he soothes the chaos with the proudest smile, "But he chanted all his 16 rounds." No energy to speak in these last few scary days, but 16 rounds done. Faithful. Loyal. Determined.

We all know you rock a kirtan. We have chanted our lungs out, danced our feet off, sweated and near levitated through so many of them. It was the first thing that drew me to you. Call me stupid, but I just didn't realise how unique they are. Tax-free kirtans that require no entrance fee, that sweep me up despite lack taste and qualification. Unique. I didn't realise it until the final kirtan of the One Spirit festival in Durban. You were not there. An aching gap.
"Who will lead these kirtans now? Who gets that inheritance" I asked "That only Krsna can do," you responded, "For that someone needs high levels of energy and a very determined mind and lots of mercy from Krsna and the vaishnavas."

You always claim that determination alone is not enough. One needs taste. One needs mercy.

Well, you're determined as hell to get that mercy and that makes a difference. And you're confident that that mercy will come. It's not confidence fuelled by pride, its confidence in Krsna's kindness, in Mahaprabhu's magnanimity, and in Srila Prabhupada's promise. It's not empty words. It's not text book delivery. It's you, looking at death with a smile, "Simply a change of service." You are confident that your Lord is on the other side and that He is kind. No one can fake that.

Unintentionally, in these musings I see Srila Rupa Goswamis Upadesamrta emerge; Confidence, determination and patience. Well patience, in the general sense, is really not your thing. You want it yesterday and if you get it immediately that is also too late. All for Krsna, of course. You push me. "Because if I don't, who will Rukmini?" These are the things I will miss the most.

There is no single living person who could have conquered me like you do. I can't pretend that I'm not scared witless, stepping into an utter unknown. I can't complain, because I didn't deserve all your care anyway. And there is nothing that you have not given me. So why am I afraid? Oh Krsna please keep me loyal, faithful and determined.

You were in anxiety because the e-visas may cause some commotion upon our re-entry into India via Nepal for the 2nd time and that we may not able to come back for the rest of the year. Just before we left Vrindavan I came to fetch Giriraja's plate. You were ominous, "Hope you make it through. The truth shall be known. Either way. See you later."
Yes, Guru Maharaj, I'm praying I make it through knowing you will be routing for me. The truth of whether I can live up to all that you have given me shall be known. This is not a good bye. You always hated them. This is simply, "See you later."

Your servant,

Rukmini Devi Dasi

Rupa Goswami Dasa (Australia)

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

You are our spiritual leader, a general and a foundation of Prabhupada's Iskcon, what to speak of Caitanya Mahaprabhu's sankirtan movement. You never lack for a moment, guiding us with your knowledge of the goal of life and inspire all with your dedication, your kirtans and harinams.

You keep us under your spiritual umbrella, showing us that despite how hard it may rain, with a solid foundation and commitment to Guru and Gauranga we can graciously attain the goal.

You have invited us into a spiritual culture that we can flourish in and showed us the steps to build that same foundation for the future ahead. You lead from the front line, down in the trenches pulling out the wounded souls and passing them on to the shelter of Prabhupada's movement.

You follow in the footsteps of Srila Prabhupada, traveling and preaching and giving the holy names, the faith you have in him, they mistake you as an intimate disciple of his. You not only follow in his footsteps but your Guru Maharaj's as well, becoming sharp and learned in the Vedas.

You sing and dance to your fullest, spreading Śrī Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mercy making sure there's no chance of anyone missing it. The perfect example of how to live life in such a way to obtain the goal. I bow down to your lotus feet, hoping to follow in the footsteps you have carved through Maya, connecting us all the way to our Supreme lord, Sri Krsna.

Your servant,
Rupa Goswami Dasa
(Australia)

Rupa Goswami Dasa, Gayathri Dhwani Devi Dasi, Krishna & Keshav (UK)

Hare Krsna dearest Maharaj,

We shortly met in Vrindavan at the start of this year and I did mention that it is not yet, the time to say goodbye. But in contrary I have always felt that saying 'goodbye' was something extraordinary. We have travelled a while with you (we wish we had more opportunities) and by saying good bye is that we acknowledge our mutual relationship and friendship, that has given some great memories in life. It is also something we remember, when we meet once again.

We as a family are grateful that we have got a well-wisher in our life and hope your blessings will take us closer to reality, Krsna. There will be a lot of tears but I also firmly believe that not all tears are evil and we will be crying in spiritual happiness as well, to celebrate your devotional life and the principles you set to reach the kingdom of Krsna, to eternally serve. You showed us that were a man of value and you lived your life on the instructions of Srila Prabhupada and his holiness Jayadvaita Swami. I hope we can follow some of your instructions as well.

With a heavy heart, I have to say goodbye to a spiritual master, a true friend and a loving well-wisher but then it is only for now.

Hare Krsna,
Rupa Goswami Dasa, Gayathri Dhwani Devi Dasi, Krishna and Keshav
(UK)

Sachimata Devi Dasi

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

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

I feel so very privileged to be writing a Vyasa-puja for you this year, not just as an ardent admirer and well-wisher, as in previous years, but actually as your disciple.

Last year in August, you gave me the honour of accepting me for brahmin initiation on the sweetest Zoom call ever. You helped boost my spiritual life through the roof. Having gone through many changes over the last few decades in my practice of Krsna consciousness, although I've always maintained enthusiasm and my japa, something was missing. Due to this confusion, I wasn't really acting on the brahminical platform. But when you agreed to accept me, then everything changed. It gave me a new lease on my Krsna conscious life, and there are no words to adequately express my thanks.

Many years ago, my husband and I were attending your Vyasa-puja celebration at Radhadhesh, after having been to the big harinam on Kings Day. After taking the feast, you were distributing your remnants to the devotees. I kept putting my hand out but you weren't putting any prasad in it. Then you looked me in the eye and said, "You're not my disciple, with a bit of a sarcastic smile." Well, at first, I felt sad, but then I started thinking how I actually would really like to be your disciple. After much persistence, you finally gave me a crumb.

Well it took until last summer, realizing with your condition, it was now or never, I had to step up my game, get my sadhana and my determination up to speed, and then asked you to give me 2nd initiation. And thank Krsna, it was the best decision I ever made. It was the very best thing that happened to me in 2022. As it turned out to be a pretty heavy year.

As I relish every bit of nectar on your Zoom calls, your questions and answers sessions and your parikramas, I realize what a great gift you are giving, not only to your disciples, but to everyone who watches you online, on YouTube, and those lucky enough to be with you in Vrindavan. You have a way of making Krsna consciousness fun. You make me laugh; you make the philosophy doable. Yet, you never water it down. You impress upon your listeners the gravity of becoming serious now.

Become serious in this life; no time to waste. I love how you constantly quote Srila Prabhupada, and back up your teachings based on his words. A long time ago, we were having a conversation, and you said to me, "I'm a Prabhupada man." Yes, you are Guru Maharaj; you may have not been directly initiated by Srila Prabhupada, but you are surely cent per cent a Prabhupada man.

So, in closing, I would like to thank you again and again for everything that you do; everything that you share; and everything that you give to us. I would like to thank you for being so amazing; for being so non-attached to your physical diagnosis and for pushing on. I want to thank you for continuing to be that wonderful fired up Swami, I fell in love with around 2010. I want to thank you for your wonderful kirtans; for your wonderful stories; and for your warmth and real concern for all of us. I especially like that you tell your disciples that you want them to be known as compassionate, loving and friendly to all. Thank you Maharaj, may I ever be connected to you in the service of Krsna.

Your servant,
Sachimata Devi Dasi

Saci Indira Devi Dasi

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

The time of year has come again when we can have the opportunity to glorify you. Gurudeva, you have made all the arrangements not only for your disciples but for humanity at large through your many innovative ways of getting your association through your lectures, live streaming, parikramas and many other programs. In every activity of yours, you never fail to strengthen our commitment and conviction to Srila Prabhupada. You always teach us the mood of becoming an eternal disciple by displaying your unconditional pure love for Srila Prabhupada.

Since, I received initiation in April last year, I have been trying to follow your instruction to the best extent and trying to see the opportunities to preach. Your most valuable guidance has given me great courage and enthusiasm to manage my spiritual life. Your blessing and encouragement have 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.

Guru Maharaj, your compassion is shown by the way you give Krsna to everyone who comes to you. No matter how fallen or how advanced an aspiring devotee is, you are constantly encouraging, enlivening and showing the proper way to do things. Your kindness is manifested by the way you care for each individual that comes to you; how you are always concerned and are very personal with your disciples.

Within this past year I experienced grief, physical and emotional pain, but you helped me and gave me the strength to deal with and to rise above these painful experiences. When I am in your association either vani or vapu I always feel enliven to be a better person in my life. Please accept my heartily gratitude. May Srimati Radharani shower you with endless mercy on your path back to Godhead.

With unlimited love and prayers at your lotus feet,

I beg to remain your humble servant,
Saci Indira Devi Dasi

Sadbhuja Dasa

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Currently I am in China, a country where Krsna consciousness and spirituality in general are mostly recognized by their absence. The discussions I am having here remind me of discussions I had in Germany 20 or more years ago. People have a hard time to accept I'm vegetarian and there is more to life than just work and make money. It's hard for them to appreciate Krsna consciousness and they see it as strange at best. And that makes me realise how far we came in the west in the last 20 years where nowadays people often get the feeling they have to justify why they eat meat, smoking is seen as unhealthy, people looking for a more meaningful life and much more.

Just now in Koh Phangan, Thailand we had weekly kirtans with 100 people mostly from Europe often experiencing mantra singing for the first time and immediately can absorb themselves, sing fully from their heart and appreciate it full. Definitely a more fun environment to practice and live Krsna consciousness than here in China where its more still of a feeling of defending my lifestyle and doing very basic ground work is a daily routine. But I am sure Srila Prabhupada will appreciate the effort and I hope to satisfy you as well with it.

I am very grateful for all the care, trust and support you gave me over all this years. By your mercy I am very happy now to be situated in a fulfilling marriage, raising a child and still doing my best to connect myself and others with Krsna. I'm more than grateful for all this arrangements and hope to please you by my endeavours. I hope to be able to serve you more in person before your departure to the spiritual world. Definitely your life was glorious and exemplary. You served Krsna and the movement with so much energy, taking so much austerities. I remember one time we travelled together from a Brahmacari conference in London to Villa Vrindavan Italy.

You didn't wanted to give inconvenience to the temple devotees that where busy organizing a scholars convention there, where you were invited as one of the main speakers on the topic of guru tattva. So instead of asking them to pick you up from the airport we took a public bus towards the temple which is situated in a very remote place. It was one of this moments where you set an example what it means to be considerate and renounced and it left a lasting impression for me. Over the years I often thought about how life will be without your physical presence, trying to prepare myself for it. Even once write a song about it. But still it's not easy to get used to this thought.

You are amazing, caring, superhuman and human at the same time.

Your humble servant,
Sadbhuja Dasa

Sadhu-hrdaya Dasa, Rocani Devi Dasi & Caitanya

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

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Hare Krsna.
Please accept my humble obeisances unto the dust of your lotus feet.

All glories to you Gurudeva,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

On this very auspicious day, I would like to wish you a happy Vyasa-puja Maharaj.
Please kindly accept these humble words as an offering. I wish to express my deepest and most heartfelt gratitude to you Gurudeva. You are always present for all your disciples in their hour of need. We can always feel the kindness and compassion you show to everyone.

Despite your busy schedule and health concerns, you always take time to listen to your disciples and guide them. We all can take deep inspiration and appreciation from the zoom meetings. You dig deep into the sastras, churn what you find and then give us the gifts and gems. We like to hear from you and always like to see your face light up during classes. You give us the courage to carry forward the legacy of Srila Prabhupada, of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's preaching mission by your own example.

Carrying your instructions at heart, being kind to everyone, doing something constructive for the movement, do more than just chant sixteen rounds of japa and follow the regulative

principles, anyone can do that like you say, systematically read Srimad Bhagvatam, follow all the courses offered, become relevant to this movement, live in devotee community and do our part in Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's pastimes.

Lagging behind in the shadow of my senior god brothers and sisters, I cannot know if I can ever be a worthy son of yours, but I will keep trying to the best of my ability to follow your instructions as neatly as possible because you keep inspiring us throughout our lives to keep strong and face difficulties with the right attitude.

I would also like to thank you for being present in our hour of need. You also prayed for Caitanya when he was not well. So we would sincerely like to thank you Guru Maharaj. Now he is doing much better and growing on well. All due to your mercy Maharaj. We are forever indebted towards the kindness you show all of us.
Thank you for everything Maharaj.

This unworthy servant of yours,
Sadhu-hrdaya Dasa, Rocani Devi Dasi & Caitanya (Mauritius)

Sadhumayi Devi Dasi

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayavaita Swami,
All glories to his dvine gace Srila Prabhupada.

Holy names and mercy – these words got a real meaning since I saw and heard you in 2015 at Goloka Dham. Oh, and this melody that you sang back then. Somehow I don't get to hear it so often. It's so sweet, bright and full of longing.

Since you have accepted me under your shelter, I feel so inspired and connected. This feels so genuine, true, from a deep within, even in a struggle. Dear Gurudeva you show me the way by your great example and even I'm many lightyears behind, I will follow you. And when some difficult moments will come, I will sing that melody. It's so sweet, bright and full of longing.

Praying for you,
Your servant,
Sadhumayi Devi Dasi

Sailavasini Devi Dasi

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

namas te sárasvate deve gaura-váni-pracárine
nirvisesa-súnyavádi-páscátya-desa-tárine

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Where to start? As there is so much to say and I dont have words to thank you for your blessings, guidance and support. You are so merciful Gurudeva that you accepted me as your disciple. When we take shelter of guru and come in Krsna consciousness, it is a saying that our last 7 generation and future 7 generation will be liberated. How we get this? We get this mercy because of guru.
Whatever our pious karma and benefit of Krsna consciousness it goes to our material family, which is temporary relation. But where our sin goes? Who takes the pain of disciple previous sin? Not the material family not even any generation will take. It is merciful, Karunamay Guru who takes and still smile and bless soul like me. All words available in any dictionary for thank you is not enough. Still I am your forever servant is saying thank you Gurudeva for giving and keeping me in your shelter. I only can quote this:

"If one take shelter of the lotus feet of the spiritual master we can be free from illusion, distress and fear. If we whole heartedly beg for his mercy without any deceit then the spiritual master bestows all auspiciousness upon us." (Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakura). To say your lotus feet are my only shelter and you are so merciful.
Please forgive me for my mistakes.

Your forever servant,
Sailavasini Devi Dasi

Sama Darsini Devi Dasi

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

Please kindly accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to his holiness Jayaadvaita Swami,
All glories to jagad Guru Srila Prabhupada.

Wishing you a very happy Vyasa-puja and pray to Radha Madhava for many happy returns on this auspicious day.

Dear Guru Maharaj, you are my strength in devotional service. You remind me again and again how valuable is the opportunity to serve Krsna. You have given me the opportunity to serve Radha Madhava on the altar. I am forever grateful for that and thank you for your blessings. I sincerely want to serve the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Srila Prabhupada under your guidance. It is always encouraging to hear your class and kirtan which deepens my faith in devotional service.

Last time I met you in Vrindavan and you gave me opportunity to come and see you in your flat and this was the first time I got opportunity to speak to you in person. Those moments are very precious to me and I will keep it in my heart till my last breath. Guru Maharaj I always feel that I am very unfortunate that you don't know me very well in person as I did not get the opportunity to serve you directly. But when I met you, you said, "You are serving Radha Madhava means you are serving me directly." And those words make me feel how fortunate I am to serve Radha Madhava in a mood of separation from Guru Maharaj but still connected closely to him.

My prayers to Sri Radha Madhava for your better health always and to give you more and more strength every day to fulfil Srila Prabhupada's mission. And finally thank you once again for accepting me as your disciple. I am indebted to you.

Your eternal servant,
Sama Darsini Devi Dasi

Samantra Devi Dasi

Dearest beloved Guru Maharaj,

All glories to you,
All glories to Jaydvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On the special day of your 70th Vyasa-puja, whilst reading Canto 6 of Srimad Bhagavatam I realised that you've created a sense of doubt in my mind. Why do you always look so blissful? Why are you always ready to give us Krsna? Why do you always want to share the importance of the holy name with us?

Then I realised how merciful you are and the potency of the holy name. It is thanks to you, your sacrifices, detachment and strong faith in Krsna and acaryas that we're able to have Krsna consciousness in our life and be part of this beautiful god family.

You're a constant source of inspiration in my life. The last few months you have urged us to get involved in sadhu sanga, take Srila Prabhupada's instructions more seriously, visit the holy dhama and help spreading Lord Caitanya's movement. You have selflessly given us your mercy and association despite your personal circumstances. I will never be able to repay you for this.

I try to follow your instructions to give my life some direction, but I frequently fail. Then I remember you saying, "Keep trying, you're always winning by trying to get closer to Krsna every day." Please give me your blessings so I can keep my mind fixed in devotional service and be able to realise and embrace Caitanya Mahaprabhu's movement.

Your servant,
Samantra Devi Dasi

Sanatana Goswami Dasa

Hare Krsna dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to your lotus feet.
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada,

My best wishes on this most auspicious day of your appearance. I have bitter sweet feelings writing this year's offering to you. Sweet because this year I have been so fortunate to receive so much mercy directly and indirectly from you. I am sure you can guess why the feeling is bitter.

Recently you said that it is because of time that things that are born and then they flourishes and then dwindles. However Guru Maharaj whilst this time factor affects everyone it feels like it doesn't affect you at all. Despite all the challenges you have been so enthusticaly giving us everything we need to succeed in Krsna consciousness. It is difficult to comprehend where to do get all this energy from? Surely Krsna has a hand in this.

Last year, after you announced the news of your health, we our minds became very agitated. Then circumstances become favourable so I come and see you in London. I remember as soon as I landed I messaged you "Hare Krsna Guru Maharaj, just landed from Brisbane. Anxious to see you. Would it be possible to see you today at all?"

Just like a father knows that his child is in distress, you understood my plight and arranged to meet me straight away. In fact within a few hours. We met our Soho Street Temple. I got there a few minutes early. Not knowing which direction you are going to be coming from I constantly kept looking in both directions. I felt like a little kid who is eager to see their parents. After a few minutes I could see you walking towards me. It was the most perfect moment. The rays of the sun were being blocked by the London skylines. But there was rays that made it through the buildings and onto garden. When I saw you those rays were right on you. Walking you looked effulgent as ever and the rays of the sun adding to your effulgence. I paid my obeisances and you hugged me. I remember thinking can this moment be get any better? Guru means that he is an external representation of Krsna and I certainly felt it in this moment.

We walked around London for a while discussing various things. Whilst your health outlook

was bleak, but all you kept talking about what you want to do for all your disciples, things that you want to put in place and so on. Everything we have done in Krsna consciousness culminates at the time of death and here we're so close but you wanted to make sure that we have everything in place before you leave.

Another moment that comes to mind is how to conduct the Sanyasa initiation of his holiness Svayam Bhagavan Keshava Maharaj. The who's who of Iskcon were there. And you made sure that everything was perfect. There ecstasy all round, most elevated devotees were present, best of kirtans. Sitting in the Haveli at the Manor I remember thinking that this is what it might feel to be in the spiritual world.

Over the years you have taught us how to become Krsna consciousness and lead a Krsna consciousness lifestyle. And now you showing us how to leave this world being Krsna consciousness. Really what else do we need? You have given us everything.
It is said that guru is one who leads by example. And you are certainly are an embodiment of this Guru Maharaj. Despite all the obstacles and inconveniences you still keep doing your service towards your disciples and your guru Maharaj. When I asked you I want to come to Vrindavan for the parikrama but we had Ratha-yatra around a similar time, you told me that service should not stop. Exactly what you are Guru Maharaj service should not stop.
At that stage I was sad that I won't get the opportunity to go for Parikrama. How a thought came about something you had said after my second initiation. You said that now you all are second initiated and it is Time for all you to give! It was then I realised that nothing would make you happier than organising Ratha-yatra which is very dear to you. I was at peace then.

In your talks in Vrindavan you said that Srila Prabhupada has 2 lions next to his Vyasa asana. And you would like some lions as well. Who can go out and preach, take responsibility for others and carry on this mission of Chaitanya Maharaprabhu. I aspire to be one of your lions Guru Maharaja. Please shower your mercy so that I carry all these instructions you have given us always in my heart and be the devotee you want me to be.

Your Aspiring Lion,
Sanatana Goswami Dasa

Sanatani Devi Dasi

To my dear Guru Maharaj

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

Since 2011, you have been my well-wisher. Always having time for me, always listening to me and always having some good advice. With your direct instructions, your chastisement, your transcendental kirtans, and your deepening lectures, you have been the spiritual father I so much needed.

I have always felt very close to you, even if the distance between us has been far.
It really proves that your vani is very powerful and it has affected my heart. That gives me some comfort for the future ahead.

Writing this I am on my way to see you in Vrindavan. Oh how grateful I am. Think that I once again get to meet you in the holy land of Braj. I am so fortunate that I have been in Vrindavan with you before. For my 2nd initiation in Srila Prabhupada's Samadhi, when you gave first grains to Kamala Gopi and on parikramas around Braj and in Jaipur.

One time you gave an instruction at a Vyasa-puja that you don't want us to bring socks and hats for you buy you want us to bring devotees, so this has been my meditation. Introducing new people to Krsna consciousness. I kind of forgot how much fun it is to bring in new people, because many programs in temple just go on autopilot, but this winter I had Vraja Krsna Prabhu visiting in Norway and we did a mantra meditation event at a yoga place. From this I started a local mantra meditation group and we now have meetings almost weekly. Just building relationships, chanting together and speaking about bhakti yoga. I hope to please you with this service.

Thank you for always encouraging me to, "Just do it." I pray that you may have all your desires fulfilled. Going back to Krsna, then Lord Caitanya and then to Prabhupada.
You are my hero, showing how it's done.

Your servant,
Sanatani Devi Dasi

Sanjaya Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories be to your good self,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

At the time of my initiation, you gave a speech, and amongst other things. You spoke about the illusion of a happy situation in the material world. You also expressed that the happy situation exists, but in the spiritual dimension, with Krsna, and that we can experience that dimension already now, by fully engaging our activities, words and thoughts in His devotional service.

You told that from the time of initiation onward, we are meant to gradually work on that shift of faith in our heart, to accept in our heart that the whole material dimension is not at all important, and that love of God is the actual goal. Since it is expected that you will leave us soon from a material point of view, as your disciples we are strongly confronted to realize ourselves as part of the spiritual dimension, in which you are present eternally, in which we are also present eternally, and where Goloka Vrindavana is present eternally, with all its self-effulgent, ecstatic inhabitants who are given to the Supreme Lovable all-attractive son of their leader Nanda Maharaja.

As much as we are interested to call ourselves your disciples whole-heartedly, we are strongly confronted to grow in our faith in the spiritual side of life, and to give up our faith in the material side of life. Somehow, way beyond my qualification, you tolerated my staying near you in Vrindavan for a few months, and thus I am blessed like that. In Vrindavan, two things become very obvious:
First, the material world, and especially this planet earth in the times of Kali Yuga, is not such a wonderful enjoyable place. Dead monkeys on the road, being half eaten by dogs with only three legs, cows eating plastic bags from piles of trash, intense traffic noise, the abominable smell of so many waste products and chemicals in the drains, the heat in summer, the foggy cold in winter – Vrindavan, at least the area surrounding Krsna Balarama Mandira; these days it is not the classical destination for a peaceful recreated vacation.

Second, Vrindavan is the place to recognize the factuality of Krsna consciousness: The very ether is surcharged with an inexplicable mood of blissfulness and liveliness. There are crowds

of people coming and going day and night, yelling, "Radhe Radhe." Somehow in that place, all the things we think about start coming true just like that. As one local devotee put it in a conversation we had, "Vrindavan is not a place. It is a soul".

There are the temples of Rupa and Sanatana Gosvamis. There are so many famous places related to Krsna's pastimes. "Here Krsna killed the horse demon Kesi under this tree, Krsna was thinking about Radharani. Here He was fighting with Kaliya, And that is the area of the rasa dance. And also here Lord Caitanya was staying. Here He was walking. "And here Srila Prabhupada was sitting in that room at Radha-Damodara Mandira, looking at the samadhi of Srila Rupa Gosvami, translating Srimad Bhagavatam, and preparing to spread the sankirtana movement all over the world. And finally, here Srila Prabhupada established his own temple, and gave us the shelter of Krsna and Balarama, Gaura and Nitai – and the shelter of Radha Syamasundara – and he also gave us his own shelter very practically by having his house there, and his samadhi. And that is where all of us are gathering, Srila Prabhupada's family of devotees from all over the world.

Like that, in Vrindavan it becomes very obvious: The material concept of life is not at all worth it. The real wealth of life lies in the glorification and service of Krsna.
Dear Maharaj, you have sacrificed your life in the past to facilitate our entry in Vrindavana: as temple commander, as temple president, as the person who organized the construction of Srila Prabhupada's samadhi.

Now, up until today, you continue to sacrifice your life for all of us, your disciples, by bringing us, inviting us to that holy dhama which was traversed by the beautiful lotus feet of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. And like that, you are giving us entrance. I am praying on this occasion that the memories and impressions I got from my stay in Vrindavan will grow within my heart and push away all desires for selfish sense gratification and controllership. I am praying that I will find Vrindavan in my own heart and in my own life, so that I can stay there always; not in a place, but in a mode of existence: pure devotional service, full Krsna consciousness, practically realized by moulding my life as your disciple, and as a grand-grand-disciple of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.
Not qualified at all, yet aspiring to serve and please you forever in Vrindavan.

Your servant,
Sanjaya Dasa

Sanket Bihari Dasa

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. On this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I want to express my deepest gratitude to you for all that you have done for me on my spiritual journey.

When I first met you, I was lost and searching for meaning in my life. Your teachings and guidance have brought me so much clarity, purpose, and direction. You have shown me the path of bhakti yoga, and I am forever grateful to you for that.

I am so fortunate to have had the opportunity to be your disciple, to learn from your vast knowledge of the scriptures, and to experience your powerful kirtans. Your devotion to Krsna is truly inspiring, and I am constantly in awe of your dedication to spreading the message of bhakti yoga to others.

I cherish the personal moments we have shared, the wisdom you have shared with me, and the profound impact you have made on my life. Your love, compassion, and humility have touched my heart and helped me to become a better person.

On this day, I offer my sincerest prayers for your good health, long life, and continued success in your mission to share the teachings of bhakti yoga with others. May your lotus feet continue to grace this earth, and may you always be an inspiration to all those who seek the path of devotion.

Thank you for everything, Kadamba Kanana Swami. I am eternally grateful to you and forever indebted to your guidance and blessings.

Your servant,
Sanket Bihari Dasa
(USA)

Sarad Purnima Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

My whole life I have been trying to find a way to serve God. For as long as I can remember this has been my dearest desire. I grew up in Islam. My father was from Syria. To practice Islam was an intermediate step, but I felt and always knew there must be more to self-realization.

Then my life changed abruptly in August of 2006 when my mother took me to the Temple in Berlin (Kastanienallee). Visiting again and again I truly felt at home with God.
After reading the book "Die Schönheit des Selbst" I understood that the only way I can experience and express such love is by loving and serving Sri Krsna and His devotees.
So, I decided to take up the process of Krsna consciousness. The best decision of my life.
Besides the devotees, you were another very important person for me, Maharaj.

When I first saw you, I felt a connection with you. This intensified more and more over the years. Thank you so much for your deep and authentic realizations and for your example, your lectures, your books and your beautiful ecstatic and meditative bhajans and kirtans. I can finally experience Krsna's love in my relationship with you – Guru Maharaj. Thank you for your support in all aspects of life.

With deep sympathy and full of gratitude.
Your servant,
Sarad Purnima Dasi
108samira@gmail.com

Sarada Gopi Devi Dasi

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

My dear Gurudeva,

Millions and millions of obeisances at your lotus feet.

Thank you Maharaj for accepting such a fool like me as your disciple. Thank you for being so merciful upon this fallen soul. I remember how I used to pray to Sri Sri Panca-tattva and to Srila Prabhupada to guide me how to find my Guru. It was not easy, years went by and then finally I came across your kirtan, lectures and at our local temple I often heard devotees talking about you which made me want to inquire more about you Gurudeva. After that I knew it was you Gurudeva that Srila Prabhupada had sent for me as my Guru Maharaj. From the bottom core of my heart I want to express my gratitude towards you Gurudeva. Thank you Guru Maharaj.

I was in such darkness and ignorance but by your mercy and blessings I started to find light. I was allowed in Vrindavan by your mercy and the mercy of Radharani. I finally got to see you and meet you in Vraja parikrama 2022. It was not easy to talk to you as there was hundreds of our god brothers and god sisters there too. I remember every time we would go out for parikrama I would look for an opportunity to talk to you but by the time I would pay obeisances and say my pranam mantra you would have gone a little bit further.

I also remember the day it was nearly time to leave Vrindavan and I got a picture of you and wanted you to sign on it that day I was in the lecture at Balarama Hall and it's like you can read what's in your disciple's mind, after the class you said "Please do not come up to the Swami," In a heavy British accent and I couldn't stop laughing. But we finally got to meet you and talk to you at your apartment. You gave us your blessings which was truly magical for someone insignificant like me. Maharaj you are truly great. I thank Sri Sri Radha Shyamsundar for sending you in my life. And I thank you Gurudeva for guiding us on our way back to Godhead.

Thank you millions and millions of time.
Begging to remain your eternal servant,
Sarada Gopi Devi Dasi

Sarahamsi Devi Dasi

Dear Gurudeva,

I usually don't have many things to say but I would like to say thank you for your mercy, kindness and never ending inspiration. I hope one day I will be able fulfil all your instructions and please you.

Your ever servant
Sarahamsi Devi Dasi

Sattvatanu Dasa

Hare Krsna dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept this offering with my heart filled with gratitude. When I look back and remember our conversation regarding my initiation, you mentioned that it is time we do big things for Srila Prabhupada. Although I had no faith in myself, you had faith in me, faith in accepting and allowing me to be a part of Srila Prabhupada's most glorious family.
I must admit that I have not done anything, 'big,' for Srila Prabhupada.

However, through your causeless mercy I find myself safely situated by receiving your blessings in the form of the divine instructions you continue to give to us in lectures. My dearest god brothers and sisters who have been my beacon of inspiration and it is your love and faith in Srila Prabhupada that continue to manifest in my Life. In the Sri Caitanya-caritamrta, Adi-lila, Chapter 7, text 95.96 it is mentioned:

ei tāṅra vākye āmi dṛḍha viśvāsa dhari'
nirantara kṛṣṇa-nāma saṅkīrtana kari
sei kṛṣṇa-nāma kabhu gāoyāya, nācāya
gāhi, nāci nāhi āmi āpana-icchāya

"I firmly believe in these words of my spiritual master, and therefore I always chant the holy name of the Lord, alone and in the association of devotees. That holy name of Lord Kṛṣṇa sometimes causes me to chant and dance, and therefore I chant and dance. Please do not think that I intentionally do it. I do it automatically.'

My prayer on this most auspicious day of your Sri Vyasa-puja is that I follow your instructions and make them my life's mission, to develop unflinching faith in the holy names, to become steadfast in my personal bhajan, to remain enthusiastic in the association of the vaishnava's and to eternally follow in your footsteps happily chanting and dancing back home back to Godhead.

Please continue to shower you blessings upon me.

Your servant,
Sattvatanu Dasa

Satyabhama Rani Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Many congratulations to you on this auspicious day. You mean everything thing to us. The first thing comes to my mind is to pray to Krsna to give best health to my Guru Maharaj. Even though you have been suffering so much with your medical condition, still so much determination to serve Krsna and vaishnavas.

Thank you for being so merciful and giving us initiation. Thank you for having trust in us. We will try to follow your instructions just like an obedient sincere child of the father. We will try to make you proud Guru Maharaj in serving Krsna with love and care. Please be alright and wish to see you in Australia Sydney and dance tirelessly on your ecstatic kirtan to please Krsna. I know this wish is unrealistic, but we know that Krsna will make our Guru Maharaj alright soon.

We try to follow your instructions that you gave us to focus on chanting and Bhagavatam. Please bless us Guru Maharaj so that we can make the Krsna conscious family bigger and bigger by preaching and spreading the word of Krsna to everyone and everywhere.

We had been fortunate to get first initiation from you in Vrindavan. Getting the beads from your hand and the beautiful name is like the best feeling ever which is hard to express. Please be alright Guru Maharaj as we want to take second initiation from you only. My heart cries, when I get to know that my Guru Maharaj is not well. We would like to spend so much time with you Guru Maharaj and take your blessings and just keep listening to your kirtan.

Please accept my sincere apologies for committing any offence that I might have committed knowingly or unknowingly. We love you just like we love our Krsna. Also, my 6 year old son AadiDev had made a wish to Krsna that Guru Maharaj comes to Sydney, Edmondson Park for his birthday on 13th November to give him blessings. (Krsna knows if it's possible or not) This is his love for you Guru Maharaj.

Wish you a very happy Krsna conscious appearance day.
Yours humble servant,
Satyabhama Rani Devi Dasi & AadiDev

Satyarani Dasi

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please kindly accept my most respectful obeisances. All glories to you.

There are so many incredible vaishnavas that give colour to our lives through their affectionate appreciation for Krsna, His associates and His devotees. Among them all, you have and will continue to be the most special to me, you have created unimaginable opportunities in my otherwise dull life.

You accepted me as your spiritual daughter and spoilt me with all the gifts of devotional service. Surrounded by so much wealth, by my immaturity I'm not yet able to access all of these wonders.

You have always been so cheerful, humorous, supportive and full of fatherly affection, you have patience and faith in me, more than I could ever deserve. Whilst there is ample lacking in me, still when I reflect on the person I was and what I was like, it is different and that is because of the faith you have in me. Whatever service I've attempted, is an opportunity to express appreciation for Krsna that I was never eligible for and appreciation which I lack.

Whatever little I may get right is because I'm carried by your prayer. Perhaps, it is an unseen thing but I'm strongly convinced that the prayer of our spiritual master is one of his ways to protect his disciple along with his invaluable instructions. Instructions that take us out of dormancy and lethargy and raise us to a level of acknowledging our small position, and the greatness of Krsna and His devotees. By your example you've shown that deep appreciation becomes an impetus to glorify Krsna.

In a Vyasa-puja offering, there's an attempt by the disciple to express his gratitude to the person who is the very essence of his life, but what words could ever suffice? The spiritual master is taking one from the emptiness of a futile existence to give him a life full with the depths of appreciating the sweetness of Krsna's character and His associates.

We are nothing more than paupers at the feet of our spiritual master, our hearts devoid of the purity of genuine devotion and yet we live full lives because we live on the wealth of our spiritual master. We have shortcomings, we may not be sincere and whilst we are undeserving still we have opportunity, we are even far from having devotion and yet still we receive grace, you have taught me what mercy without reason is, you have shown what real love is.

Words perhaps may attempt to express the true beauty of the character of one's guru, but even lifetimes of such words will never be enough. I pray that the real Vyasa-puja offering be, the way I live my life, in attempting to be the disciple you want me to be, I wish to become transformed by your kindness and by this you will be glorified to be a guru who teaches his disciples thoroughly.

Your servant,
Satyarani Dasi

Savita Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj.

It is truly inspiring to see your positive attitude and perseverance amidst challenging health conditions. Your dedication and sincerity in your practice of Krsna consciousness is what helps me remain steadfast in my sadhana. My initiation vows to you are like an anchor that prevents me from being swept away with the waves of material life. You asked us disciples to be kind. This is a simple request, but in reality, it is genuinely hard to actually practice. Thank you for all that you have blessed me with. I promise to always try my best to follow your vani.

Your humble servant,
Savita Devi Dasi

Sesa Dasa

Hare Krsna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Once you said to me, "You aren't thinking how to get the maximum mercy out to everyone." That memory and your words continue to ring throughout my mind as a reminder of your fully giving spirit, an inspiration for my limited conditioned nature.

Maharaj you have a unique ability to uplift everyone into a transcendental consciousness; sometimes through a roaring kirtan where we are all overtaken by your lead, bringing us to pour out our hearts, pushing our vocals, spinning around with hands in the air and slamming our feet dancing. Sometimes through your classes where you share such personal stories, relate to us and then bring in practical shastric realizations which hit us to spiritually grow. Though this can feel challenging we're supported by your love, your saintly inspiration and your concrete faith in serving Srila Prabhupada's mission. Other times you give us all so much personal time, uplifting us through special personal interactions which you know will continue on to inspire us for decades to come. These are just a few of the ways in which you gift us a deep vision for Krsna consciousness beyond anything we could even imagine to exist or experience.

Today, I'm specifically meditating upon your personal example. You show us the true meaning of dāsa-dāsa-dāsānudāsaḥ. You personify fearlessness for Krsna, a priceless gift upon us, whilst simultaneously showing us how to be kind. Whilst awakening me that I don't comprehend how to get the mercy to everyone, a message forever ringing within my mind, through our interactions, through your classes, your kirtans, your engaging me, sharing mountains worth to uplift me you have shown me first-hand what it means to always be giving the maximum mercy out and seeking ways to distribute it, and that will always ring in my heart.

This year has been one of tough inspiration. As your spiritual son, I depend upon you for guidance, shelter, security and so much more. Therefore, I realize your merciful investment in me and feel daunted by what the future holds. You have taught me so much and I'm blessed by your eternal empowerment in attempting to apply your instructions.

Thank you for your unconditional love, your kind mercy and exemplary guidance.

Attempting to become of some use to you,
Sesa Dasa

Seshasayi Dasa

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

We wish you a happy Krsna conscious appearance day dear Guru Maharaj

I would like to thank you dear Guru Maharaj for accepting me as your disciple. My wife has been practicing Krsna consciousness for quite some time. She had tried her best to bring me also into the Krsna consciousness, earlier. As she was not successful in doing so, she asked for your guidance on how to bring our near and dear ones into Krsna consciousness. As per your suggestion and blessings, she brought me closer to devotee's association by doing home programs. This has changed me and helped to get into the path of Krsna consciousness. Now we are Krsna conscious family.

After coming into Krsna consciousness, I started having more questions regarding who we are and what is happiness? I used to have such questions when I was young, and I gave up as I

was not sure of the path to seek answers. Many of these questions are answered already after coming into Krsna consciousness, through your lectures and devotee's association. Though the questions are unlimited, I am happy that I am in the right path, and I am sure that my questions will be answered sooner or later.

I would also like to thank Sudama Prabhu, who is also disciple of yours, for bringing new people like me into Krsna consciousness, and always engaging us in devotee's association by conducting home programs. With your guidance and blessings, I am sure I will progress further in the path of Krsna consciousness.

Hare Krsna.
Your servant,
Seshasayi Dasa

Sevanandi Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my best wishes on this glorious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.
I have spent many months feeling down and distraught about our situation. Sometimes feeling great happiness that you are on your way to Krsna's embrace, but most of the time feeling sorry for myself for losing the privileged to contact you whenever I am lost and weak.
I also feel great regret for not doing more service and maturing spiritually at the speed you expected me to Gurudeva.

I truly feel that I have displeased you because of my neophyte behaviour. And it disappoints me that I cannot change the past. I wish I did better as a disciple for you Gurudeva.
Gurudeva you have spent the last few months reassuring us and instructing us in many ways on how best to continue and to carry on strong. I take every word to heart and I am arranging many things in my life to allow me more quality in my Krsna consciousness and in my service. This comes with many goodbyes and difficult decisions but I keep reminding myself of your instructions Gurudeva. It's time to get more serious now.

Thank you for saving me 21 years ago.
Thank you for treating me like a daughter first and a disciple second.
Thank you for being gentle most of the time and tough when I needed it.
Thank you for tolerating my stubbornness and weaknesses.

Thank you for showing me so much of kindness, love and acceptance.
And thank you Gurudeva for nurturing me in my Krsna consciousness.

I will never be able to fully repay you Srila Gurudeva for opening my darkened eyes and filling my life with transcendental knowledge. I am so happy to have had these years in your glorious physical association. And I am now looking forward to the new chapter of our eternal relationship. It's a scary transition but I'm being brave.

Srila Gurudeva please ask Krsna to let me go wherever you go. Wherever you choose to serve, please take me with you. Because I want to serve eternally in bliss only under your guidance Srila Gurudeva. This is my deepest desire. Please forgive me Srila Gurudeva for bringing you disappointment and for not becoming the Uttama that you have worked so hard in trying to grow me into. Please forgive me. I will work harder to get there by your mercy. I promise.

Thank you for allowing me to be connected to you Srila Gurudeva in this eternal relationship. All glories onto your most wonderful and merciful grace.

Eternally your servant,
Sevanandi Devi Dasi

Sevika Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisance.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Guru and Gauranga.

Maharaj I'd like to say thank you very much for giving my life meaning. From the very 1st day I met you, you gave me instructions, and now with your blessings and mercy I am able to make some progress in my spiritual life. Please forgive me for making mistakes, I'll try to do better and become smarter and stronger in my spiritual practice.

I thank Krsna for sending you to save me. Your kirtans are amazing and your strength is empowering. You are very inspirational. I appreciate what you have done for me Gurudeva.

Your humble servant,
Sevika Devi Dasi

Shyamali Pranati Dasi

My dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

I was first connected to you, Guru Maharaj, in a mystical way 5 years ago through Tamal Krishna Goswami, my parent's spiritual master. One night while intensely praying for guidance, I felt I was led to you in a dream-like way (who up until that point I had never even heard of since you were not one of the Swamis who visited the Dallas community where I grew up). A video then popped up of you, and I just stared for hours at your entire kirtan fully mesmerized and transfixed. Your pure love for Lord Krsna is so palpable that just watching your devotion woke something up within me that I was searching for, for a long time. In that moment, I felt a piercing clarity that I had to find you. After, I ran to my deities in our home altar and threw myself onto the floor bowing down. I felt you had just provided the most real life line that showed me how to be saved from drowning in this ocean of material suffering. I immediately created a group chat with my parents titled, "My spiritual master," and sent them a picture of you.

After that night, life continued unfolding with all its twists and turns, college, masters, and work, and five years flew by. Until last year, I went to Sadhu Sanga, and to my surprise you were there. As soon as I saw you, it awakened those feelings I first had when I connected to you 5 years ago. Later on you told me that from the time we first met, "I saw you, I knew you were one of my people". That Sunday back from Sadhu Sanga I felt an intense longing and emotion towards you that this is just the beginning, and the very next Monday morning you released the news, it is the beginning of the end. So I immediately booked a ticket to New York Ratha knowing you'd be there. I had no idea what a journey lay ahead, culminating in initiation. I just knew that what I felt for you was so strong that I wanted to be connected to you forever.

In New York, you had just finished a kirtan in Tompkins Square Park and were whisked off to a disciples' Zoom. You were walking at the front of a group, as a devotee was telling others they couldn't come due to the small room size. I was trailing at the very back and shyly whispered to a girl if it was fine if I came along. In that moment, you turned around from the front, looked right at me and said, "You, come." I was amazed. I felt you knew exactly what was in my heart. With your spontaneous actions, you were so in line with paramatma.

I'll never forget, the next morning, before the carts took off, you nodded for me to come over. We began talking and you told me, "I'm willing to take this relationship as deep as you want."

I replied "I'd love to take it as deep as you'll allow it," And moments later I asked you to be my spiritual master. You were nodding with a knowing smile and a twinkle in your eyes. It felt so incredible that by the time I actually asked (and you mercifully facilitated that moment), it wasn't even a decision, it just flowed out. The natural next step.

When I got back from New York, I felt there was something new in my heart that was just mine to cultivate, nourish, and grow. On the back of a picture of us, you wrote your first instruction to me, to spread Krsna consciousness in any way I can. That picture has become my most valued possession, and I pray to always keep your first instruction to me alive in my heart. I've always prayed to Krsna to please let me use everything He has given me in His service, but now thanks to your mercy I feel it in an even deeper way.

Last Summer, I travelled through Europe and then to India following you, deepening my love for you and collecting memories of your ecstatic kirtans, your deep talks, your animated sense of humour, how you'd play air guitar, and your wonderfully quirky way of making up songs to communicate short messages. You are just so cool, yet so profound, playful, yet stern, and you always give all of yourself to everyone.

One evening in Germany you weren't feeling well and stayed in your room. The god family was outside, and I shared with them how I felt sad to have to leave soon back to America and jokingly sang, "Hello darkness my old friend." The following day, you asked me, "Who was singing The Sound of Silence?" I was surprised you even heard, and sheepishly replied, "Oh me." You smiled and replied, "I thought it was you." So I explained why I sang it, and ended by singing again, "Hello darkness my old friend, "And you finished the next line, looking at me with a deep look, saying, "I'll come to talk to you again." I bubbled with excitement asking, "Ooo like in a dream?" And you laughed replying, "Yes".

Flash forward in Vrindavan, I got to have spontaneous encounters that I will forever cherish, and on my last day there, I told you I was a bit sad. You began making up a melody, singing "What can we doooooooo? Life is such that ways must part." Rather than stay quiet, I chimed in, turning it into an improve musical like duet, and I sang, "Unless divine intervention kicks in, and I do my part and I lift my chin to come back." After a moment of silence looking at each other, we both burst out laughing. Later that night, as the car whisked me off to the airport, my heart was filled with an even deeper love and attachment for you and gratitude for Krsna, and I began reading the note you had written for me inside one of your books. In one part you wrote, "Oh when will be the day that we will go there (to Vrindavan). Meanwhile, all my good wishes are with you. I am always with you. I live in your heart. I will continue to give you strength when you need."

Guru Maharaj, your life has been one of complete service and surrender, unto Guru and Krsna, while whole heartedly helping your disciples go back home, to the spiritual sky, giving us all of you, under any condition even the most dire. You embody an exemplary life, an inspiration for us all. I pray to keep your words and instructions as the focal point of my life, so by your mercy I may feel your presence in my heart deeper than I can even imagine. Thank you Gurudeva, for everything, no words can describe the gratitude and love I feel for you in my heart. I don't know how too properly thank you now for connecting me to that eternal river of ecstasy found within Krsna's sweet mercy. I just hope to one day truly make you proud.

With all my heart and soul,
Your eternal servant and daughter,
Shyamali Pranati Dasi

Siddheshvari Devi Dasi

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

During our conversation in Vrindavan dated 17th December 2022, you told me to bring the spiritual world to my home. I realised it only later how you had already brought it to my home and what remained for me to do was to sustain and nourish it and make the most of this mercy. Yet, I find myself incompetent to do so without turning to you. Krsna is quick to burst my bubbles when I assume I am making efforts in my spiritual life. The reality is mercy enables me. Guru Maharaj, the simple mantra given by you to offer my day unto yours and Srila Prabhupada's service makes a real impact on how the remainder of my day goes.

These instructions by you have your potency in them which can be only realised when carried out. Gurudeva, when Sri Sri Radha Govindaji made me an instrument to bring Their maha outfit to you and when you wore the Lordship's turban and that transcendental smile, that moment is etched on my heart. I pray that Radha Govindaji make me an instrument to please you again and again.

Due to being initiated only recently, I did not have the fortune of receiving much of your physical association but when I chant looking at your picture; when I listen to your 'Vibhaveri Sesa'; when I give Krsna to my 2 year old Pradyumna, and most importantly when I try to put myself aside and try even minutely to become the disciple you want us to become, I realise I get your immediate association. I beg at your lotus feet to forever grant me this kind of association for I am a forgetful fool who only sometimes remembers how all the good fortune of the

world was sent my way by Krsna through you. I beg at your lotus feet to bless me to remain anchored to your divine instructions.

Your most insignificant servant,
Siddheshvari Devi Dasi

Sri Hari Dasa (London, UK)

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

'I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, who has opened my eyes, which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge, therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.' (Bg Introduction).

My dear Srila Gurudeva,

On this most auspicious day of Your Vyasa-puja, the disciple has the opportunity to glorify his spiritual master. But how is it possible for an ignorant fool, like myself, to glorify such an exalted personality as your divine self? How can this fallen conditioned soul even begin to understand your transcendental nature? How can the son glorify the father? How can the servant glorify the master? It appears to be an impossible task.

The son and servant glorify the father and master by trying his best to follow the orders given by father and master. This I have tried to accomplish to the best of my ability despite my unlimited disqualifications.

You are my spiritual father and I am your ungrateful son. But just as the son looks to his father for love and guidance, I look to you for spiritual direction and scriptural guidance.

Just as the son looks to his father for physical protection and security, I look to you for spiritual protection and security.

Just as the son puts full faith in his father to keep him out of danger, I have full faith in you

that you will lovingly guide me through the dangers and pitfalls of this material existence.

And just as the son knows in his heart that the father will lead him in the right direction, I know in my heart that you will lead me out of this world of miseries and to an eternal world of joyful service to the Supreme.

I pray each day that one day I may become a worthy son of my eternal father. I know this can only be accomplished by the mercy of Sri Guru. Therefore I pray for your mercy that I may one day become a worthy son and servant of his holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami, my beloved Srila Gurudeva.

Your insignificant servant,
Sri Hari Dasa
(London, UK)

Sruti Rupa Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

Srila Prabhupada has been always pointing on the leaders who speak nicely, but their words have no substance or lead their audience to the wrong direction. Prabhupada has been straight and never wasted his time because he knew its value.

In the light of these days, I feel I want to be straight too. If I have an opportunity, I want to say something what does not only sound nice but it's straight to a point. I feel immense gratitude for you being my guru and my spiritual father and friend. I feel such gratitude for your presence. It's not only because of time in Vrindavan but association and presence in my life. It's in my heart, on the pages of your books, in your kirtans and for me, most important, in your classes. Your presence permeates in my life and in my heart.

I've been learning from you so much about humanity and transcendence. About personality of guru. About a vision of saint person, about personality of a devotee, about compassion, about authenticity, about humility, about boldness, about personal qualities, about love, about sensitivity and about caring of others. I'm lacking so much. I lack love for Krsna and I'm self-

ish. But I'm fortunate I've been listening to you and you gave us a guideline how to become a devotee and how to act as a devotee.

You celebrate and stress mercy of Lord Sri Caitanya and Lord Nityananda which Srila Prabhupada delivered to conditioned souls. I turn to Them the most because I know They will take me to Radha and Krsna. Once Danavir Maharaja commented about your long, fiery kirtan that: "It was beyond call of duty." Your efforts and service have been in a same pattern through your whole life.

I remember that you've done three Govardhan pujas in one year. All on the different places. You've been managing huge projects with huge success and also helping to manage hearts and souls of those who ask for guidance as disciples and friends. You've made thousands of personal connections and now you have so many disciples and friends who love you immensely. Bhakti yoga is yoga of love and devotion and you've been preaching it to this world by the example, completely surrender your soul, body, actions, words to this mission. We love you so much.

With love and respect,
Your spiritual daughter and disciple,
Sruti rupa devi dasi

Sruti-Kundala Devi Dasi

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

namas te sárasvate deve gaura-váni-pracárine
nirvisesa-súnyavádi-páscátya-desa-tárine

Hare Krsna my dearest Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine Grace Srila Prabhupada and to all the devotees.

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

By your causeless mercy you gave me eternal shelter at you divine lotus feet. Ever since, you gave actual meaning to my life and existence where chanting is done with more taste, reading is done with more absorption, I relish listening to classes, engage in service to devotees and the Lord. You will always find me on the stairs to Prabhupada's room. You said that whenever I am at the temple I sit on the stairs and chant only to be in your association. I do miss serving you in Melbourne and hearing, "My homeless girl always sitting on the stairs," as I loved sitting on the stairs to be able to render any little service to you.

Thank you, dearest Guru Maharaj, for bestowing your mercy onto me and opening the doors to Vrindavan dham to me. Through your association I've discovered so many hidden gems which I will cherish all my life. As you said, "You may live wherever in the world but your heart must live in Vrindavan." Vrindavan is very special to me and as you stated we should visit the dham to recharge our bhakti, faith, devotion, and chanting. I will do my best, with your blessings, to go back to the dham every year as per your instructions.

Dearest Guru Maharaj, you are leading us by example. Even in these rough times, you remain so steady in your bhakti, you are continuously preaching, chanting, glorifying their Lordships, guiding us, responding to our queries, having firm faith and doing lots more. Yet you remain so concerned, loving and caring for all of us, even when you chastise us. You are my eternal guide and strength to get through life. You show me how to keep moving forward with firm faith in hard times and just let go and leave it to Krsna, as He knows what is best for us. You are the epitome of kindness and sweetness. My only desire is to eternally remain in your shelter and serve you in my best ability. I wish I could do more for you.

On this very auspicious day, dearest Guru Maharaj, I beg for your guidance and mercy. My only desire is to eternally serve you, execute your instructions for your greatest pleasure and be at your lotus feet. I require strength to actually grow up. I remember once in Radhadesh, you told me that I will never grow up. But please Guru Maharaj I beg for the strength to grow up and be fearless to preach and propagate the holy names of the Lord. I will surely miss serving you, but I pray to be able to render service to your lotus feet.

Your insignificant daughter,
Sruti-Kundala Devi Dasi

Subhadra Mayi Devi Dasi

My dear Guru Maharaj,

I pray to Srimati Radharani to keep you in good health so that we will be able to associate with you in the future. I'm very grateful and blessed to have you as my Guru Maharaj. Even though you are not in a good state of health, you are conducting Zoom meetings so that we can get your advises and instructions.

Last year, in the month of September in Vrindavan, I got the chance to meet you and talk to you but it was not enough. I pray to Giriraj that I can meet you again and serve you.

Your disciple,
Subhadra Mayi Devi Dasi
(Mauritius)

Sudama dasa, Rupa Manjari devi dasi, Vrajendra Nandana dasa & Sri Vibhav Krsna

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,
Dandavat Pranam,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glories to HH Jaidvaita Swami Maharaj

By the blessings of Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga, Sri Krsna we trust you are doing well.
On this very auspicious Vyasa Puja Day we take the opportunity to fall at your lotus feet and beg forgiveness for all offenses, mistakes, inconveniences committed unto you. Also request to forgive for any offenses and mistakes we may commit in the future.

One question that confused me: What could be the cause that we took up Krsna consciousness, joined Srila Prabhupada movement, took your shelter and developed deep dependency

and attachment unto you?
Is it due to our good fortune? Or
Is it due to our own endeavour/efforts? Or
Is it due to our spiritual interests/inclination? Or
Is it due to our choices/ out of free will? Or
Is it due to our piety? Or
Is it due to our pious deeds? Or
is it due to all the above? Or
Is it due to none of the above?

In Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 1, Chapter 17 there comes a conversation between the Bull (Dharma personified) and Maharaj Parikshit. Maharaj asks who broke the legs and is cause of distress. The bull responds by saying its very difficult to ascertain the cause of his condition, as different kinds of theoretical philosophies cause bewilderment. And finally leaves the choice to King Parikshit to judge by himself.

My situation is something similar to the bull. And if I put the question to myself what on earth could be the cause of my good fortune to come across your grace and shelter, then the answer that vibrates loud and very clear is: It is ONLY ONLY AND ONLY possible out of your causeless mercy, otherwise ITS SIMPLY IM POSSIBLE.

If not by your mercy what else could give us your blessings?
If not by your mercy what strength helps us win your trust?
If not by your mercy what abilities do we have to render devotional service?
If not by your mercy what package of fortune have we come with to be protected in this world of nescience?
If not by your mercy what vision, mission we could have got to be able to practise Krsna consciousness?
If not by your mercy what hope could we have to be part of Srila Prabhupada's ISKCON?

The cause of your causeless mercy is your grandeur, greatness, generosity (G3). You are a reservoir of Vaisnava qualities and flooding out in all directions those special waves of mercy upon everyone without any reservations.

In the preface of Nectar of Instruction, Srila Prabhupada emphasise the importance of following in the footsteps of the Six Goswamis. Srila Rupa Goswami was the leader of all the Goswamis and to guide our activities he gave us this Upadesamrta, the first instructions for neophyte devotees, to follow. But the question is how could an incompetent person like me can ever understand these instructions and apply them in our life?

You are that Goswami who walked into our life to open our eyes, heart and mind to understand this science of Godhead and took us through our baby steps of Krsna conscious Journey. Else we would be sleeping in deep slumber even in the brightest day light of this world.

After last year's Vyasa Puja you threw a few surprises. Some pleasant ones and some bitter one as well.
Pleasant ones to start with:
Initiated Rupa manjari devi dasi (2nd initiation) in Radhadesh
Initiated Vrajendra Nandana Das (1st initiation in Goloka Dhama and 2nd initiation in Vrindavan Dhama in Karthika month)
Announced & Invited to HH Svayam Bhagavan Kesava Maharaj's Sannyasa initiation
Blessed us by sending heart touching instructions along with deity of Sri Sri Prahlad Nrsimha Dev Ji.
Conducted Initiations in biggest scale, and especially the ones who are part of our "The Pure Bliss Times" group
Gave some personal instructions (lifetime goals) to us.
Conducted Vrindavan Dhama parikrama before usual Kartika yatra
Granted Uninterrupted association through live virtual and personal presence
Graced our home twice which was one of our dreams, and gave us the opportunity to serve you and our god brothers

Surprise that dumbfounded all of us was the one about your health, about your pain & suffering, which also shattered long cherished dreams of everyone longing for your personal presence & guidance for a very longer period.
You brushed aside easily the tensions of such circumstance and embraced the path of bravery and showed fearlessness to death. And what happened from there onwards?
Nothing diminished in your preaching work but rather it took on more fire than ever before.
You travelled rigorously and gave special instructions that will serve as beacon light for lifetime to all classes of devotees.
For some you gave teachings and instructions that lit up the bonfire for their spiritual journey
For some who are already practising Krsna consciousness you gave vision of how to serve the mission of Srila Prabhupada in even bigger scale.
Your electrifying kirtans passed transcendental shocks to millions around the world.
You personally led us by example – befitting best to the definition of Acharya
You, against all odds, conducted successful Vrindavan Yatra for the benefit of us
You kept giving priceless gifts each and every day, in the form of your teachings, kirtans, katha, initiations

These glories are enough for me to recognise that you are our dear most Goswami, who do not belong to this world but came just to shower causeless mercy upon fallen condition souls like us and to save us.

Srila Prabhupada says Guru means very heavy, very heavy. But in my humble opinion: heavier than him is his absence, his separation.

guruṇāpi vicālyate: means Guru is not disturbed. But in my humble opinion: how can he not be disturbed if his disciples become helpless and be burning in the fire of his separation? So.. its not possible that he is not disturbed.
But dear Guru Maharaj, please stay undisturbed and continue to engage in your nitya lila serving Sri Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, Srila Prabhupada and bless us.
Wherever you are, wherever you may go, please have an eye on us and instruct from within as well as without, so that we will be under your protection and serve you in your service.

Your unlimited mercy enabled us this year as well to conduct services in temples, in home programs, in outreach programs and were able to share the essence of the teachings of Srimad Bhagavad Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam and other spiritual subjects.
This year we felt extremely happy to serve you in few unique ways: by bringing more devotees who successfully took initiations and are following your instructions very nicely. They come together and work as a team for organising big programs to attract many more beings to join Srila Prabhupada's family.
One of our long-cherished dream was to go on Vrindavan Yatra as a group(devotees part of The PureBlissTimes Group). This got fulfilled this year. And by following your instructions we hope to continue to do so every year.
Another highlight of this year's achievement is to conduct a Bhagavat Saptahah (7 day sessions each day devotees & guests gathered at a devotee's home). This increased the appetite for Hari katha and book distribution, and we want to rollout this into an annual event Bhagavat-mela.
Started preaching in hindi for devotees and guests based out of Afghanistan who live in Germany.
With the support of Adiras Prabhu, Dinanatha Prabhu, Ram Raghav Prabhu we conducted outreach programs entitled "Journey of Self discovery" which came to a successful end in Feb. 23.
1.April 2023 we will be conducting Sri Rama Navami annual celebration for new guest, another outreach program to bring them into Krsna consciousness movement
22 March – 30 March 2023 I will attempt to speak complete Sundara Kanda in 9 days a row.

In addition to the above, as we discussed, I am conducting interviews of some of the devotees who either worked/working with you at institution level, or the ones who were guided

by your instructions and inspired in their services and would like to share their realisations. These efforts eventually will materialise into a book form spanning across multiple volumes or/and will be rolled out into YouTube space. Through this project we are benefiting immensely by learning your glories even further and excited that the output will bless God family, and beyond. Appreciate your feedback and support.

Unlike every year where we ask you to give something on the occasion of your appearance day, this time we want to give you something, though menial: a Commitment. We want to be more committed than before. We believe this is the way to continue to please you.
Guru maharaj, wherever you go, take me with you, as I want to be your pet dog. And as a dog is loyal to its master, may I be loyal to you.

Next year might be not a normal one but I am sure you have plans for us to serve you. Srila Prabhupada and his mission. Please enlighten at suitable time so that we make best of the given circumstance and deliver success and maintain our commitment towards you.

Please bless Vrajendra Nandana Das, Sri Vibhav Krsna that they become your instruments in the service of Sri Sri Radha Shyama Sundarji, Sri Sri Krsna Balaram Ji, Sri Sri Gaur Nitai and all Vaisnavas. Right now they are performing kirtans in the home programs and temple. Please bless them further Guru maharaj.

Just a thought of your absence scares us
Just a thought of your pain pains us
Just a thought of your separation breaks us
Just a thought of your disappearance kills us
Just a thought of your missing burns us
Just a thought of your loss fears us
Hey Gurudev!! Kripa sagara!! live and don't leave us

Kindly engage us in your service ignoring our shortfalls, mistakes, offenses considering us your fallen disciples.

Your servants
Sudama dasa, Rupa Manjari devi dasi,
Vrajendra Nandana dasa,
Sri Vibhav Krsna

Suddha Bhakti Dasi

Bitte nehmen Sie meine demütigen Ehrerbietungen an.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Zu dem Zeitpunkt, als es so aussah, als wäre dies meine letzte Chance in diesem Leben Ihre Schülerin zu werden, begann sich mein ganzes Leben in einem irren Tempo zu verändern. Durch Ihre Gnade, durch Krsna's Gnade, haben Sie mich als Ihre Schülerin angenommen. Es gab die Möglichkeit nein zu sagen und zu sagen: "Ich bin nicht würdig, werde ich es schaffen, werde ich in der Lage sein?" Die Antwort auf alle Fragen lag auf der Hand: "Nein, das bin ich nicht, es wird eindeutig Misserfolge geben, offensichtlich werde ich vielleicht nicht immer die Kraft haben. Aber nur dank Ihrer Liebe zu Gott, die durch jeden Kirtan mit Ihnen übertragen wird, ist mein Glaube so stark geworden, dass ich auf dem richtigen Weg bin. Nichts anderes hätte mich von meinem starken Wunsch, die Liebe Gottes zu erfahren, abhalten können. Wie dankbar bin ich Krsna immer wieder für diese größte Gnade, diese unglaubliche Gelegenheit Ihnen zu dienen.

Möge Ihr Herz immer mit Freude erfüllt sein, wenn Sie uns, Ihre Schüler, ansehen. Mögen wir Ihnen mehr Freude als Mühe bereiten. Wenn ich sehe wie aufmerksam Sie uns durch den Zoom-Bildschirm betrachten, wie Sie jeden einzelnen Ihrer Schüler anschauen, wie fürsorglich und einfühlsam Sie sind, füllt sich mein Herz mit einer noch größeren Liebe zu Ihnen. Am Anfang meiner Reise bin ich noch so egoistisch, dass ich es wage Sie zu bitten länger mit uns in diesem Körper zu bleiben. Wir brauchen Sie so sehr, einfach nur weil wir Sie lieben.

Hare Krsna,
Suddha Bhakti Dasi

Sukhayanti Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I was fearing that your Vyasa-puja celebrations will arrive this year without your physical presence and yet, here we are once again. I have a chance to write you an offering that you might read.

I wouldn't say that I ever took our relationship for granted or cheaply, but I must admit that there was never a feeling of urgency. You were always just a flight away, an email message away. How many times did I find myself in a difficult situation and I knew that all I had to do is send you a line and if you see fit, you would become available. Either you would write back, or offer me an online call or just send your prayers and good wishes.

And here we are, with an eminent threat to tear that relationship apart, at least on its physical form, and so of course I contemplate on whether or not I have done enough? Did I take enough opportunities? Did I try enough? Did I give enough? Did I endeavour enough? Did I get enough?

I know I tried my best to give my all. I know that many times I failed. I often lament for the loss of time and opportunity, for having the wrong body, being in the wrong circumstances, making the wrong decisions. What if lots of what ifs circle in my head and as I see our family extending, and all the newly, improved additions to my god siblings I feel lacking.

So here I stand in front of you, as I am, with my faults, with my shortcomings, with my material desires and with all that which I hold back. I stand in front of you with my broken mantras. With my lacking service and with my lacking faith. I offer you what I can, I offer you what I have, and I pray that you may overlook the shortcomings. You may overlook the faults and accept my broken, lacking offering.

I pray that you may see that deep down in my heart. I am trying to be sincere. I wish to be sincere. I wish to be completely, wholeheartedly, surrendered. I wish to not have material desires. I wish to only desire Krsna and nothing else. I wish to only serve you and make you happy. And even though I know that I am not able to come up to the standards and I keep on trying. I do not give up, I hold on tight to the thin thread of your mercy. Afraid that any minute now it may snap, not because your mercy is lacking in any way but due to my faults, due to me not living up to the standards. To me being a disappointment. And yet, every day, I convince myself again that, "tat te'nukampāṁ su-samīkṣamāṇo," (SB 10.14.8) if I just stick around. If I just continue doing the service that I can, the chanting that I can. One day it will become also my rightful claim. And if does not and if it was not enough, you will make sure it will be.

So on your Vyasa-puja day, I want to take the opportunity to pray to you, my spiritual master, my father, please overlook my faults. Please accept my broken offering. Please do not abandon me and please allow me to always serve you. Because you are the representative of Lord Nityananda, therefore you must also be most merciful and forgiving.

Here I am, surrender at your feet, waiting for you to pick me up and accept me.

Your servant,
Sukhayanti Devi Dasi

Sumandira Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna Guru Maharaj,

Dandvat parnam
A very happy appearance day Guru Maharaj,

May Krsna always keeps you in good health and you always preach Krsna consciousness to the fallen souls like me.

Last year I got opportunity to have your darshan in Vrindavan dham, I'm so grateful to Krsna that we had parikrama with you to the temple Sesha Sahi. Your kirtan and your instructions to me, I still remember and I will try to work on it. On your auspicious day please bless us Guru Maharaj that we always serve you and Krsna.

Your insignificant servant,
Sumandira Devi Dasi

Sundar Gopal Dasa

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

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

On the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, please accept my heartfelt offering at your lo-

tus feet. Oh Gurudeva, indeed I am so fortunate that you accepted me as your disciple. You are so kind, merciful and magnanimous towards a fallen conditioned soul like me. I am wretched, and a recipient of sins. Struggling still with my mind and senses, i am trying to execute your orders.

Being so compassionate, my spiritual master, you are following in the footsteps of the previous acarya and giving your mercy just like Srila Prabhupada. Guru Maharaj, you have taken our sins and you yourself are suffering so much because of sinners like me. You have and you are enduring so much and my heart still is not melting upon seeing you in such condition.

Maharaj, I believe you are very dear to Krsna and a gem to Srila Prabhupada. You are so precious and invaluable to this sankirtan movement. By your enchanting melodious kirtans you have stolen the heart of many. By your purity and good mischievous smile, you have attracted so many souls. I repeatedly offer my respectful obeisances unto you, for I am such a soul captured by you.

I consider you very close to my heart my dear father, and I always looked to you as your son. O dearest Father please always guide me and whether you chastise me, kick me or embrace me still within my heart I know you care for me. For such love you yourself feel for your guru Maharaj his holiness Jayadvaita Swami, you are sharing such ecstatic affectionate mellows to us.

You are empowered by the blessings of Gaura Nitai, my dear Maharaj, to spread love for Godhead. And you are fulfilling your mission as a great example. I offer again and again my dandavat pranam at your lotus feet.

I pray, Gurudeva, may you always stay in my heart and i always serve you as your eternal servant. I also offer my prayers and i beg the Lord to keep you healthy because your association is most precious to our hearts. I am a beggar, dear father, and I beg you your love and care for me and all your disciples.

Never abandon us, Gurudeva.
Stay always in our heart.
To this, I offer my full dandavat at your lotus feet.
All glories to you, my dear Gurudeva.
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

A fallen servant of yours,
Sundar Gopal Dasa

Sundar Gopal Dasa

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Thank you. I feel so blessed to be able to write an offering for you, with your permission. I would start by thanking you – for accepting me as your disciple, for initiating me and giving meaning to my life, for distributing so much love and knowledge, for inspiring so many people out there to follow the path of Krsna consciousness.

Until a few years back, I was living a meaningless life – wriggling through the clutches of material nature, not knowing where was I heading to, what was I doing? With your mercy, I came into the path of Krsna consciousness through one of your disciples – who inspired me so much that my life changed overnight. It was you who was speaking to me through him and I realized that when I heard your kirtans and lectures – you performing abhishek of the deities with your kirtan for hours and hours. Last year, I attended your Vyasa-puja celebration and I almost felt there that you were looking at me and that made me feel even more strongly connected with you.

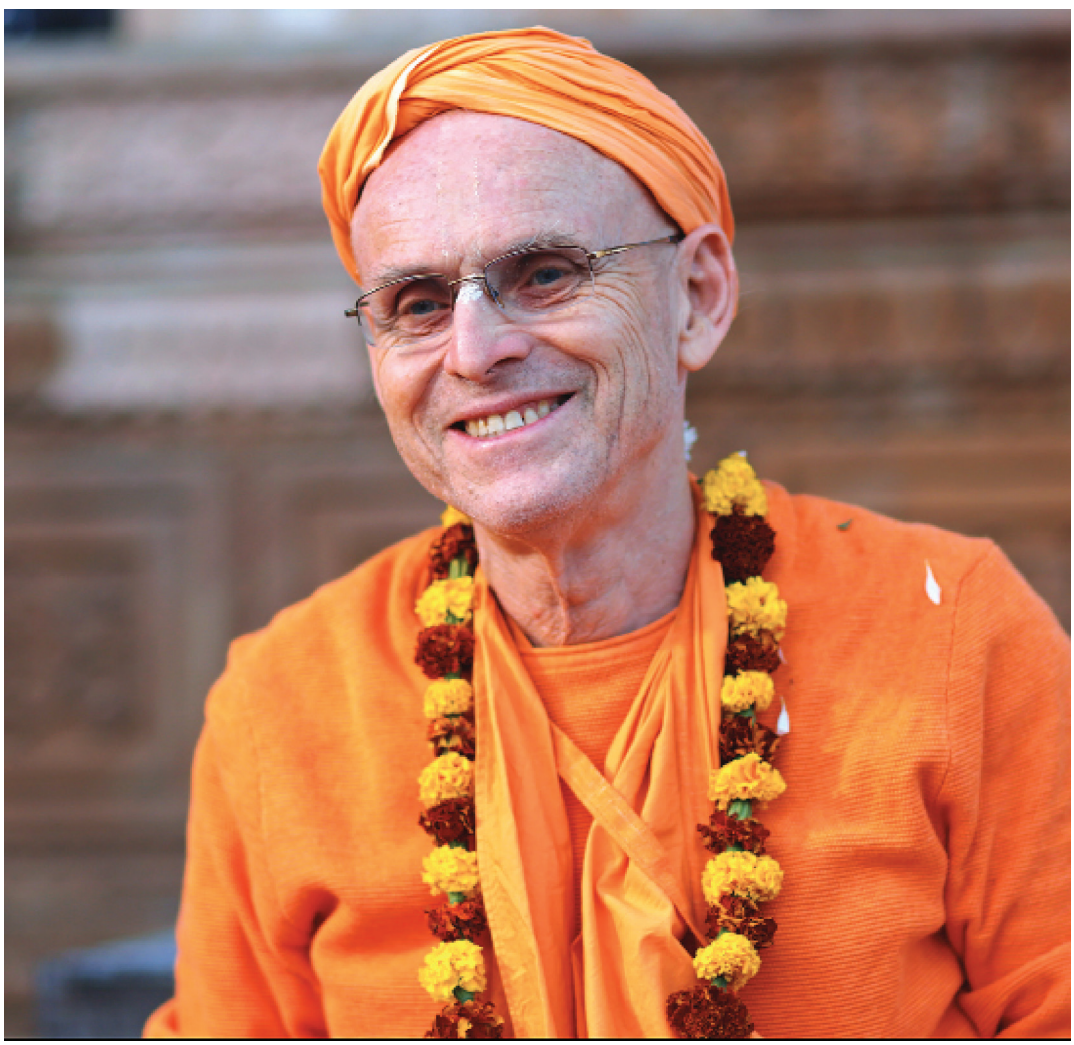
It was your mercy and blessings that made it possible for me to enter Vrindavan and get your personal association for the first time – which to me was a dream come true. To my spiritual master – who I had only heard and seen virtually, sitting in front of you, speaking to you and getting knowledge from you in person was very blissful. You held my hand and to me it felt that I got the greatest benediction of my life. And then 2 days later, I was again sitting in front of you and got my real birth in the form of initiation. Thank you so much for showing your immense mercy on a fallen soul like me and giving me a path that I will try to tread for the rest of my life.

Your humble servant,
Sundar Gopal Dasa

Surabhi Devi Dasi

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.





It doesn't matter what situation we are in. There always is a path towards Krishna



On this special occasion of your Vyasa-puja I want to express my gratitude to you. It is not easy to put all what I feel in words. The spiritual master is an ocean of mercy who saves one from drowning in the ocean of material existence.

You give so much of your energy, to give us disciples true knowledge and put us when it's needed back on the right track. You are giving us inspiration to not give up. I pray, that you give me the strength to be successful on my spiritual path.

Your servant,
Surabhi Devi Dasi

Svayam Bhagavan Keshava Swami

Dear Maharaj,

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

When I came to Vrindavan for Kartika you made so many arrangements. You sent your driver to the airport. You arranged everything in the room and you personally brought a mat to sit on when you saw me chanting on the floor. You even gave a lock to keep the room secure. When you felt the weight of my danda, you gifted me yours which was much lighter. "The vow is already heavy." You said. I was humbled (and uncomfortable) to be on the receiving end of your kind service. In that trip, living next to you for the six weeks around Kartika, I felt a surge of gratitude. I realised the greatest spiritual master is the actually the greatest servant. They give every last bit of energy - physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual - to lift the disciple higher. We couldn't ask for more - you have given everything and more.

At times you talked about exciting missionary ideas, and other times you established serious philosophical truths. One moment would be heavy instructions, and then next moment a humorous observation of life. Sometimes you interjected and set the record straight, other times you sat back and heard our inputs. Just like Krsna played numerous roles while instructing Arjuna – patiently listening, other times sharing "an opinion," coming in as an authoritative instructor, and ultimately giving independence and choice – you played all the roles. Our relationship with you encompassed all the flavours. But in every situation you were serving us in different ways, empowering us to be alive and involved, active participants in the greatest movement on earth.

Some months ago you told me, "I'm not leaving you anything in my will, only service." When I considered whether to return to the UK for the Christmas marathon you told me "Yes, go. We meet in the mission of Mahaprabhu." Later on you said, "My generation did our bit and had a go, now it's your turn." You encouraged me to embrace the path of renunciation and said, "Now we're closing all the doors just so you can open up a whole new world."

I had no idea where my journey was taking me, but now in hindsight I see a plan all along, masterfully engineered and executed by your divine grace. I'm humbled that you took such a personal interest. I'm amazed by your investment of faith. I'm indebted beyond my capacity to repay. According to Rupa Goswami's science of bhakti it all begins with Sri Guru – who gives shelter (asraya), initiation (diksa) and instruction (siksa). The disciple responds by offering service soaked with love (visrambhena guroh seva). You did everything for us, now we have to reciprocate with solid service. As Srila Prabhupada told Visnujana at his initiation ceremony in 1968:

"You are instructed, you are guided, but you have to act. If you don't act there will be no meaning."

Begging to remain absorbed in your transcendental service,
Svayam Bhagavan Keshava Swami

Sveta Manjari

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all the vaishnava devotees.

I am happy and immensely grateful to you for saving my miserable life. You were so kind and merciful to accept me as your disciple and I will never pay this debt to you.
I am begging you and Sri Sri Radha Shyamsundar to give me a possibility to serve you and all vaishnavas during all my existence.

Please, allow me to never leave your lotus feet anymore.
Your eternal servant,
Sveta Manjari Devi Dasi
(Prague)

Tamalini Dasi

Dear Gurudeva,

In the Bhagavad-gita, Chapter 11, text 55, Lord Krsna says:

mat-karma-kṛn mat-paramo
mad-bhaktaḥ saṅga-varjitaḥ
nirvairaḥ sarva-bhūteṣu
yaḥ sa mām eti pāṇḍava

"My dear Arjuna, he who engages in My pure devotional service, free from the contaminations of fruitive activities and mental speculation, he who works for Me, who makes Me the supreme goal of his life, and who is friendly to every living being – he certainly comes to Me."

This verse encompasses you Gurudeva - you are this person. Through the course of your devotional life, you have displayed all that is described in this verse. The thing that stands out for me the most is your friendliness. You do not look at people as though they are beneath you, even if we are. You are so kind and your generosity comes straight from the heart. You are a devotee from the heart. Not only do you exemplify this, you also implore your disciples to be such, 'devotees from the heart.' This by far is the most important lesson I have learned from you.

I want to be a devotee from the heart, I try to be a devotee from the heart. I'm not anywhere near as good as you are at it, but I will keep trying. You inspire me to keep trying. I've been pondering a lot on life and the concept of time. As the wheel of time turns, we too are propelled, life moves ahead, it is not static. We grow, we learn, we age. Looking back on my life, I see many blessings. I have a lot to be grateful for, one of those things that I am grateful for is having met you and having established a spiritual connection with you in this lifetime.

Gurudeva, the qualities you possess, your characteristics, your steadfast devotion & dedication to Krsna are all amazing attributes to who you are. I am bowled over by these attributes, yet it's not what implores my faith and heartfelt love in you and for you. When I think of our connection or my connection to you, it is something beyond my understanding. There is no reasoning or logical understanding. When it comes to you, my heart propels me to feel and act. I am in all honesty, feel a soul connection with you. We have an eternal connection, a connection so deep, beyond any understanding or reasoning of the mind.

Before having met you, I was searching, I felt incomplete. The first day I saw you marked the beginning of my journey to find you and establish a relationship with you. I will always remember that day and the resurgence of feelings that hit deep in my soul and with this let me say: "Let the wheel of time go round, let it turn and take with it all the insignificant & meaningless interactions and memories, but not my memory of first seeing You; not my memory of our first conversation; of the time You told me "You will never let go of me." Of getting initiated and receiving my name (which I never before heard in my life, hence the shocked reaction on my face when You gave me my name) on the day we went on parikrama to the place where Lord Nityananda married Jahnava Mata, where you grabbed a brahmacari by the back of his kurta and pulled him out of the little temple as he was kneeling down to pray saying, "You get out of there, you're a brahmachari, let them pray, they just got married." Then ushering Nitai Pada Kamala and myself into the tiny little shrine; of hopping on and off a moving Indian train running after you, then hopping on and off a rickshaw rushing to catch the boat you were in, then falling on the boat while trying to catch up to you (although You were hurrying to get back to Mayapur before dark, You stopped to see if I was okay). On the first time I cooked for you and you thanking me even though the kichari tasted like it had been dipped in a salt mine. So many memories come flooding as I write, too many to type.

In the Bhagavad-gita 11.32, the Supreme Lord Krsna says:

kālo 'smi loka-kṣaya-kṛt pravṛddho, "Time I am, the great destroyer of the worlds."
I offer my heartfelt prayers to the Supreme Lord Kriha that the memories I have of you etched in my heart may never be forgotten or erased from my mind in the course of time, that I will always be able to remember and recount these precious memories. Although I am not able to be with you or physically spend time with you, I am always thinking of you, praying to you, praying for you and cherishing all the wonderful encounters I've had with you.
You are forever etched in my heart.

Thank you Gurudeva for all the wonderful memories, for the guidance, the instructions, for the invaluable lessons, for your kind and welcoming heart, for the love that pours out of you to anyone who's open to receiving it. You are a genuine person, authentic, I would say, one of a kind, in a class of your own and I remain forever grateful to you for accepting me as your disciple.

Always praying for your mercy,
I remain - your eternal servant
Tamalini Dasi

Taralaksi Devi Dasi

My Dear Guru Maharaj,

My True Sensei,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

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

"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."
(Cc. Madhya-lila, 17.80).

Your request was the mercy
That brought me to Vrindavan
A request that brought me
Closer to you
Every gathering in Srila Prabhupada's Room at the Durban temple
Every intimate disciple programs
Groovy South Africa harinams & encouraging messages
Have brought me closer to you
For I will always gain strength
From the stories you have told,
Spiritual knowledge, lessons and
Memories you have shared
Remembering how you taught me
To worship Giriraja Govinda
Keeps me close to you
It has brought me
Closer to you
For when you completely control me in kirtan
I dance as your puppet
That is when I am closest to you
I fall short daily

I recognize where I must improve,
And your instruction to me to read Srimad Bhagavatam
Will guide my life
As I find myself
I will find my way
Closer to you
Closer to the directions you have given me
And when I die
May my change of service
be to serve you
In your change of service
Wherever you may be
By your mercy
I will stay close to you
Always
For attachment to you is attachment to
Supreme Mercy
Attachment to the Supreme Lord
All glories to you
My most glorious spiritual master
One who has dedicated his life to the sankirtana movement
and shared the joys with us all.

Thank you, Guru Maharaj,
Your daughter,
Taralaksi Devi Dasi

Tejasvarupa Dasa

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

'By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the benediction of Krsna. Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancement. Therefore, I should always remember and praise the spiritual master. At least three times a day I should offer my respectful obei-

sances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master.' (Verse 8, Sri Gurvastakam).

Happy Sri Vyasa-puja dear Guru Maharaj,

It is said that one cannot approach Krsna without the mercy of the spiritual master, your merciful qualities towards us all is so inconceivable.

It is sometimes hard to remember Krsna at every second of the day, however when I put your kirtans on, it reminds me of being in Vrindavan with you. Your kirtans give me inspiration to continue with my service to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath and the devotees. At times it gets hard to be fixed in my sadhana, but by your loving mercy towards me, allows me to try and improve the quality of my practices. I pray to meet you again and again. You are my Guru Maharaj and I will always try my best to serve you in everything that I do. I pray that you give me your mercy.

Your insignificant servant,
Tejasvarupa Dasa

Thakura Haridasa Dasa

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

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guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

I wanted to thank you for allowing me to serve you in Vrindavan and have your association. It has helped me a lot in devotional service, especially all the blessings I have received. I am very happy that I was able to prepare the bhoga for Giriraja, and with the cleaning of the apartment I have also cleaned my heart. I had a great time and got a lot of mercy, and it also helped me a lot spiritually. Just the blessing for saffron that you gave me is indescribably valuable. And thanks to your instructions I am able to move forward in devotional service.
I have received so much mercy from you, but now it is time for me to give you something and sacrifice everything to you, because that is the most important thing for me in a guru-disciple relationship.

You mentioned that it would satisfy you if I distributed books, I am just doing my best for the sankirtana mission even though sometimes it may be very tough to keep up with others as they are much more experienced than me and have been distributing for years. I am on the road on book distribution most of the time. It is very blissful and I have already met many great people. One person even came to the temple and stayed for a long time, and will most likely come again.

My biggest wish is that I can sacrifice my whole life for your satisfaction and satisfy you always, everywhere and in every situation. Because when you are satisfied, Krsna is satisfied and so are all the vaishnavas. I am aware that I have to work a lot on this, but I realize that book distribution helps me to develop the qualities I need for your service.

I miss very much the time I had with you in Vrindavan. Your pure devotion, mercy, compassion and sense of duty impressed me very much, and I have never seen such a cool personality like you. I also noticed very much that you care more about others than about yourself, even in this difficult situation. That is very impressive. Your character is purer than gold, and your effulgence is more attractive than the brahmajyoti. I am very grateful that through Srila Prabhupada's mercy I found you and you accepted me as your disciple. Although I have no good qualifications at all, you still accepted me.

Your aspiring servant,
Thakura Haridasa Dasa

Tirumala Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

nama om visnu-padaya krsna prestaya bhu-tale
srimate kadamba kanana swami iti namine

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your glorious lotus feet again and again. All glories to you on this most auspicious occasion of your Sri Vyasa-puja. All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Swami. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Your unwavering and unconditional selflessness is beyond my comprehension. Throughout my relationship with you, I have witnessed you giving limitlessly. Even now, in what could be your final months, instead of thinking about your own needs, you are giving yourself to others without holding back. Throughout this difficult time, you have shown so much care and concern for the well-being of your disciples. Your capacity to shower others with unconditional love and affection while being in intense physical pain and discomfort, is far beyond what my mind can understand.
I feel touched. You never seem to think about yourself. Your generosity and undiluted dedication to Srila Prabhupada is exemplary.
When you initiated me you said, "Welcome to my spiritual family. You like to give gifts, but now you have given me the greatest gift – your life."

Dear Guru Maharaj, I pray for the strength and capacity to become fully absorbed in Krsna consciousness so that I may develop selflessness and make my life a gift worthy of being offered to a vaishnava of your stature.

Your daughter,
Tirumala Devi Dasi

Toshani Dasi

Dearest Gurudeva,

I am always the last to write to you but you are the first to come in my mind in the morning in the moment of distress, in the moment of happiness, especially with Gitapriya. You have been there for all her samskaras and I am eternally grateful. All my greatest moments in life are

highlighted by your presence in my life: My favourite kirtans, my initiation, my wedding, annaprasana of baby Gitapriya.

There are several stages to grief according to Kubler Ross and the waves that we ride whenever something we love is getting taken away from us. DABDA, Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression and finally Acceptance. No matter how spiritualised I might be I find myself wondering through these waves after you informed us of your health in 2022; First I was angry with myself for not questioning you while you were in Simhachalam and we were helping prepare for your Vyasa-puja; You had joked about your health and that this may be your last Vyasa-puja; you hinted, I was so stupid thinking it was just a simple joke but you were hinting, why didn't I follow up with a series of questions.

Then denial came, you looked so good you were walking like you always do, singing even more powerful than before. How could you be getting ready to leave this earthly plane? Then more feverent than ever, "Oh Krsna if I chant better if I chant more if I walk around Govardhan barefoot." But I knew you didn't want to extend your life here so I changed it to help your health to make sure you don't suffer, that you remain lucid despite the cancer eating away at your body. Then anger again, "Why Krsna? Why do you want him to go? There are so many others who can be taken away and are older." Oh the vicious and terrifying anger asking why my Guru Maharaj? Why our god family? Finding anger when people play down how sick you are, them saying, "Oh he will recover." Them not realising that you are already setting one foot into the spiritual world stepping out of our realm of understanding.

The anger with myself again that I am such a useless disciple that I can't be helpful. That in the last two years all I have brought to you were burdens. When you told Advaita that I was one of the few disciples that made you smile and not bring any problems your way I was shocked. I was wondering maybe I need to find problems for you to resolve. How stupid of me. I am sorry for changing.

Depression: the crying the feelings that we will experience with your absence, knowing I will never play kartals for you in a kirtan that I will not see you nod my way to indicate that I need to go faster. Remembering sitting in Cape Town temple room always in the same spot playing kartals for you. My Initiation, when you gave me a new reason to celebrate my birthday, when you told me that I have to bring Krsna to others that is the way to satisfy the guru. And how can I give Krsna to others you have to learn a lot about him. Which I am trying to live up to.

The depression is still lingering the anger never subsides, The bargaining hasn't stopped, yet here I meet with acceptance: that you will be leaving that you will finally be welcomed back Home back to Godhead, to see your Beloved again.

Thank you for sharing this lifetime with us, for allowing me into your life, for accepting me as your disciple. For tolerating me, for being my father for being my family, for giving me a family that is ever so big and magnanimous and joyful and rebellious as you. I pray that we all can continue to serve you and grow together as a god family and look after one another.

Your last instructions to me have been both a shock and I must say the most difficult from all your other ones. I am working on it Guru Maharaj. I love you and I love you.

Yours in loving service,

Toshani Dasi

Tulasi-Toshani Devi Dasi

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śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

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guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

On this auspicious day, I want to thank you for giving me the chance to commit myself to Krsna, in to serving Him and His dear devotees, investing my life to take part in Srila Prabhupada's mission. I do find the journey exciting, always filled with more challenges to address, helping my purification process on the way.

So, I am honoured that you have granted me the key to be part of this amazing Sampradaya, from the top, all the way down to Srila Prabhupada, his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj and your grace. Also being part of the great family that you have created, with all your amazing disciples, my spiritual sisters and brothers.

As I am trying to write something meaningful, something pleasing for you, I do realize my unqualification in glorifying great beings with my own personal words. But as Jayadvaita Maharaj have pointed out, not to long ago, with a real down on earth quoting of Srila Prabhupada: "Don't try to be a great devotee. Just be a good devotee." This sentence brings me the echo of strength in constance, in sadhana bhakti, in committing oneself to be there always, every day, for Krsna. The importance of determination and regularity in our own seva. Of course, I understand that we can also add some "extra", as you like us to do sometimes, just as adding some spice, some taste in our devotion to the Lord.

Anyhow, I like that devotional service is eternally evolving, and that we can always discover and unfold deeper aspects of our understanding, in our relation to Krsna and to His multiple energies. However slow we are, at least we are on the right track, ongoing back to Godhead. I am glad to be in that journey, with you guiding my boat. You are my sober captain and guide, in this life, and throughout so called death. I know that the service will continue.

May your journey in the other dimension be filled with deep ecstatic love for Krsna, and may you continue to bless us from there. Looking upon me, I hope that you will be satisfied.

Your eternal humble servant,
Tulasi-Toshani Devi Dasi

Tulsi Dasa

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

nama ste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracharine
nirvishesha shuniavadi pashchatia desha tarine

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Thank you for all the mercy you are giving me.
One time on one of your Vyasa-puja's you said: "I see who came for this festival, but I also see who did not come. I understand that I fail to conquer some hearts." Well you definitely conquered mine.

We started our relationship 20 years ago, and 18 years ago you mercifully accepted me as your disciple. Since then many miracles happened, but the biggest of all is that you transformed a rascal like me and made me someone qualified to stay in the association of the vaishnavas.

18 years ago, you ask me to study shastra and teach. I was never really inclined towards studying and teaching, but still I tried to fulfil your desire. You made me a teacher and preacher and not just anywhere, but in the leading city of the world New York.

As a devotee who appeared long after Srila Prabhupada, I never had much association with the disciples of Srila Prabhupada and the leaders of our movement. By your mercy however I stayed for a long time in Mayapur where I had this opportunity. And not only that but I had the opportunity so many times to help in the service of the Srila Prabhupada disciples on the occasion of the feast organized by Srila Jayadvaita Maharaj. And also, I got so much association from his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj who is extremely elevated vaishnava and so dear to Srila Prabhupada.

One time you told me: "After the initiation the disciple is property of his Guru and the disciple should accept his instructions as absolute. But now I am giving you freedom. But if I see you are misusing it, I will take it back." I pray that I will never misuse my independence, but rather will act always for your pleasure.

You are always amazing example for us. Example for kindness, straightforwardness, determination, enthusiasm and full surrender. And still you kept your personal human nature, something that you are always stressing that you want to see in you disciples.

In one of the last Zoom classes a devotee asked you, "What would you like to see in you disciples to achieve?" You said: "I want to see you keep nice and kind relationships between yourselves."

The last few months you are in a very difficult situation because of your health and still you continue with all your duties. Doing amazing puja every morning, giving classes, making parikramas, giving time to all of us.

One day his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj said: "Your Guru Maharaj is very advanced. In situation like this most people will immediately start going everywhere to look for a cure. But he did the opposite, just came to Vrindavan to absorb himself in Krsna consciousness." This is what Pariksit Maharaja did also. This also shows your strong faith in Krsna; it shows your deep conviction that He will definitely take care of you. This faith that Krsna is our maintainer and protector is a symptom of surrender.

On our last conversation in Vrindavan before me leave to New York, you told me something that gave me solace. You said: "Now you are leaving and everything can happen, I can leave my body, but don't worry, because our real relationship is in doing devotional service." This is our eternal connection. If we continue being engaged in devotional service, we will never be separated from you.

Dear Guru Maharaj please give me your mercy and keep me always as one of you servants.

Your eternal servant,
Tulsi Dasa

Tulya Dasi

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Once you told us that if Prabhupada was here, nobody would pick you. For many years now, I was praying to get to know Srila Prabhupada. I never had deep relationship with him. But when you came, that changed. This love that you have for him - realization of what he did, this

is so overwhelming and attractive. I started to look on Srila Prabhupada with different eyes and appreciate him more and wanting to know him better. It is all because of you.

But the thing is, that if Prabhupada was here with us I would probably overlook him. Because of my lack of qualities and covered consciousness. It was you who opened my eyes. You who could touch my heart. When you speak everything is clear in head and everything is right and on right spot - your words have meaning. They go deep. I never could imagine that someone could understand me. But you understand all of us. You really know how to inspire us, clear things that are on our minds and hearts. You are the best guru a person could want. And I am so happy that you are mine. And I dare to think that I am yours. Such wonderful and mystic things are happening only because you are in our life. I could never imagine that this mystical things would happen to me. It is all because of you and your mercy.

You taught me so many things through lectures and association. So many. I think a lot about what you are teaching through personal meetings that we had or just your lectures and the points in them. Please forgive me for all the offences I might have committed. Thank you for accepting me and please don't forget about me. You are the best thing that happened to us and japa mala that you gave is the biggest treasure that I have. This mercy that is coming from you how can I ever repay? I am eternally grateful and I am holding on to you for ever.

With love,
Your servant,
Tulya Dasi

Tusta Krishna Dasa

Dear Gurudeva,

Vyas-puja celebration and writing offering has become a true additional festival in my life where I get an opportunity to celebrate birthday whose role is significant role in my life and at the same time I get an opportunity to pour my heart in offering which in itself is a joyful time for me.

Every time I think of you, I feel that I must have done some service to the lord or his devotees in the past so that I am getting mercy from you as you have accepted me as your disciple and have connected insignificant soul like me to Krsna and Prabhupada through disciplic succession. Person like me who is engrossed heavily in worldly affairs and sense gratification getting

opportunity to do little service to Krsna and vaishnavas. I cannot think of asking anything else in my life.

Over the years we got opportunities to know each other as guru and disciple which shows up in our conversation and while thinking about those conversations my heart fills with bliss. This makes me feel that this must be the same rasa flowing in spiritual world when Krsna and His devotees are together forever and bliss must be the same what I get while conversing, serving you, having your darshan, bowing down to you, joking together.

Gurudeva, this year is very special. Be it news about your health, me getting Brahmana initiation, my wife Premanjani getting harinama initiation, Vrindavan parikrama with you or getting your personal darshan few times in Vrindavan. All of these events I will cherish and has made positive change in my life for now and for the future. I don't want to talk about your illness but one thing has gone very deep in my heart when you explained what death is? You just simply said it's just changing service through different body. Now that is very simple yet very deep as it shows how convinced you are that Lord Krsna and Lord Gauranga are going to engage you in His service forever in keeping you Prabhupada's army. This thought has brought changes in my life too, I am constantly reminding to myself that death for a devotee is nothing but continuing service to Krsna through different body. Wow I mean really wow. Thinking about it again and again my fear for death is also diminishing.

Thank you Gurudeva for giving this simple yet sublime explanation. Also, wanted to thank you for giving time to my extended family in Vrindavan who now always talk about Vrindavan and you when they meet me. I feel at least I have done little service so that I could bring them closer to Krsna and Vrindavan. Now my uncle, aunties and cousins have already started serving Krsna by one or another way and have started appreciating Vrindavan by experiencing it in your association.

I promise Gurudeva to continue chanting 16 rounds and following 4 regulative principles. I promise to engage in serving Prabhupada mission of spreading Krsna consciousness, however, I know none of it would be possible without your blessings and mercy so please keep flowing towards me.

Begging to remain in your service,
Tusta Krishna Dasa

Upendra Dasa

nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate Kadamba Kanana Swami iti namine

nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate Jai advaita Swami iti namine

nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine

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

All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja,
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada,

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. Happy Vyasa-puja Gurudeva, on this auspicious day, as a disciple, I pray to Lord Narashimhadeva for your protection and to continuously provide you the energy to continue with your preaching and kirtan.

Guru Maharaj without your mercy and kindness I would have never be able to enter Vrindavan dham. Somehow everything fall in place and I could attend your parikrama last year in September and finally meet you in person again. It was the most beautiful and spiritual experience of my life and I will never be able to thank you enough for your mercy on this fallen soul.

I sincerely beg for your mercy so I could understand even a glimpse of the Lord pastimes and serve His devotees with humility. 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. Thank you for being there when I need you. Thank you for everything you gave us this year.

I look forward to serve you more and more. Please bless me so that I can follow your instructions and become a worthy servant of yours.

Your unworthy servant,
Upendra Dasa

Urjesvari Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna Dear Guru Maharaj

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

Whenever I hear the words, 'Sri Guru karuna sindhu' in the Guru Vandana I always think of you, for you truly are an ocean of mercy. I feel so fortunate to be your disciple, it is my greatest identity. To be your disciple and to follow your instructions has given my life a meaningful purpose.

During my initiation you instructed that I have should have 'vyavasayatmika buddhir,' for your desire for me is to be completely and deeply fixed in Krsna consciousness.
Srila Prabhupāda explains in the Bhagavad Gita that 'faith means unflinching trust in something sublime'. It is due to you that I have any hope of being able to access this sublime method, for as pointed out by Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakur, the order of the spiritual master is the life substance of the disciple.

By creating a strong foundation of trust through your unconditional love and friendship, you have steadied my faith. Guru nishta is the secret weapon that Srila Prabhupāda gave us and you have made it possible for me to access this.

Not only through preaching the philosophy but also by masterfully being so loving and personal in your relationships, you are fighting against impersonalism. We are all but a spark of Krsna's splendour, you Guru Maharaj are a brightly effulgent spark, so strong that you have ignited the spark within us.

May this fire that you have started burn away ignorance and false attachment to this world, May your roaring kirtans be our war cry and May we be soldiers under your command in Mahaprabhu's army, spreading the sankirtan movement.

Your servant,
Urjesvari Devi Dasi
(UK)

Vaibhavi Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my respectful obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for all your prayers and unfailing mercy towards my fallenness. Thank you for never giving up and still fighting for fallen souls I really wish that you she could repay that at home with Krsna. I won't be able to do much here in this body that will disappear. I will meet you in all my purity and joy of love for Krsna and for you. Here it is simply not the same, there is still the unpleasant cover of maya. I am looking forward home.

Your servant,
Vaibhavi Devi Dasi

Vamsi Gita Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Gurudeva

On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja I want to thank you for accepting me and all my faults. For being my pillar. For always being someone I can always turn to and for making me choose this path of loving Srila Prabhupada and his Iskcon.

The past year has been a very sad one. I still cannot come to terms with losing you. I really don’t know how I am going to live without you physically being here. You have helped me at my worst. And shared all joys. You have been there from the beginning and now I don't know how to let go? I lost my dad at the age of 16 and I have had you in my life for longer than 16 years. You are my father Gurudeva. The Lord had very mercifully allowed me to come to the dham to see. My first trip abroad and it was amazing to be in your presence. Wish I could have stayed longer.

You will always be a huge part of my life of Premanjana's life. You have blessed us with giving us shelter and now we pray for the Lord to shelter you. On this most auspicious day of Shivratri my prayer to Lord Shiva is that the Almighty can heal you and someday make this

final journey glorious.
As Srila Prabhupada also went through this. So to show and teach us that we too will have to go through this stage of our life. I am so indebted to you. So thankful for you. I love you eternally and I will always pray for your wellbeing.

Your most fallen servant and daughter,
Vamsi gita Devi Dasi
(Durban, South Africa)

Vamsi Vadana Dasa

Hare Krsna Guru Maharaj,

You are the most important person in our life, for me and my wife. You and Prabhupada. You are the one who is the main constructor of the bridge between us and Krsna. You are the one who open our darkened eyes and fill our heart with transcendental knowledge. You give us Prabhupada and Krsna.

Your mercy is unlimited. You are empowered by Lord Nityananda and you give the mercy to anyone following his example. I'm so grateful to you for your wonderful example in your relationships with Jayadvaita Maharaj. You are so respectful and in the same way there is such a nice friendship between you two. It is so useful for us to see your relationships there in Vrindavan.

What great year. Unforgettable memories. Especially in Vrindavan. First that news about the cancer made us so sad. But then you showed us your strength given to you by Lord Caitanya and you continued to preach like a lion. You went to London, Amsterdam, Radhadesh and other places and gave the mercy to so many seeking souls. Then India, the holy dham. Our top most goal. Vrindavan. And you connected with all of us even from there. You didn't leave us to take care just of your own spiritual life at that crucial moment of your life. You took us all under your shelter in Vrindavan and you gave us so many instructions! In everything you say there is so much for us. So I hope I will not forget all the important tips you gave us, to enable us go on properly and to increase our love for Krsna. There we had such magical moments in Vrindavan with my family that we will never forget. And just because of you, thanks to your care for us. Guiding us, showing us the real Vrindavan without cover. And in such a natural way. Narayani loved that spiritual world. She wants to live there. She was so much influenced even at that young age from this spiritual journey. A beautiful adventure for her, and she is looking to go back. She wants it so much.

You inspired all the devotees and all the kids there, like Narayani. You are a wonderful example of how joyful everything is in the spiritual world. It is always so exciting with you. You always gave us positive feeling about Krsna Consciousness and the process. And that is so important for all of us and especially for the kids.

I admire how you are connecting with others and give them Krsna. Your ecstatic kirtans are enchanting for everyone. It's your eternal nature! It can't be stopped. I love your wonderful quality to share the true knowledge with others and to be an instrument in the Lord's hands. You are a real sankirtan devotee.

Dear Guru Maharaj these Zoom meetings are so powerful. Even though your health is not good you are so kind and arranging all these zoom meetings, live meetings with the devotees which are there personally and all kind of programs, kirtans, pilgrimage to the holy places and even more.

Thank you for all those meetings this year. Thank you that you are always inspiring us to come and visit you personally anywhere and specially in Vrindavan dham. I hope that all of us will follow or at least we will try to follow what you gave us personally and in common to all of us.

Dear Guru Maharaj, I will pray to Krsna if it is His will, to arrange the best for your health. We can see the miracle already how strong you've been and how the mercy is flowing from Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda through you. Thank you for everything.
Hare Krsna,

Your servant
Vamsi Vadana Dasa

Vamsi Vilasi Devi Dasi

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śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

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nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

My deepest feeling goes to my real father, who gave me my new birth, who connected me to the disciplic succession. To my dearest Guru Maharaj, I was long time ago connecting to you through your vani and was completely unware of your physically, When you came for the very first Ratha yatra. I was completely emerged with so so much affection blended with great aspiration.

Once you have accepted both me and my Prabhuji "Abhimanyu Suta," All our service we do got a booster that an orphan child got her real identity and now we feel a refreshing, tonifying energy to move deeper in our "bhakti maarg." I was feeling immense separation when all my god brothers and god sisters were with you in Sri Sri Vrindavan dham and was unable to make it as in my recent mail I told you because of my children exams. Even during that time I had you in my dreams my Dearest Guru Maharaj, reassuring me "I know." You proved to me that the father and children connection is so strong and through that experience I have stopped lamenting from your separation and just cherishing every divine moments meeting you in my dreams. I am really indeed fortunate to be part of your family, I am doing my level best to follow all your instruction given to us through all your online Zoom session.

I will always serve you my dearest Guru Maharaj through your instruction. No time to waste, have to do everything nicely and precisely as time is less but you are a chest full of knowledge to all of us. Please do accept my deepest, greatest gratitude and obeisances unto thy lotus feet who is always imprinted in my heart forever and ever. You are my lifebuoy.

Yours humble disciple,
Vamsi Vilasi Devi Dasi

Vandana Dasi

namo oṁ viṣṇu-padāyakṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tāle
śrīmate kadamba-kānana-svāmin iti nāmine

gaura-kṛpāmṛtam prāptovraje māyāpure'pi yaḥ
prabhupāda-priyo lokam pāyayaty anivāritam

Let us offer our respectful obesiances to Srila Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaja, who is dear to Lord Krsna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet. Maharaj, the dear servant of Srila Prabhupada, obtained the nectar of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mercy in the holy dhamas of Vrindavan and Mayapura, and he ceaselessly causes the people of this world to drink that nectar.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

The vaishnavas' capacity for kindness and compassion is lauded in the scriptures. In the Bhagavad-gita, Chapter 12, verse13, the Lord testifies that the devotee who is, "A kind friend to all living entities" is dear to Him. In the Bhagavatam purport to Canto 5, Chapter18, verse12, Srila Prabhupada lists kindness as the very first of the 26 good qualities exhibited by the devotee. And in Bhagavatam Canto 3 Chapter 7 verse 36, Vidura speaks of the kindness of gurus, saying, "Those who are spiritual masters are very kind to the needy. They are always kind to their followers, disciples, and sons, and without being asked by them, the spiritual master describes all that is knowledge." From these sources, we can understand that kindness is an inherent vaishnava quality; is integral to devotional life; and is symptomatic of a self-realized acarya. But we also read that their kindness is not an ordinary kindness; as Vidura implies, the spiritual master's kindness ultimately results in the transfer of transcendental knowledge.

Dear Gurudeva, to me, you are the embodiment of such transcendental kindness, of which I have been the undeserving recipient. Your kindness came through when you pushed me to dive into the fathomless depths of spiritual life through initiation. You had faith in me when I had no such faith in myself, and I dove in because of your encouragement. I couldn't be more grateful, because it is just glorious in the water.

Your kindness came through when you gave me my name, Vandana Dasi. Through this name, you blessed me with a lifelong relationship with prayer and a continuous meditation on the prayers of our acaryas. Your kindness came through when you generously gave your shel-

ter when I was in need. You were present for many joyful milestones (our wedding, our first apartment in Chinatown), and in times of misfortune and tragedy, not to be recounted here.

Most importantly, your kindness came through in your liberal distribution of your most precious gift: that of your time, your sanga, your very self. Today, I am treasuring the memory of the last time you were here in New York, when Vasudeva and I walked with you to Fort Greene Park in Brooklyn. We sat in the bare grass, savouring the late summer sun with our feet planted firmly into the earth, and listened to the gentle guitar strumming from the Svetadvipa recording. I watched as the nearby great oak's branches swayed back and forth in the soft breeze, a giant peacock fan offering you oblations.

You provided me with sage guidance that day and in your infinite kindness and mercy, offered me initiation. I never wanted the day to end; I was certain that you had transported me directly to Svetadvipa itself through your presence. But as the sun slipped faster and faster toward the horizon, duty called you away, and we parted.

Dear Gurudeva, the stories that I have recounted here are an infinitesimal piece of a rich legacy; you are widely renowned for your kindness. You welcome and embrace nearly the entire spectrum of humanity, with no regard for their background, piety, or interest in spirituality. And then you bring us all to Krsna. You are a true friend of the people because your kindness is a boat which helps us cross any apparent obstacles to bring us closer to Krsna.

In a class you gave in Radhadesh you once said, "I would be so pleased if my disciples would be known for their extraordinary kindness. I think that it would be a real victory because kindness is what really conquers; it is what will truly make a difference." (KKS blog, 29 April 2010).

Maharaj, I am neither learned in the scriptures, nor an excellent kirtaniya, nor do I have any particularly useful skills. But I have the great blessing of having you has a spiritual master, who has provided me with an example of how to walk through the world. My only aspiration is to make you proud of the way I represent you in this world as your spiritual daughter, and I would like to begin by cultivating the transcendental kindness that you embody. I pray that this makes me dear to the vaishnavas, so that I might have the chance of capturing the merciful glance of Guru and Gauranga.

With everlasting gratitude, I remain your servant.
Vandana Dasi

Varsana Rani Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Hare Krsna. This is my humble offering to your grace on this auspicious day of your holy Appearance. Maharaj, I am so fortunate to have you as my spiritual father. I still remember the first time when I met you and talked to you, I was so nervous at first before talking to you but when you started to talk with your soothing voice, all my nervousness was gone.

The moment when I saw you for the first time in Mauritius, you were sharing pieces of cake to everyone after the program, with a big smile and this just melted my heart. I started to listen more to your kirtan and lectures and I felt my connection to you growing deeper and stronger.

After spending 22 years not doing everything exactly what should have been done, Now My life has a fresh serious spiritual beginning to do, only by your grace and mercy; and it has already been started ever since you accepted me.

Thank you whole-heartedly, dear Guru Maharaj, to accept me as your disciple who can serve your divine lotus feet so that I can receive also the causeless mercy of Srila Prabhupada, the parampara and Radha Krsna. By your wonderful mercy bestowed unto me I have grown stronger in my spiritual life. I am so thankful to you Maharaj for everything.

Please forgive me if I have committed any offence in writing this offering.

All glories to you Guru Maharaj,
Your servant,
Varsana Rani Devi Dasi

Vasant Pancami Dasa

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

'I was born in the darkest ignorance, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisances unto him. When will Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī Prabhupāda, who has established within this material world the mission to fulfil the desire of Lord Caitanya, give me shelter under his lotus feet?'

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances,
All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada.

2023 has come and already we are in February, the wheel of time moves on very quickly, as you often remind -just to create some urgency for us to do more service, only for our own benefit. You are profusely distributing mercy and giving darshans, extending yourself, despite the pain and discomfort of the body. Your extraordinary focus and dedication to preaching Srila Prabhupada's mission, and your dedication to your disciples and any souls who happen to come your way, sets an example for us in the practice of bhakti.

Some ask me about your health, but exalted personalities are transcendental to the body. I share with them the latest full-force kirtan, and it is so natural for you, that we forget that your body is undergoing immense challenges. You simply say passing on is just a change of service. Simple but powerful.

I heard this quote just today "Essential truth spoken concisely is true eloquence." We have

many concise statements from you to remind us to be in Krsna consciousness. You sometimes say- “I’m serious about serious things” gentle but unbending, you take care of each personality accordingly, this has been my observation.

Your vast amount of reading and the effortless way in which you share that knowledge is truly amazing. Hearing the pastimes of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu takes us back to that era, filled with many interesting details. Your intention and 100% dedication to preaching is evident, and you are constantly encouraging us to step up and continue the legacy of Srila Prabhupada's message.

Our param guru his holiness Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj is sharing the legacy as well, as a grandfather, patiently explaining the philosophy in depth. This is your kind arrangement for us, and I am grateful to be a part of this spiritual family, by your grace. The relationship between you and his holiness Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj is inspiring, as seen in the joint Question and Answer sessions. His holiness Svayam Bhagavan Keshava Maharaj, the next generation leader, is also there for our guidance. We are all very fortunate to have these and many more to guide us. You teach us to take guidance from everyone and to be united within Iskcon with the goal of serving Sri Krsna and the devotees.

It may be safe to say that "The people are the institution, and rules, although essential, are a corollary. People come first." Srila Prabhupada often signed his letters "Your ever well-wisher", similarly you are wishing us well on our journey home, equipping us with the means to get there. This kindness helps us navigate the maze of material existence and we find ourselves fortunate, having accepted a bonafide spiritual master dedicated to Lord Krsna.
You have given me personal instructions to work on the farm project in Vrindavan and to do some preaching in Africa. Although I felt some initial trepidation, I am now re-organizing my life to do both by your blessings. Success, in this case, means following your instructions, and the result is up to Krsna. My focus is now on doing my best to fulfil these instructions, which include cow protection and establishing safe open places for them to graze, as well as simple but comfortable places for devotees to practice and serve, and as a springboard for village preaching and the continuation of Srila Prabhupada's seven purposes:

To systematically propagate spiritual knowledge to society at large and to educate all people in the techniques of spritual life in order to check the imbalance of values in life, and to achieve real unity and peace in the world.

To propagate a consciousness of Kṛsna as He is revealed in Bhagavad-gita and Srimad Bhagavatam.

To bring the members of the society together with each other and nearer to Krishna, and thus to develop the idea within the members and humanity at large that each soul is part and parcel of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

To teach and encourage the sankirtan movement, congregational chanting of the holy name of God, and to reveal the teachings of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

To erect for the members, and the society at large, a holy place of transcendental pastimes, dedicated to the Personality of Godhead.

To bring the members closer together for the purpose of teaching a simple and more natural way of life.

With a view towards achieving the aforementioned purposes, to publish and distribute periodicals, magazines, books and other writings.

Recently I told a fellow devotee that anyone who comes in contact with this movement will go back home, maybe one life, ten lives or ten thousand lives, the only thing that stops us is our resistance to the process, please bless me that resistance wanes and enthusiasm grows, just a drop of your enthusiasm is sufficient to help me progress.

In conclusion, I would like to offer my humble obeisances once again at your lotus feet for the guidance and mercy you have shown me. As you said (paraphrased), 'Mercy carries us, and our service is meagre, but the mercy carries us forward.' Thank you, Guru Maharaj, for your continuing mercy.

Your servant,
Vasant Pancami Dasa

Vedasara Dasa

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namas te sárasvate deve gaura-váni-pracárine
nirvisesa-súnyavádi-páscátya-desa-tárine

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

I am still figuring out what our relationship is all about and I find it comparable in exciting and adventure similar to establishing a relationship with Krsna. When I had the very first opportunity to speak with you I asked you how I could overcome my doubts, obstacles and insecurities. You told me essentials from the nectar of instruction - be enthusiastic, patient and faithful and everything will fall in place. This is deep saved in my memory.

In that time I also heard how Prabhupada was sticking to his Guru's instruction by preaching in English language. I had really not the best experiences in surrendering to someone that far, but I trusted your words wholeheartedly and had faith. And sticking to those principles and your words, which felt like a very strong instruction carry me until today and it seems like an ever increasing stream of spiritual joy, determination and trust is manifesting from it.

I wished my Guru Maharaj to be a mystical, wise, intelligent, straightforward, humorous and loving and caring personality - a superstar, a great musician. When I came in contact with you I was happily amazed that you have all those qualities, but the one that really attracted me the most was your devotion. I realized that this is so attractive to me only through you and by realizing it my whole spiritual life got a huge boost. To give everything - to give yourself away, that is the most attractive, most surrendered, most selfless act that has the power to even bind Krsna. This was, what I was looking for.

In a world where I was suffering due to my own tendency to take and to enjoy egoistically material nature and other living entities, circling around myself - always holding something back and mistrust - this insight gave me not only hope, but also a practical solution and a key to transform my life.

I ate your small little book "Devotional Service". It came through mystical circumstances to me and it helped me so much. "You can be not only a father to a family and take responsibility, but become one for the whole world." This was also a very profound and meaningful answer you was giving me once.

I thank you so much for everything you was giving me wholeheartedly and for being who you are. Having you as a role model is letting me trust in Krsna consciousness, in Krsna and in my own process.

Thank you for sacrificing your life and for showing that it is worth it through your example.

Your eternal servant,
Vedasara Dasa
Hare Krsna

Venu Gita Devi Dasi

Dearest beloved Guru Maharaj,

By the inconceivable and intricately woven divine arrangement of Sri Krsna and Srila Prabhupada, I've somehow become your disciple, and now have this most exciting opportunity to lavishly shower you with praises on your auspicious Vyasa-puja. What a most special gift and blessing.

Yet, as I contemplate what I could possibly write to you, I'm internally conflicted because no amount of words could ever encapsulate how I see you through the eyes and heart that Krsna has given me. Similarly, how could I truly express what you've come to mean to me in a very short amount of time, how much I wholeheartedly adore you, and how much your life and presence has deeply impacted me. So, this is simply my meagre attempt, to convey some of these sentiments along with the profound gratitude I have towards you.

When I look at you, Guru Maharaj, I see the embodiment of a perfect servant of Srila Prabhupada, through your faithfulness, dedication, and exemplary service over the course of your lifetime. I also see a personality with so much absorption and focus on Krsna, who is committed to living simply and in alignment with the teachings of sastra. Your unique character and the conviction to being authentic, coupled with the mercy and empowerment you've received, has allowed you to successfully spread Lord Caitanya's sankirtan mission widely across the

world. In doing so, you've managed to capture the minds and hearts of so many, and have encouraged them to take up the process of Krsna consciousness. Despite so many hardships you've endured along this journey, you continue to remain undeviated and undeterred in your devotional service with an incredibly tender and loving heart. In my eyes, that is such an extraordinary feat in and of itself, only further depicting how wonderful and lovable you are.

As I'm quite new as a disciple and have not had much personal association with you, Krsna has been lovingly showing me how the nature of a Guru-disciple relationship truly exists beyond the limited confines of the physical realm. Since the day of initiation, your presence has been inescapable, and somehow without conscious recognition, thinking of you has become as natural as thinking of and remembering Krsna. Your presence is like an all-encompassing effulgent light, bringing so much happiness and energy into my life, while also exposing the darkest parts of myself (which I find difficult and painful at times to confront and deal with).

Nevertheless, your persistence in life inspires me to keep going (for I so easily am ready to give up) and your strength carries me when I feel weak (which is very often). Your words also form the lens through which I process many components of my life and simultaneously purify me. But most of all, it is your boundless mercy upon which everything else rests, and I am nothing without; for in my exceptionally fallen state, it is and shall continue to be my daily sustenance. So, despite the seemingly apparent physical separation, it feels as though there is very little, and the connection is vibrantly alive and continually unfolding. Behold your mystic opulence.

Oh Guru Maharaj, I am unequivocally and irrevocably yours. I hope to faithfully follow in your sweet footsteps and pray that each meagre attempt to try to serve you along with the combined effort at the end of my life, will somehow become a beautiful offering, for your pleasure and satisfaction. I humbly seek your forgiveness for anything consciously or unconsciously that I may have done to displease or hurt you, for it is never my intention and I'm hoping with time, as my heart and mind become purified, that I'll only have the best to offer you.

May Srila Prabhupada, all our acaryas and the other inhabitants of Vraja smile joyously and immeasurably upon you, your life, and your service. May you always be showered with the sweetest of affection that you are so ceaselessly giving out, and may your heart always find deep solace at the lotus feet of Sri Krsna.

With garlands of joy, love, and unending gratitude from your straggling servant,

Venu Gita Devi Dasi

Venuya Devi Dasi

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Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

It is maybe the last Vyasa-puja offering which you can read personally. Now, a few days before my moving to Goloka Dhama, I want to write something deep, but I think that I should only try to write something honest.

I want to express that I am especially grateful for the precious association with your spiritual master in Vrindavan. It means a lot to me to also have a connection to his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj now, whose mercy made you, dear Guru Maharaj, to such a wonderful personality.

In you the qualities of a vaishnava, the qualities of a great teacher and the qualities of a loving father are united. “Hard like a British soldier und soft like a Bengali mother.”
I am very thankful and appreciate that I always experienced your soft-heartedness. If you had not been like this, how could a fallen soul like me, at the age of 45, have approached a bona fide spiritual master? I can never repay you for everything that your mercy and direct support have brought to the life of this insignificant person.

Today, on the transcendental appearance day of his divine grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saras-

vati Thakura, the following poem came to me in German. I would like to dedicate it to the whole guru parampara, especially to his divine grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, to his divine grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, to his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj and to you.

Für die spirituellen meister
Das Herz liegt in Ketten.
Wer kann es erretten?
Im Alltag gefangen
muss es um die Zukunft bangen.
Nichts kann es erweichen,
das eigene Wohl scheint dem höchsten Ziel zu gleichen.
Wie ist es möglich, das Eisen zu schmelzen?
Es gibt ein Feuer,
das hat einen Namen.
In diesem Feuer tanzen sogar die Blinden und Lahmen.
Es ist das Feuer,
das Eisen schmelzen kann
und so zu echtem Herzbewusstsein führen kann.
Du kannst das Feuer nicht allein erreichen,
erst muss das falsche Ego weichen.
Jemand nimmt dich an die Hand,
denn für dich ist es unbekannten Land.
Er singt des Höchsten Liebeslied
und preist das Land, wo es nur Liebe gibt.
Ja, es gibt einen solchen Mann,
der die Herzen der Menschen schmelzen kann.
Er verteilt die Gnade von Lord Nityananda
und reinigt so das Herz für Lord Caitanya.
Dann gibt es nur noch den heiligen namen.
Und mit hingebungsvollem Dienst läuft das menschliche Leben in den richtigen Bahnen.

English translation:

For the spiritual masters
The heart is in chains.
Who can save it?
Trapped in everyday life
It must fear for the future.

Nothing can soften it,
Its own well-being seems to be the highest goal.
How is it possible to melt iron?
There is a fire
That has a name.
In this fire even the blind and the lame dance.
It is the fire
That can melt iron
And thus can lead to true heart consciousness.
You cannot reach the fire alone,
First the false ego must give away.
Someone takes you by the hand,
For you it´s unknown land.
He sings the supreme love song
And praises the land where there is only love.
Yes, there is such a man
Who can melt the hearts of people?
He distributes the grace of Lord Nityananda
And so purifies the heart for Lord Caitanya.
Then there is only the holy name.
And with devotional service, human life runs the right course.

Dear Guru Maharaj, I humbly request your blessings for my services as a healer and for worshipping Sri Sri Radha Madana Mohana in Goloka Dhama. It is also my heart's desire to learn and contribute to kirtan and to carry on with writing.

I will try my best to become really serious, mature, absorbed in Krsna consciousness, to make progress towards pure devotional service and going back to Godhead in this lifetime. And to contribute something useful to Srila Prabhupada's mission. But I am totally dependent on the mercy of my Guru Maharaj and the vaishnavas.

Always your insignificant servant,
Venuya Devi Dasi

Vilasa Manjari Devi Dasi

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

One of the most auspicious days, the day of your Vyasa-puja, is coming, so please let me say few words adressed to you. Since I join Krsna consciousness, somehow or other I have been always attracted towards you. I started reading your blog, and found a shelter in your words. And after some time, when I realized you will visit Slovakia, I could not believe it. I was absolutely happy and it was one of the best days of my life, when I met you in person. Since that time, I am still finding shelter in your words and lectures and I am eternally thankful for that. And also, I am eternally in debt to you. I very much wanted to become your disciple and I was very anxious, I would miss this opportunity. I have been praying sincerely very much. And what happened then, I can honestly say, Krsna is fulfilling desires.

oṁ 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.'

This was what happened to me this year. By your greatest mercy, you allow me to take shelter at your lotus feet and accepted me as your disciple. I was born again, you invited me to join Krsna's eternal spiritual family - Acyuta gotra. Dear Guru Maharaj, this is first year I could finally officially address my offering to you, as offering to my Guru Maharaj, to my spiritual master.

I am still not able to fully realise, how fortunate I am, that you accept me as your disciple. We are all fortunate, because we could have association of such wonderful great soul as you are, in person, in your books, kirtans, lectures and directions. Most important are your directions. I am very proud of you. You are great inspiration for many people. You are personified example, how one can really live to give, giving everything to others and do not expect anything back, how one can be fully absorbed in Krsna consciousness and serve with his whole heart 24 hours a day, how one can be fully dedicated to Lord Caitanya's mission, fully dedicated to serving his spiritual master, to serving Srila Prabhupada, and serving vaishnavas.

Please let me follow in your footsteps and serve you, if you so desire. Thank you a million times for what you are doing, how you are living life as an example. I wish you all the best to

your birthday, all happiness and bliss. I wish that all your Krsna conscious desires will come true. Please let me eternally serve you, and assist you in Lord Caitanya's and Srila Prabhupada's mission, if you so desire.

Sincerely your servant,
Vilasa Manjari Devi Dasi

Visnujana Dasa

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

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guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

namas te sárasvate deve gaura-váni-pracárine
nirvisesa-súnyavádi-páscátya-desa-tárine

Hare Krsna my dearest Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisance onto your lotus feet.
Happy appearance day dearest Guru Maharaj.

Guru Maharaj,

Thank you for showering your causeless mercy unto me and accepting me as your disciple. The mercy of the spiritual master, who is always fixed at Krsna's lotus feet can certainly transform the impossible to possible.

Ever since taking shelter at your lotus feet, life has changed, chanting has improved with more focus, and it feels good to be absorbed/fixed in service to the devotees and the Lord. By your mercy you took me to Vrindavan and revealed the beauty and gems of the dham. As you said, "We should visit the dham every year to recharge ourselves, our devotion, and faith and just focus on our chanting and sadhana." I will do my best to keep up with your instructions. Even in these tough times you remain so strong and you are leading by example.

You are vigorously preaching in various ways, you are responding to many messages, queries, you are chanting, remaining strong in your bhakti. You are showing us how to be brave even in the worse situations in this material life. You are showing us how to have constant faith in Krsna and his doings. Leave everything to Krsna and He will take care. He knows best. Guru Maharaj, your love and mercy give me the strength to push on. My only desire is to try to serve you in any way I can at my best ability.

On this very auspicious day, I beg for your mercy my dearest Guru Maharaj. My only desire is to eternally stay in the shade and shelter of your divine lotus feet and to serve you, execute your instructions for your greatest pleasure. Please keep guiding me in the loving way that you do. We miss you, Guru Maharaj. We look forward to having the good fortune of eternally serving your lotus feet.

Your eternal son,
Visnujana Dasa

Visnurata Dasa

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

gauru-krpamrtam prapto vraje mayapure'pi yah
prabhupada-priyo lokam payayaty anivaritam

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

namaste sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadai-pascatya-desa-tarine

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my respectful obeisances at Your Lotus Feet!
All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Srila Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada,
All glories to Iskcon and all the vaishnavas.

On the most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, it is my great blessing to be able to glorify your service in the mission of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Caitanya

yad yad ācarati śreṣṭhas
tat tad evetaro janaḥ
sa yat pramāṇaṁ kurute
lokas tad anuvartate

“Whatever action a great man performs, common men follow. And whatever standards he sets by exemplary acts, all the world pursues.” (Bhagavad-gītā As It Is 3.21).

Your example is a huge inspiration: with firm faith and determination in execution of your preaching, sadhana and services to Guru and Krsna. You maintain the highest standard of devotional service to the Lord, even amongst world calamities, bodily and health changes, challenging times in Srila Prabhupada’s society, being always fixed in the Absolute Truth, even fearless of a nuclear war, as I have heard you saying in Zoom call, “Recording stopped.”

May all living entities follow the great example of vaishnavas like you and hopefully by your mercy conditioned souls like me, will be able to master the art of steady devotional service:

mūkaṁ karoti vācālaṁ
paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim, (Madhya-lila 17.80).

After the celebration of your Vyasa-puja last year, a short poem came in my mind and heart, which will be happy to share as an offering to you out of gratefulness:

In 2021 walking in Plovdiv's central park,
the country second biggest city
Illuminated before the dark.

After a massive congregational chanting
of the holy names of the Lord on the streets.

The illuminating light sign of a hotel named ‘Leipzig,’

reflecting in the water mirror of the calm lake,
brought tears into my eyes
and the appearing memories
of the transcendental saintly flying Dutchman,
singing in the middle of the small city squares,
in front of Lord Jagannatha during the Ratha-yatra festival,
dancing as a real representative of Sri Caitanya.

And your promise that there will be an Iskcon Leipzig in the spiritual world.

And my hope that we might be dancing together there once again -
In the world, where every step is a dance and every word is a song.

Hope to be able to visit you very soon in Vrindavan.

Your indebted servant,
Visnurata Dasa

Visvambhara Caitanya Dasa

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nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Just like the sun does not discriminate,
Your rays of mercy have changed my fate.
Last year while I was with you in your room,
You prayed to Lord Nrsimhadeva from Mayapur,
That I may have my material desires distilled,
And spiritual desires fulfilled.
Followed with the smearing of Nrsimhadeva oil
Making mayas plans for me foil.
My guru bhakti is many branched and extremely meagre,
Conversely your aim is 1 and, oh how much you are eager.
You are your best you, for your guru.
I want to be my best me, for you 2.
Serving Them 3 at Ratha-yatras is your fun.
Hare, Krsna and Rama distribution to everyone.
Visvambhara Caitanya is the big name,
Taking responsibility for other's spiritual lives, is the game.
May my every action, thought and word reflect?
The investment, by you in me, taking effect.

Yours,
Visvambhara Caitanya Dasa

Vraja Bhakti Dasi

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Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Last week on the 6th of February I dreamt about Guru Maharaj and it gave me so much peace. I was going to travel with the boat nearby where we live, but had to wait a few more minutes. I sat down and saw a lot of men in orange, I took a better look and saw Guru Maharaj sitting there. Really relaxed and laughing. I went over to him and I said, "Guru Maharaj, so nice to see you again and did my obeisances." When I was standing up, I told him that I was to happy that I could be with him for one last time. And he said to me; "I am always with you."
I woke up and felt really blessed and happy.

Your servant,
Vraja Bhakti Dasi

Vraja Rupali Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna Guru Maharaj,

Thank you so much for kindly accepting me as your disciple. I know I have much to learn and realise but I am so grateful for your kindness and mercy. I pray I may sincerely please you in this lifetime. I am thankful for our few interactions in Radhadesh and in London.
Thank you,

Your servant,
Vraja Rupali Devi Dasi

Vrajajana Dasa

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

I can still remember when I met you in Leipzig about 10 years ago, at the Ratha-yatra, at that time we had exchanged a few words in the temple in Stöckelstraße. Shortly afterwards I was able to see you again in Mayapur. At that time you still had the time and peace to grant me your darshan for 2 hours in a one-on-one conversation. After that it was clear to me that I wanted to accept you as my spiritual master. I actually have a poor memory, but your instructions have remained in my mind.

My daily wish is to be able to please you. Especially in the last year, you have given enough general instructions to your disciples. Thus you have given a clear line according to which we may serve you and please you. Even if the digital devices are often not to the advantage of devotional service, I am currently very grateful to be able to see you weekly on Zoom, or to watch the meeting afterwards on YouTube. Unfortunately, it is often not possible for us to be there live.

I can still remember very well when you mentioned again and again that it is very important to you that something is built up in Vienna, I will try with my limited possibilities to comply with this as much as possible. I can well remember the incident at a parikrama in Vrindavan when I was a little unhappy in the temple. You just said, just serve the authorities and then you will see what happens. I followed that and only later realised what you meant by those words. Preaching is the essence, with this motto we want to please you with our preaching work in Vienna and Austria.

I would like to thank you for everything you have done for me, tirelessly you help your disciples in their spiritual progress. You were also always there for me when I needed you and helped me get on my feet. Thank you so much for everything.

Your servant,
Vrajajana Dasa

Vrajesvari Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

On this most blessed and auspicious day, the celebration of your appearance Sri Vyasa-puja, I just want to thank you.

Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura says that: "If we take a shelter of the lotus feet of the spiritual master, we can become free from illusion, fear and distress and if we wholeheartedly take shelter of Him, all auspiciousness will be showered upon us."

So, a year has passed since I became not just a part of the big Krsna`s family but I took a shelter unto your lotus feet after a lot of struggles because of my mind who was here and there not knowing what is right and what is not. You gave me so important lessons in a so humble way. Like a good parent who teaches and guides his child showing me the right way. So, my spiritual life began, and nothing is the same anymore. Because as you said: "The spiritual master opens our darkened eyes with torchlight of transcendental knowledge. In this world there is both light and darkness. But once spiritual master has opened our eyes, we can see that even in darkness there is devotional service." And I am showered up with all auspiciousness. You opened my darkened eyes to see the beautiful world of Krsna consciousness as it is.

By your mercy our family had a chance to be in a holy dham of Vrindavan, to be in so many places where Krsna and his gopas and gopis had a wonderful pastimes which we only read about. It was there I began to feel a taste of chanting. And your instructions let me in an amazing life of devotion and serving of and our previous acaryas who are an example for us how to please the Supreme Lord. As we sing every morning, "The lotus feet of our spiritual master are the only way by which we can attain pure devotional service."(Guru Vandana, Srila Narottama Dasa Thakura).

Sincerely grateful, again and again, for your example how to follow the instructions of our jagat guru, our spiritual master and acarya of Krsna consciousness movement - Srila Prabhupada; how to follow the process even in a most difficult situations and to stay straightforward in a conscious of Krsna because Krsna`s mercy is what it is all about. It is so motivating and inspiring! Thank you for that you show us what are the qualities of a real vaishnava, for your marvellous kirtans which make me cry like a little baby while everybody around me dances madly; thank you for your lectures which are always filled with truth, seriousness, drama, laugh and point of views of previous acaryas. I bow to your lotus feet with great awe and reverence.

Only by your mercy I can cross the ocean of material sufferings and obtain the mercy of Krsna. Let Krsna always protect you.

Your eternal servant,
Vrajesvari Devi Dasi

Vyasa Krsna Dasa

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

At times there comes situations in our lives which shake our whole existence and we tend to think, why do we have to face these kinds of situations? Our mind keeps on running here and there in the hope of finding some solace. But that solace seems to be found nowhere. All the scriptures that we have been learning, all the steps that we have taken, all these seem to be tested. So many times while preaching, we tend to console someone who is going through a difficult stage in life, we would often talk about Chapter 2 verse 14 of the Bhagavad-gita:

mātrā-sparśās tu kaunteya
śītoṣṇa-sukha-duḥkha-dāḥ
āgamāpāyino 'nityās
tāṁs titikṣasva bhārata

'O son of Kunti, the nonpermanent appearance of happiness and distress, and their disappearance in due course, are like the appearance and disappearance of winter and summer seasons. They arise from sense perception, O scion of Bharata, and one must learn to tolerate them without being disturbed.'

This is what we would do when it comes to preach to others. However we forget that we too live in this same world and that we too have to face these situations and at times it seems a bit stretching the limits also. Then these questions like why the Kauravas enjoyed the glory and prosperity of Hastinapur in spite of following adharma. On the other hand, Pandavas followed

dharma but when they got Hastinapur after the great war, it was a ruined city?

We often encounter people following adharma but are enjoying material benefits, while those following dharma are surrounded by obstacles related to family/career/health and are either fully or partially deprived of material benefits. Why did Devaki and Vasudev have to stay in jail and witness all those atrocities inflicted on them although they were so pious?

These questions burn me from within like a forest fire as I live every second of my life.
But then when I think about you Gurudeva, when I think of all your struggles that you have been through, when I think of how you are pushing all limits just to keep us inspired and focused on this path of bhakti. Then all the battles I am going through seem to be small in front of yours. You simply keep on telling us, through your actions, through your talk, through everything you do, that no matter what happens in life, we should never give up!
I still recall very vividly one of those days, when you came to Mauritius, and I had the chance to serve you.

One day I remember I woke up a bit late, and I had a quick shower and came to assist you in your puja. You immediately corrected me for not wearing the tilak nicely, and you explained to me, how everything that we do, does matter and make a difference. You told me about that incident, of how merely by looking at Srila Prabhupada wearing his tilak so explicitly, inspired so much one of his disciples and helped him to stay connected to Krsna. You would always try to groom me into a better version. I have so many flaws to work upon. So many times I wonder how an ungrateful and useless person could have become your disciple.

I am very thankful and grateful to you Gurudeva, for being patient with me, for all the mercy you bestow upon me, for all your valuable times that you give me, for all the grooming that you keep on doing to me. I feel your presence in my life, I need you always. You are the only who really care for me without any hidden agenda. In this material world like forest fire, all those things would burn me from deep inside but your presence and your glimpse empower me and give me so much courage and strength to keep on going.

As mentioned in the Gurvastakam, Verse1:

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

'The spiritual master is receiving benediction from the ocean of mercy. Just as a cloud pours

water on a forest fire to extinguish it, so the spiritual master delivers the materially afflicted world by extinguishing the blazing fire of material existence. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is an ocean of auspicious qualities.'

You are that personification of ocean mercy Guru Maharaj, you are that cool summer breeze that extinguish all these fire burning in my heart.

One of the things I experienced while my good fortune on being on parikrama with you last year, although some of the places, I might have already been, but this time when I went there with you, it was so vibrant, like you were literally opening our hearts and soul and putting Krsna and Vrindavan there. Thank you for everything Gurudeva,

Please Guru Maharaj give us your blessings that no matter how life may unfold itself, no matter to what the situation may be, that we always have the strength to hold on and surrender to Krsna. And keep on going, on pushing for the movement of Lord Caitanya. Like you would often say, no matter what, just keep on trying to do something. I pray that I can always stick to these instructions of yours.

Please Guru Maharaj, bless me so that I can one day make you proud.

Trying to be your servant,
Vyasa Krsna Dasa, Rai Kisori Devi Dasi, Vrindavani & Varsana Vasini

Yadunandana Dasa

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

You are showing us how to give everything to guru and Krsna with your every word and deed. Transcending the limits of matter, and raising all those that choose follow. I try to be one of them. The kindness and care, the love and compassion, the laughter, the kirtan, the space and the opportunity. This fool is the most fortunate to have you as his master. Thank you.

Your insignificant servant,
Yadunandana Dasa

Yadunath Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj ji,

Your life has been courageous, magnanimous, auspicious, inspirational and of good fortune for your disciples and indeed for all who come across you.

I have had the good fortune of participating in Braja parikramas under your leadership. Kusum Sarovar is your place and when you perform kirtan there, it is on a totally spiritual platform. I felt that Lord Caitanya is dancing on your right and the Supreme Lord plays the flute over your left shoulder and smiling in the most glorious way. Such kirtans are a spiritual blessings of the highest order.

With gratitude, love and humble obeisances.
Your servant always,
Yadunath Dasa

Yasoda Jivan Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna Maharaj,

Thank you for accepting me so graciously. When we went for a walk I simultaneously felt protected and comforted like a child. I felt the security and warmth of your shelter.
You are constantly giving out mercy wholeheartedly and want us to do the same for others. You say, “When we give out mercy, mercy multiplies”. You are constantly handing out mercy through your classes and energising us through your kirtans.

You once said, “We conquer people not through some technique or fixed process but simply by making an effort and displaying great qualities.” The day before my initiation you gave me so much time, you mentioned how the vows I take are the most important in my life. You took to the time to talk to me about the importance of initiation, I asked how to not fear being a disappointment as a disciple and you pacified me by helping me see that this is the first step.

You conquer all by your qualities and the effort that you are always making. You have shown us your strength and how you have no fears because you are fully dependent on Krsna for everything. I look to you so hopefully I can completely surrender.

Thank you for guiding me, helping me, and your mercy. I hope I can be of use to you in the future.

Your insignificant servant,
Yasoda Jivan Devi Dasi

Yasodanandana Dasa

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Today is the most sacred and auspicious day in my life to express my gratitude for giving shelter to a wretched soul like myself. My dear Guru Maharaj you have always said that we should surrender unto the Supreme Lord in every moment of our life and I'm trying to follow it. Dear Guru Maharaj you have instructed to organize beach kirtan here in Mauritius and this year I'm planning to make this beach kirtan a festival with the help of some Mauritian devotees. Please bless me so that this program will become a success.

I also pray to please bless me so that I can always serve Srila Prabhupada and the devotees. I wish you a Happy Krsna conscious birthday Gurudeva.

Your servant,
Yasodanandana Dasa

Yasomatinandana Dasa

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

All our personal lives have been given a second chance, a new birth and revival into the spiritual family of Krsna consciousness. By accepting us as your children, you instilled a feeling of trust and sweetness, a mellow that is lasting and substantial. Just by thinking of you, spiritual emotions come into play.

In Radhadesh, we undertook a walk together to the cows, on the field. They were just changing the pasture. As you liked to say; "It is just a change of service", wherever we go.
In your little room we were chanting japa or talking and sometime I could massage your lotus feet. When you went to the bathroom, I wrote that poetry:

Massaging Guru Maharaj's feet,
What is my purpose and deed?
Travelling to Goloka in light speed,
O' Kṛṣṇa,
How can we meet?
Folding my hands to pray
Guru Maharaj is the way.
Let's embrace the play -
What is left to say?
Lower than the dust, I am worth, nothing can satisfy the hearth.
How can I serve and
what do I even deserve?
Just hear and chant,
pray & repent,
forgive, settle and spend,
all life in Krsna's hand.
Let Him place me at His Lotus feet, until we finally meet. That is my greed.
How Yashodamayi
did feed, O Krsna, with her milk,
He appears beautifully in silk,
With curly locks of hair,
Relieving all despair, doubts and fear.
Here is this lonely servant crying for help,
Dropping a tear, at my Guru's lotus feet,

following the words and footsteps of great acaryas and devotees.
Please, make me a follower of the ragatmikas of Vrindavan.

Now, being with Gurudeva in Vrindavan, a spiritual reality takes place and could I be ever more grateful?

All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga,

Your aspiring servant,
Yasomatinandana Dasa

Yogesvara Dasa

Dear Gurudeva,

I thank you for the dust of your lotus feet, to which you have also granted me access by your causeless mercy. You are brimming with the qualities of a pure devotee. I admire all of them, but especially your ability to constantly maintain an extreme ardour of desire for the service of your Guru. To me, any kind of ardour is absolutely inconceivable, and incomprehensible because I have not experienced it. I have come to this body completely without even a hint of the ability to develop, even a hint of the desire to please your lotus feet.

Not only Your instructions, but even time is constantly beating its clock hands on my head, trying to wake me up. He seriously doesn't know that I'm as sleepy as a rosehip. Awakened, I would leap up like a born-again to be counted among those who live only for you Gurudeva. My place is at the very end of their line. Although actually, after all, your disciples are not standing in line, they are constantly dancing in counter-rotating circles around you, to make all the space far and wide expand into the form of Krsna's names for your pleasure alone. I bow down to them all. Their multitudes are endless, for it is clear that they will never cease to increase, in all worlds. Here, somewhere, looms for me the eternal chance and task of being to them all, by your causeless mercy alone, their eternal servant.

I do not know whether a pure devotee can even imagine how terrible it is to exist here in the material world as the embodiment of the very opposite of your noble qualities. But perhaps that is why Kṛṣṇa has brought me under your lotus feet.

Because you are not only the one on whose causeless mercy I am totally dependent, but also,

though supernatural, yet utterly tangible, a living and terribly appealing example of the inevitability of my direction.

Your eternal servant,
Yogesvara Dasa

Yudhisthira Dasa

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

My dearest Guru Maharaj,

By the grace of Gauranga Mahaprabhu, I was able to able to meet up with you at that holy place, Radhadesh, in the end of July last year, before you would commence on your journey back to Vrindavan. Your home. That meeting struck me very deep. You received me very graciously, and it is now etched into my mind and heart forever. It was really inspiring. It got me thinking, how fortunate I am to have this connection with you. And perhaps the greatest fortune of all, is my connection to the vaishnavas and vaishnavis, my god brothers and god sisters.

Your followers, the Kadamba Kananananugas. I worship them, to be honest. They are my teach-

ers and I see them as expansions of your mercy. So I wanted to take the opportunity to reflect and meditate on them, and how their association has impacted my life. I am hoping this will please you.

Mother Sanatani has taught me friendship. Dwarakadish Prabhu has taught me how to bake bread. Uddhava Prabhu has taught me yukta vairagya. Mother Malini has taught me how to offer obeisances. Mother Jayanti has taught me humility. Keshav Maharaja has taught me simplicity. Sadbhuja Prabhu has taught me a sense of adventure. Nayabhirama Prabhu has taught me how to clean toilets. Padmanabha Prabhu has taught me how to use my intelligence. Mahajana Prabhu has taught me how to be calm. Sveta Varaha Prabhu has taught me how to smile. Radhakanta Prabhu has taught me how to drive. Mayapura Chandrodaya Prabhu has taught me art. Mother Vishaka has taught me to be funny. Mother Devahuti has taught me tolerance. Harinamananda Prabhu has taught me how to dance. Mother Sveta Ganga has taught me to be heartfelt. Mother Indukanti Raya has taught me to chant japa. Tulsi Prabhu has taught me to get up for manga arti. Partha Sarathi Prabhu has taught me how to give gifts. Gaur Mohan Prabhu has taught me how to surrender.

Markandaya Prabhu has taught me poetry. Krishna Kirtan Prabhu has taught me cleanliness. Madhusudana Prabhu has taught me how to lead kirtan. Mother Gaura Vani has taught me about the mind. Hari Venu Prabhu has taught me how to serve. Mahibartha Prabhu has taught me how to cook. Mother Gayatri has taught me how to persevere. Pradymna Prabhu has taught me how to think big. Ter Kadamba Prabhu has taught me philosophy. Jananivas Prabhu has taught me to just go for it. Adi Keshava Prabhu has taught me how to blow the conch. Mother Prema Lata has taught me how to read the Bhagavatam. Jay Nitai Prabhu has taught me to be serious. Mother Divya Gita has taught me how to put my heart into it. Raghunandan Prabhu has taught me to go on harinam. Diptiman Prema Prabhu has taught me culture. Mother Pandita has taught me to embrace the opportunity. Murari Caitanya Prabhu has taught me to be steady. Nirshima Caitnaya Prabhu has taught me to sing. Bahulesvara Prabhu has taught me how to serve the guru. Nityananda Prabhu has taught me how to be a friend. Godruma Prabhu has taught me how to wash the dishes. Mother Gita Govinda has taught me how to be loving. Krishna Caitnaya Prabhhu has taught me how to chant attentively. Vasudeva Prabhu has taught me how to be scholarly. Iksvaku Prabhu has taught me how to be fixed up. Ananta Prabhu has taught me how to dress like a gentleman. Gurudas Prabhu has taught me to be jolly. Gaura Karuna Prabhu has taught me how to be practical. Mother Bhagavati has taught me renunciation. Vishvambar Caitanya Prabhu has taught me how to take charge. Mother Saci has taught me hospitality. And Mother Gopali has taught me how to preach. There are many more, uncountable, but these are from the top of my head, so to speak.

I see all these qualities as part of your glory, dear Guru Maharaj. To have seen this, with my

own eyes, is my saving grace, for how else could I ever come to understand the true depths of practical devotional service? I am dumbstruck and humbled, to have been given this chance to serve within the folds of the sankirtan movement, as given to us by Srila Prabhupada, on the order of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.
The ball is now in my court, as you once told me.

Your aspiring servant, always
Yudhisthira Dasa

sādhu-śāstra-guru-vākya,
cittete kariyā aikya

"We must always keep within our heart thee instructions of sādhus, śāstra and guru. This is our process."

Narottama dāsa Thākura
Prema-Bhakti-candrika