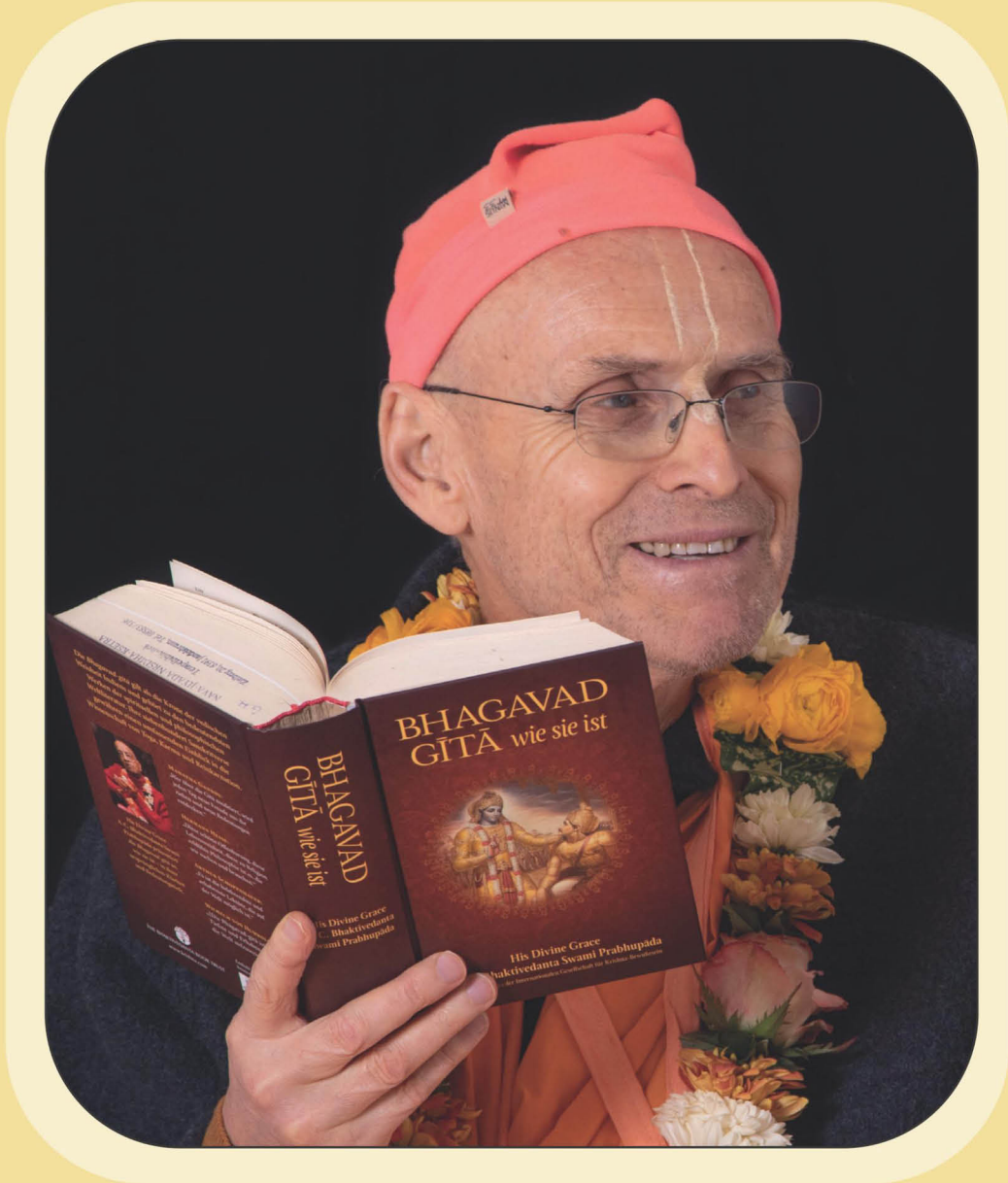


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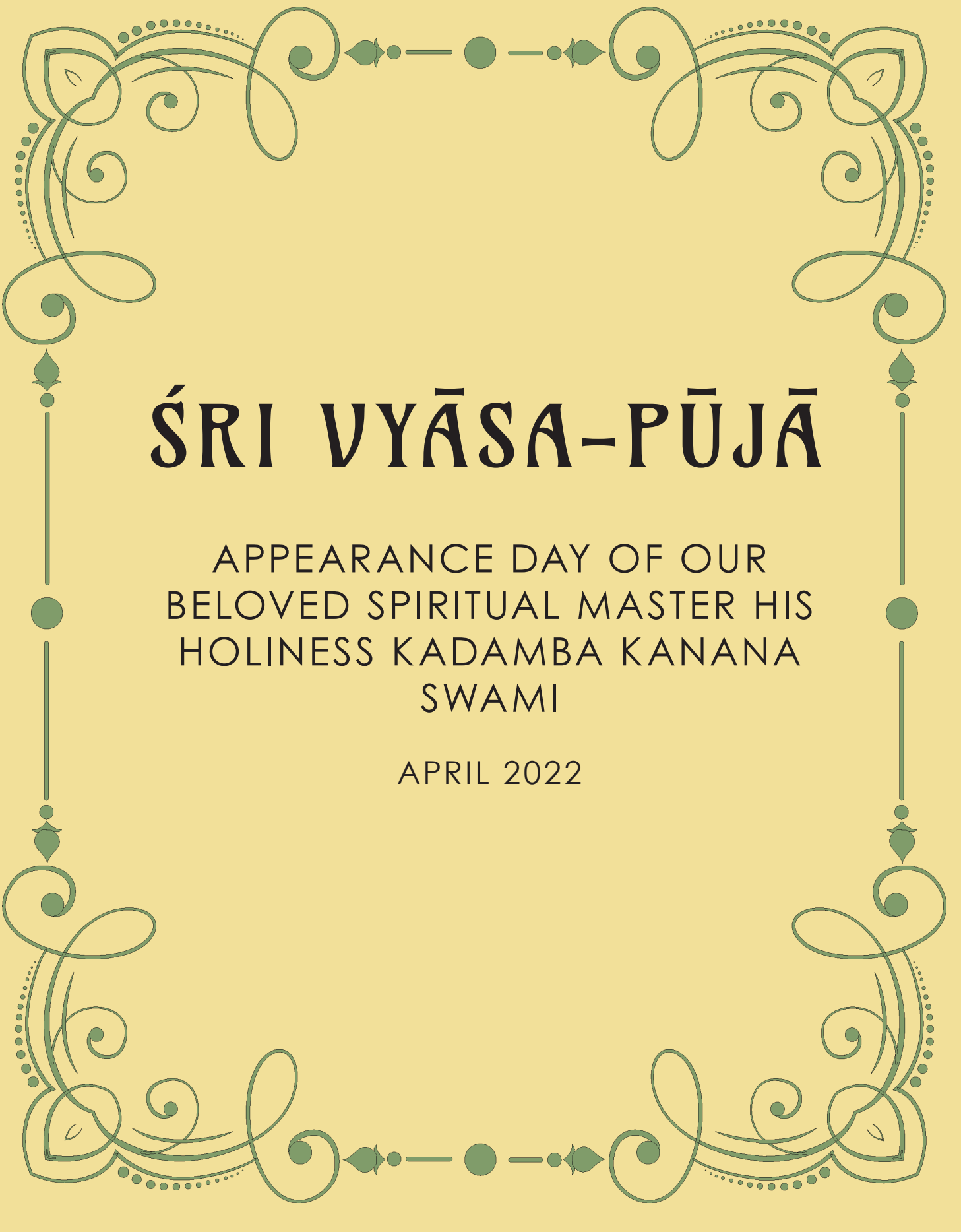
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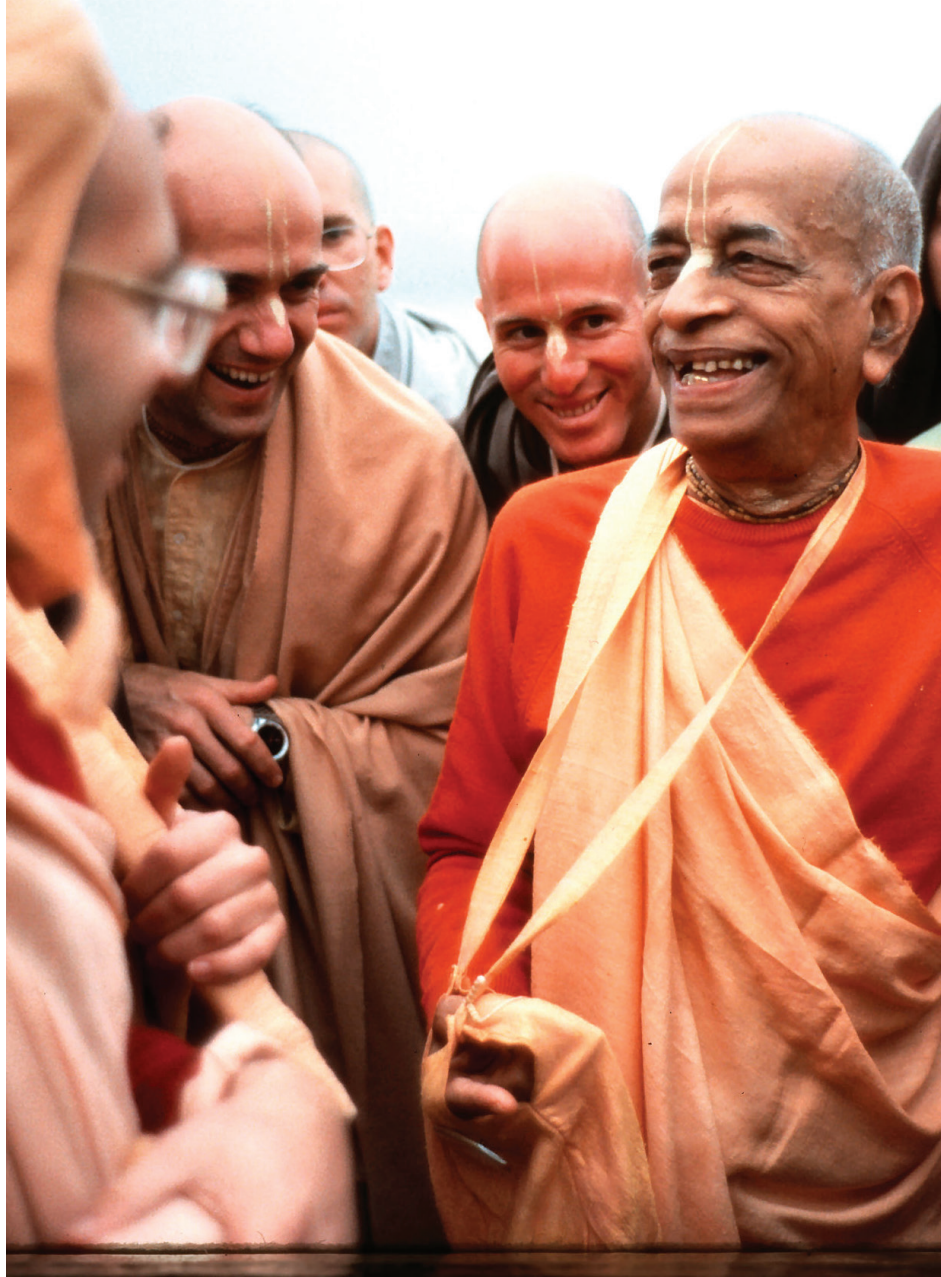
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VAISNAVA, A SPIRITUAL MASTER

SB 10.2.18

I can find no means to drive away this grief which is drying up my senses. I will not be able to destroy it even if I win an unrivalled kingdom on the earth with sovereignty like that of the demigods in heaven.

PURPORT

Although Arjuna was putting forward so many arguments based on knowledge of the principles of religion and moral codes, it appears that he was unable to solve his real problem without the help of the spiritual master, Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. He could understand that his so-called knowledge was useless in driving away his problems, which were drying up his whole existence; and it was impossible for him to solve such perplexities without the help of a spiritual master like Lord Kṛṣṇa. Academic knowledge, scholarship, high position, etc., are all useless in solving the problems of life; help can only be given by a spiritual master like Kṛṣṇa. Therefore, the conclusion is that a spiritual master who is one hundred percent Kṛṣṇa conscious is the bona fide spiritual master, for he can solve the problems of life. Lord Caitanya said that one who is master in the science of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, regardless of his social position, is the real spiritual master.

kibāvipra, kibā nyāsī, śūdra kene naya
yei kṛṣṇa-tattva-vettā, sei 'guru' haya.
(CC Madhya 8.127)

"It does not matter whether a person is a vipra [learned scholar in Vedic wisdom] or is born in a lower family, or is in the renounced order of life—if he is master in the science of Kṛṣṇa, he is the perfect and bona fide spiritual master." So without being a master in the science of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, no one is a bona fide spiritual master. It is also said in Vedic literatures:

ṣaṭ-karma-nipuṇo vipro mantra-tantra-viśāradaḥ
avaīṣṇavo gurur na syād vaiṣṇavaḥ śvapaco guruḥ

"A scholarly brāhmaṇa, expert in all subjects of Vedic knowledge, is unfit to become a spiritual master without being a Vaiṣṇava, or expert in the science of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. But a person born in a family of a lower caste can become a spiritual master if he is a Vaiṣṇava, or Kṛṣṇa conscious."



SIGNIFICANCE OF SRI VYASA-PUJA BY TULSI DASA

In the Bhagavad-gita the Lord states that in this conditioned world the living entities are struggling very hard with the six senses, which include the mind. We are eternally fragmental parts of the Lord and if we are determined to go on with our conditioned life, we will have to go on with our hard struggle with the mind and the senses in the forest fire of material existence. In Srimad Bhagavatam it is stated:

“The material miseries of the living entity, which are superfluous to him, can be directly mitigated by the linking process of devotional service. But the mass of people do not know this, and therefore the learned Vyasadeva compiled this Vedic literature, which is in relation to the Supreme Truth.” (SB 1.7.6)

To save us from suffering, the supremely merciful Lord has given us His own breath in the form of the Vedas. However, even though there are so many Vedic scriptures, we can seldom find a person who has properly understood and applied them because out of many thousands of men, hardly one endeavors for perfection. And of those who have achieved perfection, hardly one knows Krsna in truth.

We are infinitely small; it is said that the dimension of the living entity is one ten-thousandth part of the tip of the hair. On the other hand, the world out there is enormous and bewildering. For one ten-thousandth of the tip of a hair is almost impossible to conceive of one fourth of the creation, let alone the spiritual world. What makes the situation even worse is that we live in Kali-yuga, which means that our capacity to understand things as they are is dramatically decreased:

“O learned one, in this iron Age of Kali men almost always have but short lives. They are quarrelsome, lazy, misguided, unlucky and, above all, always disturbed.” (SB 1.1.10)

By our constitutional position we are very small; besides that, our ability to comprehend and appreciate reality is severely crippled. And, our situation would have been hopeless indeed, if the causeless mercy of Krsna was not available in the form of the spiritual master:

“Out of many millions of wandering living entities, one who is very fortunate gets an opportunity to associate with a bona fide spiritual master by the grace of Krishna. By the mercy of both Krishna and the spiritual master, such a person receives the seed of the creeper of devotional service.” (Caitanya caritamrta Madhya-lila 19.151)

The spiritual master often looks just like one of us. Although he is not an ordinary human being because he has been chosen by Krsna to carry out a crucial task on His behalf – to reclaim the conditioned souls back to His loving association in the spiritual world. In order to succeed in that service, the spiritual master has received an abundant mercy from the ocean of mercy. “Just like a cloud pours water on a forest fire to extinguish it, he delivers the world by extinguishing the blazing fire of material existence.” (Gurvastakam).

We know that the Supreme Personality of Godhead is simultaneously immanent and transcendent, that is, He is all-pervading through His energies and at the same time He is separate and independent. Would the Lord have been only transcendent there would have been no means for us, the fallible living beings, to come in contact with Him. Fortunately, He is present in his creation as the spiritual master who is a manifestation of the Lord’s mercy. There are, of course, other manifestations of Krsna’s mercy, the holy name, the deities, Srimad Bhagavatam and the devotees, all of which are extremely merciful. But none of those can actually benefit us unless we receive proper knowledge from the spiritual master. This knowledge should be attained by proper mood and activities:

“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. Having obtained real knowledge from a self-realized soul, you will never fall again into such illusion, for by this knowledge you will see that all living beings are but part of the Supreme, or, in other words, that they are Mine.” (Bhagavad-gita 4.34-35)

Thus the spiritual master is disciples’ true and eternal well-wisher. He is simultaneously the best friend of all conditioned souls and Krsna’s favourite servant. Because of performing the confidential service of reuniting the Lord with his dear ones. Even the greatest devotees glorify the spiritual master’s service:

“The nectar of Your words and the descriptions of Your activities are the life and soul of those suffering in this material world. These narrations, transmitted by learned sages, eradicate one’s sinful reactions and bestow good fortune upon whoever hears them. These narrations are broadcast all over the world and are filled with spiritual power. Certainly those who spread the message of Godhead are most munificent.” (SB 10.31.9)



Although he looks like a common person, the spiritual master is not ordinary because he is detached from matter and is attached to Kṛṣṇa:

“Therefore any person who seriously desires real happiness must seek a bona fide spiritual master and take shelter of him by initiation. The qualification of the bona fide guru is that he has realized the conclusions of the scriptures by deliberation and is able to convince others of these conclusions. Such great personalities, who have taken shelter of the Supreme Godhead, leaving aside all material considerations, should be understood to be bona fide spiritual masters.” (SB 11.3.21)

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

Therefore, we should sincerely surrender our life to the mission of the spiritual master. Thus we will please him and he will bless us; his heartfelt blessings are our greatest treasure. On the day of the Vyasa-puja we take the opportunity to glorify our spiritual master and thank him for his efforts to elevate us from the position of servant of maya to servant of the servant of Kṛṣṇa. In his Vyasa-puja offering to his spiritual master, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvami Maharaj, Srila Prabhupada writes the following:

“The transcendental knowledge of the Vedas was first uttered by God to Brahma, the creator of this particular universe. From Brahma the knowledge descended to Narada, from Narada to Vyasadeva, from Vyasadeva to Madhva, and in this process of disciplic succession the transcendental knowledge was transmitted by one disciple to another till it reached Lord Gauranga, Sri Krishna Chaitanya, who posed as the disciple and successor of Sri Ishvara Puri. The present Acaryadeva is the tenth disciplic representative from Sri Rupa Gosvami, the original representative of Lord Caitanya who preached this transcendental tradition in its fullness. The knowledge that we receive from our Gurudeva is not different from that imparted by God Himself and the succession of the acaryas in the preceptorial line of Brahma. We adore this auspicious day as Sri Vyasa-puja-tithi, because the Acarya is the living representative of Vyasadeva, the divine compiler of the Vedas, the Puranas, the Bhagavad-gita, the Mahabharata, and the Srimad-Bhagavatam.”

The appearance day of our Guru Maharaj is most special for us, his disciples, because from all gurus in the Universe it was he who came to save us. Because of his mercy our spiritual life is a practical reality rather than a theoretical possibility, just as a beautiful dream. His perfect example inspires us to become serious sadhakas. His teachings dispel our ignorance, destroy our doubts and misgivings and miraculously attract us to Kṛṣṇa. Because of his constant care and

love we grow in devotional service. He makes sure that we become attached to Krsna, because he knows that at the end of the day what really matters is where we place our affection. Therefore, Narada Muni advises us:

“A student should practice completely controlling his senses. He should be submissive and should have an attitude of firm friendship for the spiritual master.” (SB 7.12.1)

By controlling our mind and senses and by the process of devotional service for the satisfaction of our spiritual master and Krsna, we come closer to them and earn their confidence. Then a whole new world will be revealed to us – the beautiful realm of pure love. There our service to our spiritual master, to his spiritual master his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj, and to Srila Prabhupada will continue eternally because it is only through their mercy that we can attain direct service to Sri Sri Radha-Krsna.

Tulsi dasa





THE DISCIPLE

When I approached my spiritual master for initiation, he said, “Hmmm, as good as God, are you prepared to accept that?” And I thought, “Umm, well, I don’t know...” but I just said yes with a weak voice because it is not so simple to accept the spiritual master as good as God. But this is Krsna’s standard so what can we say. So somehow, gradually we must bring the guru-disciple relationship to that point. For me, it was not so easy because I had been initiated before and that relationship did not work – the spiritual master did not maintain spiritual standards and then to try to get into the mood of being a disciple again was a little difficult.

At that time, I was the temple president in Vrindavan, one of the big international headquarters of Iskcon. People would salute me as I would walk by and offer pranams (respectful hand gesture)! Half the town would come and offer respects, what to speak of devotees in the temple. And suddenly, I had to sit in a yajna again with the new bhaktas, remove my brahmin thread and sit down there and be initiated!

So I had a complete identity crisis to tell you the truth! At that time I felt somewhat awkward but my spiritual master understood and was kind and gave me some credit in the midst of that sacrifice. He said, “I want to give him two initiations at once.” Well, that was a relief because I wasn’t sure if he was going to do that so at least I was going to get my brahmin thread back; that was something! And then he said, “In fact, I would like to give him three, I would like to give him sannyasa as well but we will have to postpone that due to the particular rules and regulations in that regard.” By then it got pretty nice but it was not easy to just sit down in the sacrifice!

But afterward, there was the whole thing of bowing down! I had to get used to it, to bow down! The scriptures say to bow down many times whenever one sees the spiritual master. That was a bit of an adjustment. Like that, I had to practice and I still have to practice in this guru-disciple relationship – to not take it casually, to not take it cheaply but to get really serious about it as a disciple and try to really act in such a way as he likes, as he would like in all situations. By now, I have some idea of what he likes and what he does not like.

So the spiritual master is always present in his instructions and following instructions does not come automatically, it takes real endeavour, but when that endeavour is made then the relationship becomes really meaningful.



Acyuta Kesava Dasa & Anakulya Devi Dasi

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

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

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

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

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

‘rāja-vidyā rāja-guhyam,
pavitram idam uttamam
pratyakṣāvagamam dharmyam,
su-sukham kartum avyayam

This knowledge is the king of education, the most secret of all secrets. It is the purest knowledge and because it gives direct perception of the self by realization, it is the perfection of religion. It is everlasting and joyfully performed.’ (Bhagavad-gita 9.2).

It is obvious Gurudeva, that you have fully realized the king of all education which is very confidential and the purest of all knowledge. Therefore, you very mercifully pass down this knowledge to us in a very personal, caring, and very practical way.

How can somebody be so transcendently situated but at the same time be able to give such practical direction on how the knowledge of devotional service can be applied in our daily lives? But it is exactly because of your transcendental position that you can give instructions



that take us forward. One of these transcendental instructions was as follows: “Take shelter of the holy name and Srila Prabhupada’s books”

You give us sabda-brahman and therefore empower us to do our anuman in such a way that it harmonizes our pratksya with the sabda. At the end of your classes, we feel rejuvenated and ready to take up our bhajan with more enthusiasm.

‘Nitai pada kamala, koti chandra sushitala.’ The soothing effect of Lord Nityananda’s lotus feet are felt by all who have contact with you. Spreading mercy to all irrespective of qualifications. Gurudeva, you are always looking for opportunities to spread the mercy to all people, irrespective of their backgrounds and their current material conditions. You are especially kind to many souls by taking the harinam to where they are. You are also initiating and leading the organization of the various chariot festivals in parts of South Africa and in other parts of the world. Parts of the world that are not regularly exposed to the holy name. Thus, your mercy does not have any boundaries. You are ensuring that the mercy flows from Lord Nityananda coming down through the parampara. Your mood is very much like that of Srila Prabhupada.

You bring the following verse alive:

‘pṛthivīte āche yata nagarādi grāma
sarvatra pracāra haibe mora nāma.

In every town and village throughout the world said Lord Caitanya, the chanting of My name will be heard.’ (Caitanya-bhagavata, Antya-khaṇḍa 4.126)

‘titikṣavaḥ kārūṇikāḥ
suhṛdaḥ sarva-dehinām
ajāta-śatravaḥ śāntāḥ
sādhavaḥ sādhu-bhūṣaṇāḥ

The symptoms of a sādhu are that he is tolerant, merciful and friendly to all living entities. He has no enemies, he is peaceful, he abides by the scriptures, and all his characteristics are sublime.’ (Srimad Bhagavatam 3.25.21)

Dearest Gurudeva you possess all the above qualities of a sadhu. Gurudeva, on this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, we would like to thank you for never judging us and always accepting us as we are. You are the personification of love and inspiration daily. We are forever indebted to Gurudeva for our good fortune of having had your mercy at the start of our Krsna conscious journey. The memories of those early days at Iskcon Bloemfontein bring such joy and happiness to our hearts. Without you we are nothing, we would have never had the mercy



of hearing about the Lord and his pastimes. We will never be able to repay Gurudeva's kindness and compassion for such fallen souls.

Jai Gurudeva

Your servants always,

Acyuta Kesava Dasa & Anakulya Devi Dasi
(Iskcon East London, South Africa)

Adi Ganga Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

om̐ ajñāna-timirāndhasya
jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmlitaṁ yena
tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

I've been reflecting on the wonderful nectar that you pass on to each devotee in the question and answer sessions at our weekly disciple meetings. You receive each question with such warmth and reply with such grace. It is obvious how much you care about us, how much you put yourself out for us.

At our recent meeting in Radhadesh in February, I was relating my usual litany of complaints about how hard the teaching profession is. "You have to know the starting point of each child and work out what their next step is, for all of the children, for each lesson, 5 lessons a day with little support it's too much vata energy, I get mentally exhausted." You listened considerately, then you said, "I feel like that." Those 4 words made our hearts go out to you. You are responsible not just for 30 children but literally hundreds of disciples. You know each of us, our struggles, our goals and where we need to be at our different levels. You know each of our stories. You keep this information close to you so that your guidance is always personal, relevant and tailored. You encouraged me in my attempts to serve my husband, who I have just married and you encouraged me in my desire to make the Bhagavad-gita a central tenet in my preaching. We could see how drained you were by the constant demands on your time but you still gave of yourself so generously to us.

And what have I to offer you on your special day? I have to admit my progress is slow. In one of your disciple meetings in late 2020, you gave us a list of practises that we needed to do:



1. Early rising
2. Chanting Japa
3. Chanting Gayatri mantra
4. Reading
5. Hearing lectures
6. Service
7. Maintaining Krsna consciousness at home or in the ashram
8. Caring for Deities
9. Using fruits of work to support KC
10. Formal study
11. Offering prasadam
12. Developing Vaishnava qualities
13. How far we are in mode of goodness
14. How much we are sense-controlled
15. Austerity in service
16. Cleanliness
17. Tolerance
18. Simplicity
19. Straightforwardness
20. Cultivation of knowledge
21. Level of realisation
22. Material happiness
23. Spiritual happiness
24. Health
25. Mental peace



You asked us to give each item a score out of 10, then add up the total score and divide by 25. I scored myself at the time and then again recently and I have only made negligible progress. Lots of sixes and sevens. I need to make substantial improvement but with your prayers and your blessings behind me, I hope to get better in a few of these areas.

We are so fortunate to have your constant association through the weekly meetings and your classes and lectures. It feels like you are always with us, guiding us in your gentle but dynamic way. I pray now for the strength to imbibe all your instructions and help push this movement on by your mercy.

Your servant,

Adi Ganga Devi Das

Adikarta Dasa

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

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guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

Lieber Guru Maharaj,

Bitte nehmen Sie meine achtungsvollen Ehrerbietungen an im Staub Ihren Lotusfüßen. Alle Ehre sei Ihrer Heiligkeit. Alle Ehre sei Sri Gauranga. Alle Ehre sei Ihrem Guru Maharaj. His holiness Srila Guru Dasa Jayadvaita Swami. Alle Ehre sei Srila Prabhupada.

Dank Ihrer grundlosen Barmherzigkeit, der Barmherzigkeit des echten spirituellen Meisters Srila Guru Maharaj Kadamba Kanana Swami, darf ich jetzt wieder mal bei der Gelegenheit Ihrer Vyasa-puja eine Opferung an Ihnen schreiben.

Ich möchte Ihnen vor allem bei dieser angeführten Gelegenheit der Opferung erneut bestmög-

liche Gesundheit wünschen, denn Ihre Gesundheit bleibt für uns alle unter anderem eine der wichtigsten Sachen.

Sie sind und bleiben ein für alle Mal ein Nektar Ozean der grundlosen Barmherzigkeit, die zweifellos von Krsna stammt. Ich muss es immer wieder bei jeder Gelegenheit hervorheben, denn das ist eine Tatsache, die nie ihr Ende nehmen soll und auch nicht kann.

Ich bin äußerst zufrieden wenn ich ahnen darf, dass alle Ihre offenbarten Tätigkeiten, voller Transzendenz gefüllt, obwohl es dabei mehrere Schwierigkeiten für Ihnen mitbringen kann und die von Ihnen auch überquert sein müssen, nicht abnehmend sind, aber es zeigt sich zum Glück, dass es fast umgekehrt ist. Das heißt, dass Ihre transzendente Tätigkeiten eher zunehmen. Ein kleines Beispiel- es gibt eine ganze Reihe von Ihren Schüler, die an den Umsetzungen und manchen dessen weiteren Bearbeitungen Ihrer Vorträge teilnehmen. Die Reihe der Vorlesungen scheint fast unendlich zu sein und diese Schnur wird immer länger. Doch das ist wie erwähnt eine Sache, die im Grunde genommen zum Glück für allen Teilnehmern und darüber hinaus auch allen anderen Lebewesen des Weltalls äußerst glücksverheißend ist. Es kommen immer wieder neue und neue Vorträge heraus. Und das ist weit und weit aus nicht alles von Ihren transzendentalen Tätigkeiten, es gibt viel mehr von denen.

Dank Ihrer grundlosen Barmherzigkeit darf auch ich mich unter den Teilnehmern befinden. Ich habe die Hoffnung, dass ich auch mit den weiteren Bearbeitungen der Vorlesungen ununterbrochen fortfahren darf. Unter anderem ist die Bearbeitung der Umsetzungen Ihren Vorträgen nicht nur für mich äußerst wertvoll, den als Teilnehmern an dieser haben wir die Gelegenheit viele Erfahrungen zu erwerben, genauso wie diejenigen, die mit einer Sprachbarriere nicht betroffen sind.

Mit Dankbarkeit und Demut möchte ich stets Ihre Lotusfüße, die Lotusfüße meines spirituellen Meisters Srila Guru Maharaja Kadamba Kanana Swami, ununterbrochen verehren, und auch daher neige ich mich vor Ihnen stets erneut und bringe Ihnen meine achtungsvolle Ehrerbietungen dar mit dem herzlichen Glückwunsch allgemein und einem ständigen Wunsch der bestmöglichen Gesundheit.

Ihr ewiger Schuldner und unansehnlicher Schuler

Adikarta Dasa



Adi-Purusa Dasa

Dearest Srila Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to your divine grace.

Happy Sri Vyasa-puja dear Guru-Maharaj.

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

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

This gives the definition of the guru. Everyone is in the darkness of ignorance. Therefore, everyone needs to be enlightened with transcendental knowledge. One who enlightens his disciple and saves him from rotting in the darkness of ignorance in this material world is a true guru. Maharaja, I am forever indebted to you for accepting me as your disciple so that hopefully by your Mercy I can escape from the darkness of ignorance.

I remember: Once, we were travelling to Ratha Yatra in Durban, and we saw a vagrant who had come up to our car and was begging for some money. He had a big dollar sign Cap on his head. You mentioned to me: “Look how ironic he is.” I didn’t really think much of it at that point but later that afternoon you mentioned during a lecture about chasing for Kṛṣṇa’s love and I had thought about the vagrant who we had encountered. He was chasing dollars with his dollar cap. As your disciple, I hope that I can chase Kṛṣṇa with Kṛṣṇa always in my heart.

I hope that I can continue following your instructions and serve the Lordships, no matter where I may be in the world. Please bless me to always remember Kṛṣṇa and never forget Him – For I am your beggar.

Your servant,
Adi-Purusa Dasa
(Durban)



Adirasa Dasa & Citra Malini Devi

Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances.

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

Although it's been only a few months when we first met but we really feel that our relationship is very deep. Although we are not qualified enough to glorify you but still, we will try to say few words in your glorification. We beg your forgiveness for any mistake.

You have dedicated every moment of your life in the service of Srila Prabhupada and to spread the message of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu all over the world. Your vibrant kirtans, transcendental lectures, weekly Hari katha, KKS Blog always fill our hearts with bliss and keep us moving forward on the path of bhakti. You are an excellent preacher especially when it comes to conveying the transcendental message of Mahaprabhu.

Just like a body cannot move an inch without the soul, similarly without your causeless mercy, fallen souls like us cannot make any progress on the spiritual path. Your most valuable guidance has given us great courage and enthusiasm to manage our spiritual life.

Thank you for always answering questions and clearing our doubts. Thank you for always there for us. We look forward to serve you more and more. Please bless us so that we can follow your instructions and become a worthy servant of yours.

Your health is very important for all of us. We beg at the lotus feet of Sri Gaura-Nitai and Sri Sri Radha Krishna to keep you in good health to fulfil the mission Srila Prabhupada for all over the world.

Your insignificant servants,

Adirasa Dasa & Citra Malini Devi Dasi



Aditi Devi Dasi

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to all the vaishnavas.

All glories to your divine grace on the most auspicious and blessed day of your Vyasa-puja.

Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my most humble obeisance onto the dust of your lotus feet.

The email read time flies. Yes two years has gone during Covid but the advanced technology we were having every Friday with your association via Zoom. That was the best thing to happen. We learned so much, when devotees asked questions you have always so much compassion to answer the questions.

Although I was always muted I just wanted to see and hear how your health was and you were doing okay after covid. I must say thank you to all the devotees who took good care of you
Guru Maharaj.

We looking forward for your arrival to South Africa. We are all excited after a very long time. Therefore Guru Maharaj I am one of those very fortune soul. I pray to remain under the shelter of your lotus feet eternally.

Maybe Lord Narasimhadeva always protect your Gurudeva.

Your eternal servant

Aditi Devi Dasi

Aditya-varna Devi Dasi

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śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Lieber Guru Maharaj,

akzeptiere bitte meine achtungsvollen Ehrerbietungen im staub deiner lotusfüsse.

Alle Ehre sei Deiner Heiligkeit.

Alle Ehre sei Sri Gauranga,

Alle Ehre sei Deinem Guru Maharaj, his holiness Srila Guru Dasa Jayadvaita Swami,

Alle Ehre sei Srila Prabhupada.

“Außer meinem spirituellen Meister ist nichts wichtig. Mein spiritueller Meister hat mich baarmherzig aus dem blinden Brunnen der materialistischen Sinnenbefriedigung erretet.“
(Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura: Jaiva Dharma)

Es sind gerade mal etwas mehr als zwei Monate seit meiner Einweihung vergangen. Ich bin so ein glücklicher Mensch! Nach so vielen Leben und so vielen verschwendeten Jahren dieses Lebens bin ich endlich dort angekommen, wo ich wirklich hingehöre. Du hast mir aus purer Barmherzigkeit bei deinen Lotosfüßen Zuflucht angeboten und gegeben. In meinem Offering im vergangenen Jahr habe ich dich um deine Gnade gebeten, dass sich meine Entschlossenheit und Zielbewusstsein im Krishna-Bewusstsein stärken kann. Ich konnte jetzt persönlich erfahren, dass die Devotees des Herrn wahre Wunschbäume sind, denn dieser Wunsch von mir ist in Erfüllung gegangen. Seit der Einweihung fühle ich mich viel zielstrebig und entschlossener, und ich weiß jetzt viel genauer, was ich aus meinem Leben machen und was ich auf keinen Fall mehr machen will. Sei bitte so barmherzig und hilf mir, dass ich so weiter machen und immer tiefer und tiefer in das Krishna-Bewusstsein eintauchen kann.

Du hast mal gesagt, dass jemand sehr schnell eingeweiht werden könne, aber es sei eine andere Sache, ein richtiger Schüler zu werden. Ich hoffe, dass ich eines Tages eine richtige Schülerin werden kann.

Lieber Guru Maharaj, ich vermisse deine persönliche Gemeinschaft sehr. Ich wünsche mir und hoffe so sehr, dass wir alle dieses Jahr endlich wieder zusammen über Krishna sprechen und hören, und extatischen Kirtan machen können.

Vielen Dank, dass ich Teil der KKS-Godfamily sein darf.

Deine Dienerin

Aditya-varna Devi Dasi



Antaranga Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

“O devotee of the Lord, the purpose of the visual sense is fulfilled simply by seeing you, and to touch your body is the fulfilment of this bodily touch. The tongue is meant for glorifying your qualities because in the world it is very difficult to find a pure devotee of the Lord.” (Haribhakti-sudhodaya).

On this auspicious day of your appearance day, we meditate on great fortune and meaning of term ‘mercy’. As it can be only mercy that we came across personality like your good self, saviour of the fallen and friend of the poor.

It’s very challenging to see Krsna, to perceive the divine when we are contaminated by thousands of desires, yet one thing is clear above all, that you are our eternal master and manifestation of the Supreme Lord, and as Krsna says:

“My dear Uddhava, the spiritual master must be accepted not only as My representative but as My very self. He must never be considered on the same level with an ordinary human being. One should never be envious of the spiritual master, as one may be envious of an ordinary man. The spiritual master should always be seen as the representative of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and by serving the spiritual master, one is able to serve all the demigods.” (Srimad Bhagavatam, 11.17.22).

We humbly beg, that we may be tolerated and engaged in your service life after life dear spiritual master.

Your servant,

Antaranga Dasa



Anuttara Devi Dasi

Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my dandavat pranams and my sincere humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I just want to write a few words of gratitude. Last year I could see how much you were giving yourself to all your disciples. You are really going the extra mile to make sure that all of us are nicely taken care of. It's amazing to me how much time and effort you put in this aspect and our Friday Zoom meetings are a great proof of this.

I want to tell you that my greatest wish is to go the extra mile for you, for Srila Prabhupada and for Krsna. I am still very covered though and I have many excuses not to take a step further, but my faith is strong. I have more faith then when I got initiated somehow, this is amazing mercy. I'm sure that Krsna is guiding all our paths.

I know that the relationship between guru and disciple is eternal and I am so grateful that I could meet you in this lifetime. I prayed for guidance and your disciples have sent me to you, you then accepted me. Now it's my time to accept that you accepted me because I still don't believe it. I still have things to let go, but I know that the best thing for me would be to surrender at your lotus feet and follow.

You are a great gift from the Lord, his representative and his loyal servant of the servant of the servant. Thanks Gurudeva for your humbleness and for your service. Please let me serve you eternally.

Your sincere aspiring servant,
Anuttara Devi Dasi

Ariana (Bhaktin)

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 Maharaja,

All glories to 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.”

Dear Guru Maharaj, I want to tell you that before I met you, I used to admire your kirtanas on YouTube, and I was asking myself, “Will I have a chance to meet Maharaj?” In a few months, I had the great opportunity to meet you in Ljubljana, by Krsna’s mercy. I was so excited and enthusiastic that I could hardly say a few words to you, but you understood me even before I spoke. I feel unqualified to express in a few words my gratitude and appreciation for giving me shelter. The second time I met you in Ljubljana I was eagerly waiting to ask if you would accept me as a disciple and your reply is always in my mind and soul: “I already accepted you.”

Thank you for amazing kirtans which enable one to sit still. Your enthusiastic appearance and your mood of lightness of living brings a peace and feeling of security in life. You are so merciful to me. You give me all help, you give me strength.

A most blessed and happy appearance

Day to you, my dear Guru Maharaj.

Your lowliest and very insignificant disciple & servant of the servants of the many servants,

Bhaktin Ariana (Romania)

Arundhati Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja I would like to express my deepest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to you. You are ever fresh preaching spirit is touching thousands of hearts in the midst of difficult circumstances. Your very energetic kirtans and deep lectures are incredibly enlivening and deeply inspiring to me.

The appearance of Sri Krsna Caitanya and Prabhu Nityananda has surcharged the world with happiness.

“As the sun and moon drive away darkness by their appearance and reveal the nature of everything, these two brothers dissipate the darkness of ignorance covering the living beings



and enlighten them with knowledge of the Absolute Truth.” (Caitanya-caritamṛta, Ādi Līla, 1.88-89)

My dear Guru Maharaj, it is only because of your mercy and sweet compassion that I had the good fortune to come in contact with the sankīrtan movement and could change my whole existence. I am so fortunate that you opened the door to the spiritual world. For me. Because of you I get the blessings and protection that I can chant my rounds and follow the regulations. It is just by your mercy that I can get a glimpse of understanding of the Vedic knowledge.

Just because of you I can understand this knowledge and can bring it into my life. You empower me to be active in the mission and to try to share what I received from you with others. You are so kind and understanding and I am very grateful that I can be your disciple. I feel very much connected to you and our god family even when it is over the internet. To see you travelling and preaching is very inspiring for me and my whole family. My daughter Vaishnavi, who is five years now, was inspired and did some handcraft for your Vyasa-puja.

I am very grateful that you give my life a higher purpose and I pray that I can use it in the most beautiful way to preach Lord Caitanya’s mission.

Your very grateful disciple,
Arundhati Devi Dasi

Aryacarita Devi Dasi

Dear Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you. All glories to Srīla Prabhupada.
I wish you a very happy appearance day.

I am very thankful for meeting you in Ljubljana temple at the World Holy name festival in 2019. It was a really great opportunity to meet you personally. I used to think I was not ready to have a spiritual master but I remember how you mentioned in one of your lectures that we do not have to be pure devotees to become disciples, motivating me to become one of them.

I am very thankful for your spiritual guidance, your lectures are my source of inspiration.
Thank you for connecting me to Srīla Prabhupada’s family.

Your servant,
Aryacarita Devi Dasi



Atharva

Hare Krsna dear Gurudeva.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all of our previous acaryas, without whom I have no purpose in life. All glories to you, since without whom I have no hope of ever attaining that abode in which Krsna is performing those endlessly blissful pastimes.

I am eternally grateful that Krsna has
Sent you to guide us all back home;
The place which we all have left
To chase material pleasures like gold, silver or chrome,
From which I wish I was bereft

We miss your association, deeply and dearly.
Without you, we can't see clearly
You are the spiritual lightbulb in the 'andhera',
Please, o please come back to Canberra

To follow the instructions of our Founder Acharya, I am trying my level best;
Keeping you in mind when things get tough, resisting the urge to rest
You are so kind to all devotees, thinking of everyone's welfare,
I need to learn to develop that kind of care.

Instead, I worry about this and that, what to do, what to buy, what is bad and what is fine,
It would be nice to do what Krsna wants of me at that time.

So much energy spent in trying to find a molecule of happiness in the duality of life, for that,
I am causing myself much internal strife
All this effort, withered away in vain, because without pleasing you, I will cause myself much pain.

So let me just chant the holy name
For if you are happy, my life will be complete,
One day may there be hope for me to reside as a grain of dust at Their lotus feet.

Happy Vyasa-puja Gurudeva
Your eternal servant,
Atharva



Avinash Jaykaran

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

Thanks for the opportunity to write to you on your Vyasa-puja. Maharaj. Over the past year face to face association with you was virtually impossible due to the pandemic. This put a spin on a lot of activities which was sometimes taken for granted.

For example Ratha Yatra festivals, Sunday Love feasts, Special Kirtan festivals and so on. Suddenly all came to a standstill this was rather a strange change in the norm we once had. However this didn't weaken my enthusiasm to hear your words. Via the blessings of the online platforms I was still able to associate with you and still feel your presence via platforms like Zoom, Facebook Live and so on.

And I again wish to thank you for always being so regular in your broadcasts be it YouTube, Facebook or Zoom I miss your association Maharaj however I still feel connected with you each time I join your online classes, discussions and kirtan.

Happy Vyasa-puja to you Maharaj and wish you good health and hope to have your association again soon.

Hare Krsna,
Avinash Jaykaran.

Bahulasva Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Jayadvita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I wish you are well and I'm thinking on you with warmth in my heart. You are such a hard working sanyasi in Srila Prabhupada's movement. Always doing your duty and beyond that. For so many years you have just keep on doing that. Stretching out to anyone and particularly your disciples so we can get uplifted to the higher perspective off transcendental knowledge.



I'm happy to say that most of our spiritual activities are going on as before the pandemic. We only were a little restricted for a while with less attendants. But now our new temple room are often full with devotees. We have a lot of Indians who work or study nearby and who regularly come for our program. Unfortunately there is not many new practicing from Sweden.

We have a program on Thursdays from Srila Prabhupada memories series. On Saturdays we have been going through the sashtras for one year now. We have done Sri Isopanishad, Nectar of Devotion and are now on the sixth chapter of Bhagavad-gita. There are a handful doing harinam every Saturday as well, and I also sometimes do it.

As I 'm getting older I feel the road is more narrow, I don't have big plans for my materiel life, most. Important for me is my association with the temple activities and the service to the devotees there. I'm simply thankful to Krsna that I've been healthy so I can chant my rounds. I have a human body So I can practice Krsna bhakti, just to be able to do that is amazing. Materiel life is there, I have one grandson and one granddaughter, so I'm there for my daughter and my son's family also.

I was thinking about the free will a little and how it can take the bus so far away from Krsna in so many ways, in so many forms of life. But at least as humans we can question what are our free will is leading us? Do we get happier, more peaceful, more compassionate, and more tolerant? Only if we choose to direct us to Krsna, especially through chanting.

So at least we can be aware of what we have to deal with in our consciousness. I'm convinced that Krsna consciousness is the path for being ultimately fulfilled, no doubt about that. I just want to continue this journey all the way.

I've would like to travel to India in future and it would have been so nice if I could get visa. I was not able a few years back, and I don't know why. But if that would be possible, I've would love to go to Vrindavan when you go. I really hope so. So I'm begging for your blessings so that I can come. For me it was important to connect to you again, so this offering is mostly coming from that desire. I hope to see you soon in reality, and I wish you all the best in your important service.

Your servant,
Bahulasva Dasa



Balaram Dasa

Hare Krsna,

All glories to you my beloved spiritual master Kadamba Kanana Swami,

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Today I would like to thank you for all spiritual guidance. You answer me almost to all of my ekadashi emails. Every answer I saved to a special folder and sometimes I return back to these letters to find spiritual strength and guidance.

What to say more? In my heart I'm your man.

Hare Krsna.

Balaram Dasa

(Czech Republic)

Bali Mardana Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I am inspired by your loyalty, commitment and dedication to Iskcon for many years. I know you have been facing difficult challenges when you caught Covid two years ago yet you still made time for disciples in sanga's and through classes on YouTube and still made us laugh through your good sense of humour. This just goes to show how lucky and fortunate I am to have a guru such as yourself.

I have had a similar experience with Covid two years ago and although it was very hard to overcome, your prayers and blessing as well from godbrothers and godsisters went a long way in aiding me to recover.

I also think about our fond memories from time to time especially our time during Ratha Yatra and how you put some special time aside just to catch up with me and I felt very hon-



oured and blessed to have your association.

Yesterday, we attended a disciples meeting at Krishna Kirtan Prabhu's house and it was nice to catch up with all of the devotees. We had an amazing time at the program along with some very delicious Krsna prashadam.

I am grateful to you for taking me on as your disciple and also looking forward to seeing you soon hopefully during Vyasa-puja festival.

Hare Krsna.

Your sincere servant,

Bali Mardana Dasa

Bhaktilata Devi Dasi

Teach me how

Dear Giriraj, dear Ananda Caitanya Nitai,

Please teach me how

To set an example

Of inner peace and joy

For society around me

Please teach me how

To be a useful servant

Someone in the inner circle

Of my spiritual masters mission

Please teach me how

To be a granddaughter

Of our beloved Srila Prabhupada

And to never forget his work

Please teach me how

To be a real servant of yours

To render service without

Asking for shelter and convenience



Please teach me how
To give my urge to control
In your loving hands
To let go without holding back

Please teach me how
To understand something
About you, your form,
Your strength and your love

Please teach me how
To have patience
For taking baby steps
Only to see what more is lacking

Please teach me how
To hold tight the vows
I gave on initiation day
And never to give up

Because you're beloved servant Kadamba Kanana Swami told my husband Jayadeva: „It's good, that she is a devotee. “, I'm part of his mercy. The words a dear devotee of the Lord speaks must come true. So please: Teach me how.

Your servant,
Bhaktilata Devi Dasi

Bharata Dasa & Mohini Devi Dasi

Please accept our humble obeisance.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Lieve Kadamba Kanana Swami,

We zitten nu samen achter de pc en vanaf hier willen wij U heel graag bedanken, voor de fantastische initiatie in zo'n fijne relaxte sfeer. We voelden ons als communicantjes, heel feestelijk



en dankbaar. We zijn heel erg blij met onze inspirerende namen. We hebben beide de verhalen opgezocht die bij onze nieuwe namen Bharata das en Mohini devi dasi horen in het Srimad Bhagavatam. We zijn U heel dankbaar dat we Uw discipels mogen zijn en we hopen U gauw weer te mogen ontmoeten en we wensen U met Uw predikmissie alles wat men maar wensen kan zodat velen geïnspireerd geraken. Dat Lord Nrsimha U waar U gaat en staat en bent op deze aarde beschermen zal en ook Uw dienaren.

Veel liefs en een transcendente knuffel.

Your servant,

Bharata Dasa & Mohini Devi Dasi

Bhargava, Shobhamayi & Tharisha

Dearest Guru Maharaj

We have not met anyone as generous, kind hearted and caring as you are. You are an ocean of mercy. You give so much of yourself every day, mercifully serving the Lord and the Lord's devotees.

"Our only wish is to have our consciousness purified by the words emanating from your lotus mouth. Attachment to your lotus feet is the perfection that fulfils all desires." (Sri GuruVandana Prayers)

There are not enough words that can adequately describe your glories. "Your fame is spread all over the three worlds. We take shelter at your divine lotus feet." (Sri Guru Vandana Prayers).

Dearest Guru Maharaj. You stand tall, like a towering mountain, taking Lord Caitanya's movement to every town and village. You bring a fountain of joy to the devotees. Everywhere you step, there is joy, there is laughter, then there is love.

Love for us fallen conditioned souls. The sounds of the mantra echoes in the wind, there we sing with the King. A stillness all around, then suddenly we hear the cymbals, the mrdanga resounding in the background. Then we know we are home. Then we know that pangs of material life don't matter. Then we know that it will be okay. Then we know the lotus feet of the Lord is within reach. And our hearts surge with joy, with renewed hope we step forward into a new dawn, in the shelter of our master's lotus feet. Dearest master, please be merciful unto us. We take shelter at your divine lotus feet.

Your fallen servants

Bhargava, Shobhamayi & Tharisha



Bhumi-gita Devi Dasi, Daya Sindhu

Dasa & Khushi Mandalia

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

Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you on this auspicious day,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

This is my first offering to you Srila Gurudeva and I am a bit nervous. There is always storm of thoughts and emotions when I think about you and here is my opportunity to pen them down. First of all I would like to express my gratitude for accepting me as your disciple last year and taking the time out just for our initiation in spite of your busy schedule during Radhashtami. Thank you so much Gurudeva for giving your blessings to a conditioned soul like me so that I can progress spiritually. I am grateful.

When I first spoke with you over facetime I saw you were so personal, kind and loving. You were interested to know small details about us and how keen we are on this spiritual path. Your energy and enthusiasm is what struck me the most about you. Your guidance then was most memorable and valuable. Then, you had also expressed your desire to do parikrama in Vrindavan with all your disciples and said we should be there too. I can't wait to do the parikrama with you.



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 Krishna. Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancement. Therefore, I should always remember and praise the spiritual master. At least three times a day I should offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master,” (Gurvastakam).

Thank you Gurudeva for allowing me to approach you via email, WhatsApp anytime and to be able to take your guidance. With your mercy I have started to do Bhakti-sastri. It wouldn't have been possible without your encouragement. It made me realize you had faith in me and that thought motivates me every day. Not sure how much worthy I am of this faith though.

I really like how you keep Srila Prabhupada at the centre of everything that you do and expect the same from us. It is very inspiring to see you work towards Srila Prabhupada's mission tirelessly thus spreading the holy name. The times when you lived in minimum comforts while travelling during harinam, the sacrifices you make to preach without complaining, I hold them very close to my heart so I am able to stay sincere on my spiritual path. I am forever indebted to you and Srila Prabhupada for giving me the path of Krsna consciousness..

I aspire to be able to surrender to serve at your Lotus feet completely and to be able to follow your instructions whole heartedly. I haven't had the opportunity to personally serve you and have a very deep desire to do so. I can't wait for you to come to Brisbane.

Your insignificant servant,

Bhumi-gita Devi Dasi, Daya Sindhu Dasa & Khushi Mandalia

Brhat Mrdanga Dasa

Hare Krsna dear Gurudeva,

Dandavat pranams. Jaya Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to you, Srila Gurudeva, who are eternally patient and merciful to such a lowly person as me. You are so expert that you are able to engage useless tools such as myself in Prabhupada's service.



Years after being second initiated, and after falling down for a short while, I asked you, “Why you initiated me?” Knowing well what I am, and with your grave face turned down in humility. You softly said “I took a risk.” I thought we were not supposed to gamble.

It shocked me sober thinking that you took a chance with a fellow that could very well just burden you with his continued sinful activities, in the hopes that he might take the opportunity to go back home to Krsna and enjoy ever increasing eternal bliss with Him and all His associates. Who is more magnanimous than you? I offer my prostrate obeisances to you, again and again, and beg you to simply make me an instrument in your hands.

I pray that my insignificant endeavours to raise a Krsna conscious family, maintain and expand a namahatta, establish and grow a Krsna farm and spread the glories of Panca-tattva everywhere, may come to some fruition so that the risk that you took on this ignorant fool will produce many good returns on your gamble, and thereby magnify and glorify your endless transcendental qualities and those of Srila Prabhupada, whom you are simply a pure, surrendered servant of.

Please accept my faulty attempt to glorify you.

Thank you and all glories to you

Your servant

Brhat Mrdanga Dasa

Caitanya Lila Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

As life goes on, showing us different scenarios in this material world. For some of us things that we have ever experienced or expected before. I feel more and more grateful for the mercy that comes with your presence in our lives.

As bewildering as it may seem, we know there is nothing new in this material world, when it comes to showing how things can change so quickly and how our material or external conditions, can swing from one side to another in just moments.



I pray for your guidance, inspiration and support in this journey and that somehow or other , I always remember and endeavour to go and share it with others, so that we all, can rise from material vision of life and can embrace a brighter and more faithful one, through the practice of Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

Thanks for keep praying for us, so that the spark and enthusiasm needed to keep chanting the holy name is always with us no matter where and when. I look forward to seeing you hopefully in some point this year in Melbourne.

Your aspiring servant
Caitanya Lila Devi Dasi

Candrabhanu Dasa & Indumati Devi

Dasi

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Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all vaishnavas.

“According to the deliberate opinion of all revealed scriptures, the spiritual master is nondifferent from Kṛṣṇa. Lord Kṛṣṇa in the form of the spiritual master delivers His devotees.” (Cc 1.1.45).

We are always watching you and taking inspiration as you travel, take care of devotees and



bring new people to chanting Holy name. We are very committed because you take care of even so fallen devotees as we are.

In this important day we wish you good health and power for preaching.

Your servants,

Candrabhanu Dasa & Indumati Devi Dasi

Dahani Devi Dasi

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

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

Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Having your presence, support and blessings in our lives
is the gift beyond our comprehension.

You are a living example of what can be achieved
on the path of bhakti.

For us, you are the bright sun and cooling moon,
that life-giving rain and soft mild wind.

The well of fresh water, for us thirsty,
and the safest shelter, for us lost ones.

I thank you with my whole heart



for keeping us near you.
Thank you for guiding us on the path
of becoming servants of servants of Krishna.

May that blinding effulgence
from the jewel of your heart
always find its way towards us.

Your humble servant,
Dahani Devi Dasi

Dainya-Bodhika Devi Dasi

My 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.

On this auspicious day of yours, I wish you a Happy Vyasa-puja Guru Maharaj.

You are that precious jewel that just by associating with you, we become enlightened. I was like a stray dog without a master, but by Krsna's causeless mercy, he sent you into my life and changed my life. Once in your lecture in Vrindavan during Kartik, you had mentioned that you will take us back home, back to godhead. This had touched my heart.

Srila Prabhupada used to say that book distribution gives him life. I pray to Lord Krsna that till my last breath I utilise my energy in distributing books and helping you spread this movement as Srila Prabhupada wanted. And I beg for your guidance for this service and keep inspiring me so that I always follow in the footsteps of our acaryas, and I become a sincere devotee.

Words are not enough to express how much I love you and hoping to meet you soon in Mauritius or else in Vrindavan during Kartik.

Your eternal servant,
Dainya-Bodhika Devi Dasi



Dayalu Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Hare Krsna.

Please accept my trying to be humble obeisances.

Srila Prabhupada ki jaya.

Your divine service ki jaya.

It is really amazing how kind and merciful you are. I would like to describe a story how you gave me your shelter:

It was year 2015, when with my friends Sašo and Jagannath Suta, we went for a Fruška Gauranga summer camp. We were new back then. Like freshly new. So I saw, that everyone there is touching feet of spiritual masters come to camp. So I said, "Alright, the next one who comes, I'm a going do it also." So, the next guru who showed up, was Sacinandana Swami. And I did it. He just look at me and kind of nodded, as it was alright. Then I was astonished with his deep-cleaning heart-felt kirtans and amazing explanations at lectures. Because of that I thought, he is my guru. So I was trying to serve him and his family, for the next 4 years, where I actually made some nice friendships. But I was too passionate to kind of fit in, and Maharaj saw everything. He saw that I was trying to be his disciple, but he was cautious.

So he said, that he prayed to Krsna, to Srila Prabhupada, to 6 Goswamis for approval and blessings. But this didn't happen. He wrote me a letter, to say that he is not my guru and that my spiritual master is already somewhere, and that I'm doing great. And I shall just continue with my service and everything will fall on its place.

And so it did.

After all this hard labour to establish a guru-disciple relationship I was depressed and mentality - emotionally broke down. My faith has taken another shape. My faith in Prabhupada became stronger, as I was, a man without a shelter. So I came back. I came back to Prabhupada and saw, that no matter what, Prabhupada will always be there for us.

After six months of depressed condition, I decided to ask your holiness, Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj, if you will take me under you wing and with such ease, kindness and mercy you said:

"Bhakta Denis, you are much welcome".

I was shocked and pleased at the same time. My heart till this day, is still melting. I'm really astonished and pleased, that I can be comfortable around you and talk things out with you.

Thank you for being available for us and kind to us. I'm also looking forward for the stick of



correction. This will show, that you care for us even more.

After one year I also received an initiation from you, where you gave me a name Dayālu Dasa, which means “a servant of compassion”. One of the best days of my life.

So at this occasion, where we glorify our spiritual master and masters I would like to offer you my deepest obesiances and I would like to take (step by step) full shelter at your lotus feet.

I’m not a superman or a super disciple - Suddha Sattva Dasa, but I beg you, please just don’t stop giving me your mercy. Your mercy is the thing that keeps me going in relationship with Krsna and the holy name. Please, just be giving me your mercy. I’m doing my best and I’m conscious of my mistakes and I’m going in a direction of being better.

As much as I can collect, I’m offering you my deepest obesiances, gratefulness and I’m looking forward to be with you, to please you and to serve you as much as possible. Being truly grateful that we have you as our guide, friend, benefactor and spiritual leader.

Yours in service to Srila Prabhupada, doing my best and trying to be humble.

Dayalu Dasa

Hare Krsna

Devarsi Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami and Srila Prabhupada.

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I would like to show you my gratitude and appreciation for all the guidance, knowledge and enthusiasm you have provided in my life. Especially the opportunity in being your disciple.

I have recently taken up a new service as the head of kirtan in Leicester and so far things have been going really well. However none of these things would have been possible without your direction I received from your classes and KKS blog.

In this way, I will know that you will always reside in my heart and for that I am very grateful for your love and kindness. I am praying to you for all the strength and mercy to take on your instructions in further developing Srila Prabhupada’s movement.

Your sincere servant,

Devarsi Dasa



Deva Vani Dasi & Kusum Sarovara

Dasa

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Dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept our humble obeisances onto your lotus feet.
All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to the divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

On the occasion of your Vyasa-puja we seize the opportunity to glorify you with some beautiful words.

We are very thankful that by the mercy of Lord Kṛṣṇa we are blessed to have you as our spiritual master. Words are not enough to thank you for all support, guidance and caring. Guru Maharaj since you accepted us as your disciple in 2018 and now we are your initiated disciple. Thanks from core of our heart to join us to the parampara. New birth and new spiritual experiences by your mercy flowing unconditionally onto us.

We wish you a very Happy Vyasa-puja and pray to Srimati Radharani to keep you in good health always. We hope to have your association in Mauritius very soon.

Your fallen souls
Deva Vani Dasi & Kusum Sarovara Dasa



Dhanudhar Dasa

Dearest Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you Gurudeva,

All glories To Jayadvaita Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I often observe my senior godfamily, and extended godfamily. I observe their competence and skills in executing various services, which makes them a valuable disciple. I use their example as my bar of hope. Hopefully one day, I may be as useful as them, and will be able to please you.

I have taken-up some services that I am unworthy of. My skillset is far away from the requirements, yet somehow I am there.

I don't know what I am doing in life, I just pray that I may be able to give a helping hand wherever possible.

Please give me your mercy so that I may be able to serve you better.

You are my saviour.

Your worst servant,

Dhanudhar 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 2021 was pivotal in my life because you gave me the brahmana initiation on October the 31st. I am grateful for your instructions at the occasion to study shastras and to try to exemplify that will take my sadhana for the rest of my life.



Additionally, you expressed happiness that I have ventured into the Compassionate Care Companion education that enables me to provide spiritual care through compassionate listening and emotional support. Without your continuous mercy and without the blessings and support from all Vaishnava, I will not succeed in this endeavour.

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

Happy Vyasa-puja Maharaj.
Your aspiring servant,
Dhira Krsna Dasa
(Washington, DC)

Djowe

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

First off all I wish you a Happy Krsna day. And many healthy years to serve the mission of Lord Caitanya. The last two years we had amazing association. That association and some vani, uplifted my spiritual life enormously.

From the many japa evening walks we had in Radhadesh in 2020 and the special moment were Bharata Dasa (my dad) came in the possibility to ask you for the mercy to become your aspirant disciple to my own moment to ask you for shelter.

And this year the initiation as a result to get on the spiritual highway. So much mercy. So amazing and uplifting moments were I got great realisations to become more advanced in the process of bhakti.

Unlimited thanks
Djowe



Doyal Govinda Dasa

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

It is my great honour to write to you some lines of appreciation in regards to your Vyasa-puja celebration and also to offer myself more to you and your desires.

As you mentioned once the annual observance of Vyasa-puja marks the beginning of worship of the guru throughout the year, but I have to admit that this year is a continuation of the previous offering I have made to you.

On the one hand, I need to clean my heart further as it is still full of resentment to follow the orders of guru, sadhu and shastra. Although there was plenty of time during 2021. But I wasted it by not committing to more reading, chanting and serving. This can be accomplished by taking more shelter at your lotus feet as you are a brilliant example of a vaishnava saint who is always eager to serve every living entity.

Although, there might be some tiredness in your body, you are always looking forward to giving programs, meeting with your disciples or going deep in bhajans. This eagerness I adore and it is a great inspiration for me to follow. Furthermore, you adhere strictly to the sanyasa ashrama and the desires of Srila Prabhupada, thus making you a perfect spiritual master in our disciplic succession.

As Srimad Bhagavatam 1.1.15 confirms:

“O Sūta, those great sages who have completely taken shelter of the lotus feet of the Lord can at once sanctify those who come in touch with them, whereas the waters of the Ganges can sanctify only after prolonged use.”

I am very proud and grateful to have you as the carrier of the shining lamp of knowledge that destroys my darkness born of ignorance.

The second continuation from last year's Vyasa-puja offering is my desire to become a surrendered servant in your hands. I made the comparison to an oven where the heat needs to be adjusted, as when it is too hot, the content gets quickly burned. And if it is too cold, it takes



hours to get things done. I am also to cold and I would like to increase my heat, or stepping out of my comfort zone in my case, and present myself more to the devotees. I have made steps in that direction but feel that my reluctance is still too big. As Srila Prabhupada mentioned in regards to his spiritual master, “He made me into a diamond,” It is by your causeless mercy that you can make me into whatever you desire. I am offering myself to become an instrument in your hands and if you like to use me and empower me I feel very grateful, whereas I have to always remain cautious of not taking any credit for me or acting out of false ego.

By your purity and mercy you have empowered all my godsisters and godbrothers and made them into shining servants of our guru parampara and Lord Caitanya’s mission. There are so many outstanding devotees in your shelter who accomplish extraordinary tasks. I think they would agree with me if I quote Srimad Bhagavatam 1.1.22 for what you represent for all of us:

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

Thank you, Maharaj for being our captain in guiding us through the ocean of material existence.

Please let me know how I can give you more and more support.

Your servant,

Doyal Govinda Dasa

Elisha Patel

Hare Krsna Maharaj,

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

Happy Vyasa-puja day Maharaj,

Not much has changed over the last year. I was thinking about what to write for this year’s offering, which I struggled to do. I want to say thank you very much for the Friday online Zoom meetings. I enjoy having your association through them. Your sense of humour makes them funny at times and it makes me feel happy.



I hope you stay in good health and look forward to seeing you soon when you come to the United Kingdom one day in the future.

Your servant,
Elisha

Giriraj Goverdhan Mehta

Dear Papa Guru Maharaj,

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

Happy Vyasa-puja. Thank you for always bestowing your mercy on me.

Thank you for spending your time teaching me about the world. I love geography now and I want to travel the world just like you. My favourite place to go is Italy because I have a passion about the Roman Empire and pizza.

Thank you for making really nice memories with me, especially the kirtan at home when I was young and was copying your dance movements. We all laughed so much.

Thank you for teaching me how to do Deity worship and gifting me Narasimha deity from Simhachalam. You are always so encouraging to me.

Thank you for being inspiring in kirtan. I love your kirtans when they move really fast. I'm learning to play Mrdanga and I hope I can play for you soon.

I can't wait for you to come back to the UK so we can serve you. I love you so much.

Your servant,
Giriraj Goverdhan Mehta (7)
(Krsna Kirtan's son)



Girivaradhari Dasa, Prema Mayi, Manhar and Nimai

nama om visnu-pádáya krsna prestháya bhú-tale
srímate kadamba kánana svámin iti námine

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srímate bhaktivedánta-svámin iti námine

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances.

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

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

We are very grateful that we continuously get your association through the weekly zoom meetings. This is a true blessing during the pandemic period. We thank you for constantly engaging and inspiring us in our spiritual growth. By listening to your wonderful ecstatic kirtans and lectures, it gives us strength to fight with material life and worldly affairs. Krishna consciousness is the only bank balance we carry with us at the end of this life.

It has been over 2 years since we moved from South Africa to Canada. We have a small group of devotees here in Winnipeg. But we meet virtually online on daily basis by having Japa sessions in the morning and then in the evening we have Gaura Aarti, followed by Nrsinga-Dev prayers. Also, we are currently involved with reading the “Teachings of Lord Caitanya” book at night. We just finished reading Srila Prabhupada – your ever well-wisher and Krsna book. And we pray that we will continue reading and relishing more of these books, the sweet nectar given to us by Srila Prabhupada. Also, we have online kirtan sessions once every month with Calgary temple devotees. It starts in the morning till the evening followed by a lecture. So, we are glad that we are engaged in remembering Srimati Radha Rani and Krishna. And all of this has been possible through your mercy and blessings.

We pray that we always stay in your shelter. We would like to thank you once again for being a very strong pillar of spiritual strength in our lives.



All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to Jayadvaita Swami. All glories to Srila Kadamba Kanana Swami

Your humble servants

Girivaradhari Dasa, Prema Mayi, Manhar & Nimai

Gita Ganya Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Last year, I really found wording my Vyasa-puja offering a challenge. Now, I'm realising that my attachment to thinking of myself as struggling is not true, but in fact something like a cloud over the reality that I am okay.

There is a beautiful verse in Isopanisad where this great devotee asks the Lord to let him be released from his body, and that the Lord may remember all that he has done for Him. It is a powerful image of surrender after the burden of entanglement in material life.

Recently being reminded of Lord Nityananda's incredible mercy was a wonderful gift. Since leaving SSNMC, I had somehow not thought of Him as much. You had said, in a recent class, that 'I did not come to this movement because of piety, I am here because of the mercy of Srila Prabhupada.' That had really touched me.

Driving to Pretoria last night, we witnessed a terrible car accident and got out to assist where no one but one lady was present to help. A man had rolled in his car and lay choking on the blood from his smashed face in the middle of the highway. We had been going for an evening ekadasi kirtan - but found ourselves standing alongside doctors and paramedics, loudly chanting the Holy Name without any interference. Somehow, this is the Lord's causeless mercy. Who was he? That in such a state, Krsna had allowed us to be there to remind him of Krsna at such a moment? Who am I that despite a fair amount of sinful activities, Lord Jagannath had even allowed a devotee to find me? And what was the cause for my great fortune in finding the most soulful, caring, genuine, ecstatic and sincere Mahatma Guru Maharaj? I could ever have had the great fortune to serve in this sorry lifetime?

And now, I have a chance to do something eternally meaningful with my life and try share



that opportunity with other fortunate, fallen souls. A chance to clear the clouds of hopeless hankering and apparent struggle that waste my energy and human birth to useless desires. A chance to heal into my true spiritual identity, under these layers of false ego, and one day serve sincerely without a moment's distraction from His loving presence.

So now, Guru Maharaj, I am really praying. I'm cleaning my heart and mind and I want to put my Krsna, as the holy name, first, and reach His sweetness, yet it seems so far out of reach. I realise more and more that my mental conditioning runs really deep, and that is where the surgery needs to happen. The distractions and attachments that come in waves are so great and deceiving that it's not always easy. Srila Prabhupada said that bhakti is not always easy, and many fall away from the path. I have realised that if Krsna wants us, He could sometimes idly watch as maya rolls in and tosses us about so that we turn to great desire for Him.

So I have had a drastic revolution in trying to understand what really spirituality is, what surrender is and what shelter is. Why does Sanatana Goswami say, "Don't take shelter of anyone?" How much faith can I have in Krsna? And I am hankering now to align my desires with Krsna's will for me, sincerely. I want to confidently want and do what He wants. I want to love the devotees and see all living entities with an equal eye. Just as I repeat Lord Caitanya's prayer daily, "When will my eyes be decorated with tears of love flowing constantly when I chant Your Holy Names?" (Sisastakam). When will I know that my service to Krsna is protected, and can go on to become pure and blissful? When will my gratitude actually match my inconceivable fortune to know and serve Krsna?

And when you don't come around Guru Maharaj, will I be certain that I am fulfilling your sincerest desires for Prabhupada's Iskcon? Now, it is really important to actually become a devotee; to become Radha conscious, and to develop that purity to be able to welcome in more innocent souls for the coming of the Golden Age. So I am praying for that purity, for that potential to connect others and plug them permanently into the great reserves of Lord Caitanya's mercy and eternal spiritual liberation.

This sick conditioning of mine may not go overnight. These selfish habits; evidentially useless material desires and hankerings that occasionally rear their stubborn heads expecting 'serious' attention; these self-defeating mental attachments. So I just need more Krsna, I need to heal the wounds that broke my confidence and enthusiasm, so that I can engage in serving Krsna with faith and greater force than that which usually goes into conditioned escape route habits. I need that tolerance and right determination that makes the effort an actual service to Krsna, which can blossom into Vrindavan itself. I want to be there.

I want to keep you ever-more my heart and thoughts and sustain that miraculous feeling that comes when I am momentarily aligned with you, that feeling. I'm ever-committing the worst





Live in a bhajan kutir

Don't live in a house, live in a bhajan kutir!
 We are cultivating our Krsna consciousness by building up a whole Krsna conscious world around us. That nourishes us and that is important because it is easier to remember Krsna. When we have pictures of Krsna in our house, that will remind us of Krsna. So, we have to build a bhajan kutir. Don't live in a house, live in a bhajan kutir! Make that house a holy place. A place where we are worshipping Krsna. Let me tell you a story of Mr Gupta. He had a business in truck parts. If you went to his place where he is selling these parts, there were pictures of Krsna everywhere. From the bottom of the wall to the top of the wall, even on the ceiling, there were pictures of Krsna. Even on the doorknob, there was a picture of Krsna. Mr Gupta's watch had a picture of Krsna. His pen had a picture of Krsna. His tea cup had a picture of Krsna. Look anywhere, there is a picture of Krsna. One day, I asked him, "Guptaji, why do you have so many pictures of Krsna?" He said, "Well, I might just forget". This is nice. Mr Gupta is a smart man. Life goes so fast. From 20-40 years, it goes very fast. From 40-60 years, it goes even faster. From 60-70 years, you do not even know how it happened. Life goes fast, so we really have to use our time.





offences and mistakes, a hopeless case. But the Lord's mercy is unbound and electrifying. You make me sing from my heart. You are my life. I don't deserve you, but please may I do more for you and Krsna?

And how can I really repay you?

Your fallen servant,
Gita Gamyā Devi Dasi

Gita Govinda Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble and sincere obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Gurudas Jayadvaita Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

So Gurudeva, for two years no physical Vyasa-puja's because of the Covid situation world-wide. Physical separation on such an important and auspicious day. Hardly to bear. The Vyasa-puja of a spiritual master is something most disciples are looking forward to. To deepen their connection with the spiritual master. So much in that regard is openly said, individual shortcomings and endeavours are shared, followed by sincere feedback from your side. Sometimes quite to the point and maybe a little bit shocking. Often however inspiring and encouraging but anyhow ultimately always for the benefit of our spiritual lives.

The Vyasa-puja is not a festival what it sometimes looks to be, but a serious happening, an opportunity to dive deeper and elaborately in practical tips and ways to strengthen and improve the Guru disciple relationship.

So yes, separation but at the same time plenty of time to reflect. In that regard I often questioned myself, "Are you really surrendered?" And more and more I come to the conclusion that this, 'surrender principle,' is still far away from me. My name is unfortunately not Bali Maharaj. And furthermore, questioning myself about the doubts lead me to the, 'sraddha,' principle.

Do I have faith in rajo guna or even in tamo guna? For sure I guess my faith is not on the platform of sattva guna. I heard in a lecture of Srila Prabhupada. "Without coming to the plat-



form of sattva guna nobody can advance in spiritual life,” (Honolulu, July 4, 1974). I felt hopeless.

Similarly I remembered your strong faith and conviction in the power of the mercy Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu brought us through the great vaishnavas, acarya's, Prabhupada, through our spiritual master. Yes Gurudeva you are a, “Caitanya Mahaprabhu lover.” With heart and soul. How often you emphasized that going back to Godhead is something we can't do on our own, definitely not in this age of Kali-yuga. But by the blessings and mercy of great vaisnavas we can make it. So there is hope.

The more I came to realize that you are mercy personified. Not only you bestow your mercy on the devotees, but you are mercy. You surely understood the message of Prabhupada in line with the teachings of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu namely – distribute. That's exactly what you are standing for and what you are doing whether there is Covid or not. Your deep absorption in preaching is not from this world: practically every day you do harinama, give classes and kirtans untirelessly. You even bought a van for preaching purposes. To present yourself and thus bringing the mercy in every corner of the earth Planet.

Your faith in the power of the mercy coming from the storehouse of Caitanya Mahaprabhu is indestructible and thus by your example my faith is begetting stronger, and ultimately leading me to the conviction that finally - although not having reached the stage of sattva guna but practising Krsna consciousness with a sincere heart according to your instructions. I will also reach Krsna's lotus feet. Only by your mercy. By you, because you are that mercy personified.

I thank you from the core of my heart of having accepted me as your disciple although I doubt if I am the right disciple worthy to have a Gurudeva as you.

Your most indebted servant,
Gita Govinda Devi Dasi



Gita Mala Devi Dasi

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to your lotus feet.

On this joyous day I beg you for a tiny bit of mercy so that I can go on serving you with greater enthusiasm and compassion. I am so fortunate to take shelter at your lotus feet. I have been aspiring to be your disciple since a long time. I joined some of the parikramas that Maharaj organized in India, and also the retreats in Drakensburg, South Africa.

I enjoyed Ratha Yatra in Durban and attended Krsna Katha when Maharaj gave classes. I did correspond via email to Maharaj about my aspirations. All Maharaj's replies had liberated me. Finally as was suggested by Maharaj that the Disciple Course was a requirement for initiation so I raced to complete the course. This gave me much hope to be initiated and join the family of which I am so proud and thankful of. I look forward to family time on Fridays.

Once again thank you Maharaj for giving me shelter at your lotus feet. I cannot express my happiness.

Your servant.

Gita Mala Devi Dasi

Godruma Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj (Kadamba Kanana Swami),

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

All glories to your appearance day, and again all glories to your existence and presence in my life!

Thank you very much for offering me your shelter. For offering me your guidance. For being my friendly master who knows how to keep me going on my spiritual path. For months I have



been struggling with tamo-guna due to certain external circumstances. You saw how far I was from being in good shape spiritually and you took your time to make me function on a higher level. At least passion is what is needed. Ignorance we cannot offer to the Lord, you told me once.

You show me how to become at least more passionate rather than staying in ignorance. You don't have to do that. Because you don't need me. That is obvious. You don't need my help in anything. You are self-sufficient. In contrast, I need you very badly. That makes you so precious, so obviously merciful.

Causeless mercy - you embody it.

No reason to make an effort, to push me in the right direction, still you go the extra mile - only for me, how extra kind.

Back in my brahmachari days, I could be confident that every move I made was something you'd potentially like, an offering to the Lord, something with meaning and substance. Somehow I wasn't able to continue in this ashram. Maybe because I felt fake and superficial at times. Anyway, nowadays the difficulty is to find the moves in my life that have the same meaningfulness, the same substance like back in the saffron days. It has become less clear how everything I do would be able to please you. Now it's up to me to fill my work with Krsna consciousness, to see everything as an offering to the Lord. To make everything I do offerable.

You give me the tools how to find this confidence. In giving practical advice, in giving me the encouragement needed to run and be passionate, you empower me to become confident. Confident in a world that is brutal, which mercilessly challenges all attempts to feel safe and secure. In this world you make me successful. Eternally successful. Your fool.

In my life, it is you who always has the clue about how to make the right decisions. You always know how to see the Lord in everything. And you pick it. You are not afraid of letting go of this or that opportunity to enjoy because you are only interested in making others enjoy Krsna's mercy.

You can talk for hours about the Lord's mercy. You feel His mercy, you see it and you want to share it. This makes me feel so encouraged to still try finding ways of how to please you in my moves. You make me try to further go in the direction of coming back to the glorious times where all my moves were potential seva.

The difference, though, will hopefully be that it will be honest moves, moves that come more



from my heart rather than from a textbook. It is what you already do and expect me to follow; to find my individual way in bhakti. You are so unique, such a strong individual, a perfect example of a person who is one and different. One in your focus on Krsna and different in how you express it. It is so wonderful to see how this is all perfectly possible. You make it visible.

Thank you for giving me a place in this most ecstatic movement, this pilgrimage back to God-head! Thank you for encouraging me all the time! Spot on for taking me by the hand and dragging me into the light and say, "Here is Krsna!"..."Here is the mercy!"..."Take it!"..."You need it!"

Thank you for being my glorious master!!

Now I have to go and finally make something out of it, to fulfil your desires to pay back something at last. Please continue to believe in me and the possibility that someday I can go beyond passion, even beyond goodness and be truly fixed in transcendence - as you already are!!

Hare Krsna.

Eternally indebted,

Your aspiring servant
Godruma dasanudasah

Gokula Devi Dasi

Gurudeva, thank you for insisting on me.

I had a dream. In this dream I was in some sort of transportation facility I bumped into the devotees having harinam with you Gurudeva, you then turned to me pointed at me with your pointing finger and with a very serious and angry face said, "You need to come with me now." I woke up immediately surrendering to the fact that you Kadamba Kanana Swami are my spiritual master.

After many years in the movement thinking and feeling that I have all the time in this life time to find my spiritual master and get initiated, there you were pointing at me demanding that I come with you now.



You have saved me from being misled by my own ego, from being deluded by my mind from being deceived by my own intelligence.

kārpaṇya-doṣopahata-svabhāvaḥ
prcchāmi tvām dharma-sammūḍha-cetāḥ

“Now I am confused about my duty and have lost all composure because of my miserly weakness. In this condition I am asking you to tell me for certain what is best for me.” (*Bhagavad-gita* 2.7).

Gurudeva, I thought I knew what is best for me and what is my purpose but finding the devotees and Krishna Consciousness has shown me my true purpose and given me the best person to tell for certain what is best for me. Gurudeva the Bhagavad-gita 2.7 explains how by nature the complete system of material activities is a source of complexity for everyone and therefore it behoves one to approach a bona fide spiritual master that can give proper guidance for executing the purpose of life.

I am blessed to have found your mercy in this life time. I do not want to remain in material perplexities nor do I want to remain a miserly person, I give dandavats to your feet for saving me from me.

yac chreyaḥ syān niścitaṁ brūhi tan me
śiṣyas te 'haṁ sādhi mām tvām prapannam

“Now I am your disciple and a soul surrendered unto You, Please instruct me.” (*Bhagavad-gita* 2.7).

Your humble servant,
Gokula Devi Dasi



Gopali Devi Dasi

My dear Guru Maharaj,

You dedicate your life to spreading the Lord's mercy by distributing it like the sun spreading its rays everywhere. We expose ourselves and become the recipients or stay hidden inside. I pray maya will never bewilder me with her tricks and let me miss the opportunity to associate with you or to serve you.

You are a shining example of life filled to the top with devotion. You are kind to each of us (kripalu), treating us with love and friendship. You are compassionate (karuna), ready to hear the troubles and sorrows to give solace although the fire of material life cannot be extinguished. You are helping and advising, inspiring us to go for the spiritual solution which is the real and the only remedy. You tirelessly travel and preach to us, meet us and create loving bonds with dozens, hundreds and thousands of people from morning to night, day by day, year by year, working for the welfare of everyone (sarva-upakāraka). One could go on and write a full list of vaishnava qualities which you all perfectly embody.

Your exclusive surrender to Kṛṣṇa is what attracts me the most. I pray for your blessing to develop such surrender, full and uninterrupted. May your health serve well so you can continue in this service which is very dear to the Supreme Lord.

Your servant
Gopali Devi Dasi

Harika

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

It has not been easy for me to heal from the pain but you have been there, alive in the present with your blessings to shelter me from the worst time of my life. You have encouraged me and you have given me hope when I had none, when I was at my weakest. You wrote me a poem, you gave me your precious time and you allowed me to dream again, in your words you gave



me millions of blessings more just so that this pain can calm down and not break my heart anymore. You gave me hope for a better tomorrow and you allowed me to see my glory.

Dear Guru Maharaj I don't have much to say but all I can say is that you came to help me when I was at my worst. When I was begging for this pain to end, you heard my cries, you felt my heart and you did understand the pain swell, that's enough for me to know that you were sent by Krsna to help me see His mercy.

I pray Dear Guru Maharaj that I can serve the devotees with love and heart again, rebuild my strength again and once I am healed I too will help heal souls who are suffering. I will empathise with their pain just as you could see through mine dearest Guru Maharaj. Here are my three lines for you Gurudeva, three lines written in love, to express the gratitude towards your lotus feet that are ever merciful, long lines but faithful.

Must be mercy, must be pain, but then again what is love without the mercy of pain? Wouldn't it be simple for the troubled mind if we had the faith to love endlessly? Without the end, without the breaking and without the pain. Blindly in love with the pain of these promises men make, foolishly absorbed in their game. We think pain is the problem. In this life we see many men who gain with greed, but few who give with heart putting their fate in a saint, thinking of no odds just a whole, sincerity and service. Some few soldiers who know this pain, felt every subtle ache in their heart those kind few, who witnessed its glory. One who learns to love, has seen love, is love. He hurts with a healing, only to teach us the power of true love, pain and prayer all the same. A blessing in disguise and a benediction in a curse. This is my rainbow under which it will rain and shine all the time. Under the shelter of a saint, everything finds its peace, broken glass to diamonds and fallen butterflies to angels of dust. Those who fall in love dare to rise again when love comes calling, for that is the story of the fallen. They rise again and again. Healed to heal, always with heart and always with humility. Finding purpose to pain, giving life to the lifeless. Searching for nothing more but love, one true love. A saintly love, where sacrifice speaks and silence is golden. Beyond pain, beyond mercy, love beyond love.

Thankyou Gurudeva for being there more for me through thick and thin, for being my light at the end of a dark tunnel, and for giving me the mission to dream again and again. For like you said dreams are dreamt again and again, and I am a believer, your dreamer.

Your humble servant and daughter,
Harika



Hari Puja Devi Dasi

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

“I was born in the darkest ignorance, and my Spiritual Master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.”

Dearest Guru Maharaj

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj. All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your appearance.

While preparing for Lord Nityananda Prabhu’s appearance day this year, I listened to the beautiful bhajan, Nitai Guna Mani by Locana Das Thakura.

dīna hīna patita pāmara nāhi bāche
brahmār durlabha prema sabākāre jāce

“Lord Nityananda freely offered this exalted prema, which is difficult for Lord Brahma to attain, even to the fallen and wretched souls who did not desire it.” (Verse 3)

I wanted to quote this verse, as without any doubt you are an agent of the original spiritual master, Lord Nityananda. And you are delivering fallen and wretched souls such as myself, giving me access to the mercy of Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda, an opportunity to engage in devotional service and re-establish a loving relationship with the Supreme Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa.

For this, I would like to express my most sincere and deepest gratitude to you. As it is this mercy, the mercy of Guru and Gaurāṅga, that saves me and protects me again and again, from becoming entrapped in this material world. It is said that by the mercy of Kṛṣṇa one gets Guru and by the mercy of Guru one gets Kṛṣṇa. The Supreme Lord has thus been very merciful in giving me you as my most beloved spiritual master.



Only by your causeless mercy, the mercy of the bona fide spiritual master, it is possible for one to cross the ocean of material life. Being in your presence and having your association always uplifts my sadhana. I am grateful and blessed to have your teachings, guidance, kirtans and association.

My dear Guru Maharaj, you are such a kind and caring father to me. I am most grateful for all your selfless support, guidance, and genuine care over the last few years.

You have always displayed this kindness, warmth, and love. Even though you have a busy schedule and so many other disciples to care for, you still make time for me when I reach out to you. As my spiritual master you are not only concern yourself about my japa and spiritual activities. But as a caring father, you also concern yourself with my material situation and wellbeing, to ensure it supports my Krsna consciousness.

Last year, I was fortunate to receive formal initiation from you. I remember us speaking a couple of times before my initiation, as I had been in anxiety of the admin process that also needed to be completed. Once I had completed all the formalities and admin requirements, as well as interview process with the Bhaktivedanta Manor, I was still awaiting the actual recommendation letter. When I informed you of this, it was just before Janmashtami, and you very mercifully mentioned that you would like to initiate me on Janmashtami day. No words could describe my happiness at that moment and my heart skipped a beat, and by your mercy and support, I was able to get the recommendation letter in time. When I shared this news with you, you congratulated me and said that it was very good news. I felt so welcomed, as you expressed that you were happy to give me initiation.

This was not something I deserved, but it was all possible by the special mercy from you and the vaisnavas. Receiving spiritual initiation from you, has been the most valuable transcendental gift that I will always treasure. This has given me an opportunity to serve Guru and Gauranga nicely and go back home, back to Godhead.

I also feel you have given me such a special name, as I love taking care of my Gaura Nitai deities, and worshiping them. I am also most grateful for you kindly giving them such a beautiful name, Sri Nitai Gaura Nataraja. I pray that I may live up to my name, and always worship and please them, as well as always serve and please you and all the devotees.

Guru Maharaj, thank you once again for everything. You truly are my inspiration and an ocean of mercy in my life. I sincerely pray that I can reciprocate that genuine love and care, by doing my part to assist you in spreading Lord Caitanya's movement.



Praying to always follow your instructions faithfully, to surrender myself unto your lotus feet again and again.

Your servant,
Haripuja Devi Dasi
(London, United Kingdom)

Harivenu Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

It's been a year since you accepted me as your disciple, and I'm very sure that only because of our connection I am still practicing Krsna consciousness.

As you know I have my ups and downs, and whenever I feel like giving up, I remember you and it gives me strength and also a sense of duty. I haven't really had that before in my life - a sense of duty and commitment. Not only did you accept me as your disciple, but you have allowed me to travel with you and the boys for quite some time. I might now have the best routine or sadhana when traveling like this. But I mean it when I say that I get spiritual strength being around you and do whatever little service I do for you. I realise more and more how much of a mercy case I am, when I am in your association. I just want to let you know that I appreciate it a lot. And I know that because of the mercy you are giving to me I have a chance to go back to Godhead. Without it, I will definitely 100% continue life after life here in this material world.

I hope that in the future, once I mature more I can serve you at least to a bigger extent and help you help your Guru Maharaj to spread the mercy to the fallen conditioned souls.

Your eternally grateful servant,
Harivenu Dasa



Hari Vilasa Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

The first time we met, I was just another student on campus who showed some interest in Krsna consciousness, albeit with quite some reservations. A few years later, I was sitting with you in your room, recently initiated and filled with enthusiasm for spiritual life. We were having a discussion on how different devotees' lives ended up – some married, some renounced, some academics, some straight preachers. Then you told me, "I don't know where your life is going or what you will become. But you have to understand why it is that you are doing this and why you need to do this. This I want from you." It is an instruction I return to again and again.

In my attempt at living a life based on service, I repeatedly encountered my own limitations, realizing my own insufficiencies – whether it be a lack of competence, suitable temperament or just plain ambition. While sometimes painful and embarrassing, encountering my limitations has helped me at least in figuring out what I am not. I'm definitely not a book distributor, nor a cook, nor a brahmachari. What I will become is still not exactly clear, but when I return to your instructions, I see that the most important thing is not the 'what,' but the 'why.' I might not be sure what I will become, but more important is the need to know why: Why I need to stay committed to Krsna consciousness.

It is here also that encountering my limitations have been helpful, as I feel that I have gotten a greater appreciation for how amazing and strong your own determination in Krsna consciousness is. As I now traverse the gritty and potentially brutal reality of life after the brahmachari ashrama. I see first-hand how many obstacles and challenges there are in keeping my connection to Krsna strong. While I look at all these challenges and consider how I will make my choices – how much I can sacrifice to stay connected to Krsna consciousness - I am realizing how the strength of my commitment pales in comparison to your own commitment to stay close to Krsna and His service, throughout all stages of your life. I can see more clearly now how much you have put your own material happiness aside for the sake of investing your full energy and enthusiasm in Krsna's service. Seeing it makes me ashamed at my own lack of determination, but it also fills me with gratitude that I could somehow be connected to you, and also inspires me to maintain my connection to you, whatever else may happen in life.

Around the same time that you told me the importance of understanding why I want to com-



mit myself to Krsna consciousness, you also told me another important story. We were again sitting in your room and you read from the Tenth Canto of the Srimad Bhagavatam and explained how deep the relationships are between Krsna and the residents of Vrindavan. You said, “Where can you find such refined relationships? And how is it possible? It is the culture of indebtedness.” The residents of Vrindavan are indebted to one another, you explain, and that indebtedness is the impetus for their wonderful loving dealings. And you explained that this is what we are trying to do, to come to the platform of acting out of indebtedness towards the devotees.

I can practically see that the driving force behind your activities is your indebtedness to Srila Prabhupada and your own spiritual master. I would like to glorify you today for this specific quality of yours – your deep indebtedness to the devotees, and how you allow yourself to be moved by that indebtedness, even at great personal inconvenience. And my prayer on this day is that I can somehow maintain even a fragment of that indebtedness toward you and in this way stay connected to your service, and make that indebtedness my, ‘why’ in Krsna consciousness.

Your servant.

Hari Vilasa Dasa

Heman Ramphul

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to your divine and auspicious Vyasa-puja.

Dear Guru Maharaj, on this auspicious day, I want to glorify you with the most beautiful language. But after contemplating on it for many days, I still can’t think of any words to glorify you. The words on the material platform in my mind can’t glorify you, who are completely situated on the spiritual platform. Moreover, I am so small and foolish that even if I have thousands of mouths, I can’t glorify your brilliant achievements completely.

Merciful father, it was your kindness that gave me, a fallen soul, the spiritual life and the courage on the spiritual path. It was you who saved me from this ocean of material suffering. Without your mercy I’m nothing. Without your mercy, I will continue to reincarnate in the cycle of

birth and death. Merciful father, you are like a shining sun, illuminating the darkness of the material world, dispelling the ignorance of your children, and raising up the hope of your children with your hands which are full of love energy.

This Covid-19 is evil and merciless and prevents us from having personal association with you, Guru Maharaj. Still, you spare no effort to give lectures and give us your association online every Friday to distribute nectar for us conditioned souls. The epidemic has swept the world. I genuinely bow down before the altar and pray to Lord Gaura-Nitai and Narasimhadeva to protect you from all eventualities. We also pray that we can have your personal association in London soon.

Dear Guru Maharaj, on your auspicious appearance day, I long for your mercy, which alone can bestow success in my spiritual path. Let me rely on you, love you and serve you forever.

Dear Guru Maharaj, happy birthday. I wish you all auspiciousness and good health. I hope you remain safe from the epidemic. I wish your preaching mission to go on smoothly.

Your humble servant of servant's servant,
Heman Ramphul
(United Kingdom)

Hiranmayi Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dearest Guru Maharaj,

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

All glories to you,

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

A very happy Vyasa-puja to you Gurudeva. Thank you for always being my source of inspiration. Your magnanimous-devotional energy is truly infectious; one-pointed, uncomplicated and is fuelled with everything you have.

I try to be grateful every day for your mercy. From Your shelter, I am able to worship Jagannath, Baladeva and Subhadra. I can cook for Gaura Nitai and serve Srila Prabhupada. I feel empowered in my actions because I know you have connected me to the Parampara.



Something you always say affectionately and earnestly is: “We should try and do something for Kṛṣṇa.” I use this as a decision-making tool in my life. Whenever I am confused or conflicted, I hear your voice saying those words and it gives me the direction I need.

My spiritual father, thank you for all that you do for us. Thank you eternally Gurudeva.

Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Your servant,
Hiranmayi Devi Dasi

Indrabhatta Dasa & Gokula Taruni Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

If there is one day that is firmly imprinted in my mind, it is the day when we first met you Guru Maharaj. It was at a retreat in the Drakensberg Mountains at the Mont Aux Sources Hotel. And what a meeting it turned out to be. I had just parked off my car in the parking lot, and was about to take my luggage into the hotel when I saw you, Maharaj, about 20 metres away. We had never met and your warm, inviting smile took me by surprise. I was convinced you were smiling at someone behind me. But when I turned around, there was no-one there. Just me.

Those were the early days when I had not met many Swamis. Still, I was really amazed at how approachable and accessible you were, (and still are) to all who desire your association. You give so freely of yourself, despite ill health and other difficulties. I will always remain deeply grateful for the many hours you have spent with our whole family, allowing us to serve you breakfast while you enlivened us with your enchanting stories.

Thank you so much, Maharaj, for rescuing so many souls in our family. It is a debt we can



never repay. You have placed us on the boat of Krsna consciousness, and our journey can only be an auspicious one. All I ask for on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, is for me and my entire family to be fully under the shelter of your lotus feet.

Happy Vyasa-puja Maharaj.

Your humble servants,
Indrabhatta Dasa & Gokula Taruni Devi Dasi

Induprabha Devi Dasi

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

I bow down at your lotus feet again and again.

Please accept my gratitude for your untiring and always joyful guidance.

My year has been guided by my overarching goal of being a sincere disciple to you:

- Rising early to chant my 24 rounds of japa, and continually striving to improve my japa quality.
- Preparing daily offerings to my Deities and offering all preparations we eat.
- Attending Mangal arti weekly at Sri Radha Radhanath Temple.
- Always fasting on Ekadasi (I take only water) and other festivals.
- Reading Caitanya Caritamrta (I am now reading Antya-Lila Vol1.)
- I have increased my daily reading so I can start reading Srimad Bhagavatam.
- Listening to Bhagavad-gita audios daily.
- Distributing Srila Prabhupada's books and donating Srimad Bhagavatam sets, one set was placed in the residence of Bhakti Caitanya Swami in Durban.
- Listening to Srila Prabhupada's lectures daily, following your lectures and kirtans and always keeping the association of devotees through online lectures, WhatsApp audios and so on.

While I cannot serve you directly Guru Maharaj, I commit to honouring my vows to you and



always acting to please you. I have not done anything extraordinary, but my devotional service is improving as I wish not cause you any disturbance.

I wish you a happy Vyasa-puja day Guru Maharaj.

Your servant forever,
Induprabha Devi Dasi

Jacob (Bhakta)

Dear Guru Maharaj.

Please accept my humble obeisances All glories to Srila Prabhupada

I would like to tell some words about your glory. It was you, who inspire me when I saw your kirtan first time. Whoever likes music is inspired by your kirtan. I get a taste to chant more and more, and read more and more. You are example. By your example you teach us how to improve our devotional service and you always encourage us to do more. By your mercy we get knowledge how to do service in proper way. You show us how to see world in different points of view. Your courage and endeavour is non-stopping and this way we are very inspired. Your love to disciples is bottomless. You are like our father, always encouraging and taking care.

We take shelter on your lotus feet, because that is the only way we can attain pure devotional service.

śrī-guru-caraṇa-padma,
kevala-bhakati-sadma. (Gurvastakam).

Your lectures are straight to the point and not going around. Whoever loves music - loves your CD albums which are greatly composed. Your books are amazing, so many good points, Srila Prabhupada must be pleased with you sharing wisdom. They are very popular with your disciples.

Your kirtans are amazing, true example in Iskcon, you are in the top of kirtaniers.

I would like to be like you, strong, surrendered to Lord Caitanya's mission, humble and intelligent. Whoever is your student, is very fortunate.

All glories to you. All glories to Gurudasa Jayadvaita Maharaj. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Your eternal servant
Jacob (Bhakta)



Jagadananda Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj

Please accept my loving greetings.

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Once when saying “goodbye” you told me that “bye,” means “brother.” For a long time I was unsure what you meant by that statement. Then one day it dawned on me that the word “bye” you were referring to is the word “bhai” - which in Hindi means brother.

As you know, my trauma with father figures in my life has hindered the development of what I feel is a genuine relationship between us. That is of course no fault of yours. For a long time I have struggled to find a mood to relate with you that comes naturally to me, to the point of envying the relations you have with other disciples. This I feel has hampered my progress and has made me realise the fundamental importance of a genuine relationship with the spiritual master. For without such a relationship speculation and misinterpretation becomes rife and one remains stagnant on this spiritual path.

But a relationship that does come naturally for me is one with an older sibling, an older brother. An elder sibling holds the same authority as does the father figure, especially in the absence of a good archetype to work from in life, as in my case. While at the same time allows a bit less formality and a lot more friendliness. So if you would be so kind as to allow the mood of our relationship to be like that of a spiritual older, “Bhai,” I will be better able to submit and relate to your divine instructions, which I know to be absolute in any mood.

Your aspiring “little brother,”

Jagadananda Dasa

Jagannatha Suta Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Śrī Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura has sung, karma-kāṇḍa, jñāna-kāṇḍa, kevala viṣera bhāṇḍa:



«The path of karma-kāṇḍa (fruitive activities) and the path of jñāna-kāṇḍa (speculation) are just like strong pots of poison.» Amṛta baliyā yebā khāya, nānā yoni sadā phire: «A person who mistakes this poison to be nectar and drinks it travels in different species of life.»
(SB 4.25.11, purport).

On many different occasions, when an opportunity to speak about Sridhara Swami presents itself, you, with a description of a mutual pastime, talk about how he was so personal in his dealings.

You were walking down the narrow hallway in the Krishna Balarama office building and as his prominent figure was approaching, you causally voiced a usual: “Haribol!” Simultaneously leaning your body to the side a little to be able to pass through. What a mistake that was. He was not having it. Instead of a usual reply that one would expect from such a seemingly mundane occurrence he, in a swift motion, just pinched you against the wall with his strong belly. “What is this now?” You thought. “Karma-kāṇḍa, jñāna-kāṇḍa, kevala viṣera bhāṇḍa.” He said.

Now, I heard you retell the story a few times and even to this day I am wondering how deep the understanding of these words can go. At first, I didn’t have a clue how they are something that one would emphasise and even use as a one liner to get a point across. Now, by the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, your mercy and the mercy of the vaishnavas, some little parts of them started to uncover.

So much, we become distracted by the pursuits of material gain, either in gross or subtle form, completely oblivious to what our real interest is. We think: “Oh, these are descriptions of some of the ancient Indian paths of self-realization that have nothing to do with our contemporary living.” Or, that we are devotees, after all, and devotional service is completely transcendental. “Sure, I was endeavouring for material things and relationships, but that was a long time ago, when I didn’t know about Kṛṣṇa yet.” These are all misconceptions that we harbour within. And you are showing us how, actually, we all brought this two pots with us into the devotional service. “What to do, we really need them.” So many times we follow the rules and regulations, without a clear understanding of why are they there in the first place and where are they taking us. Or we do our service for the sake of it, not seeing how it is connected to Kṛṣṇa.

We read and study the scriptures, memorise the verses, only to fail when we should recognize the situation and act accordingly to what the Bhagavad-gita says about it. He pinching you against the wall, disallowing you to go about your business, was like a wakeup call that we need to bring the philosophy of personal relationships to practical execution in our daily dealings. You are always showing us this. With your exchanges, with the lectures, with the books, with the conversations, with harinams and kirtans, with everything that you do, there is a personal note to it. No pots for you. Hands are empty so they can be utilized for the pleasure of Kṛṣṇa.



And if we want to follow along with your dancing, then these two big pots are not very practical. First when we observe that we say: “Okay, I will just put them aside and after we are finished I am taking them again. Then later, on the way, we think: “Sure these are my two pots and I had them since longer than I can remember, but let me just pour some of their contents out. After all, there is so much inside and they are heavy too. I am sure I will manage with a little less. Besides, I might even fall behind and loose the party since I have so much business with these. Like this, it goes on. Until at one point we will just simply leave them somewhere, only to later realize that we completely spaced out, but now it is too late to go back. Better to just forget about them now. Some will accidentally knock them over, spilling their contents. Many will realize that even though they were looking after them very carefully, still, they got stolen somehow. Only to be never found again. Some will even purposefully brake them in the madness of the ecstatic feelings of devotion.

And then, we will all be able to give ourselves fully in the dancing with the Vaishnavas for the pleasure of Lord Jagannatha in front of the cart. Saying to ourselves: “So this is what he was telling me all along.”

Let me remain being your servant,
Jagannatha Suta Dasa

Jai Nitai Dasa & Lekhasravanti Devi

Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

You are a powerhouse driven by the fuel of service to Krsna. Your goal is to go back to Godhead, but not only that, your goal is to bring us and many others back to Godhead. What a great fortune for everyone who passes your way, because you are ready to take him with you back to Goloka. Krsna consciousness is alive in your presence, even if one is in deep maya. In your presence Krsna consciousness is so real. Therefore we hope there will be a lot more opportunities for all of us to be with you. For all the time you spend with us we say thank you. For all the kirtans, for all the lectures, for all the people you brought in our lives, for all the service opportunities you are giving us, never giving up on us and just wanting the best for us by seeing us in 100% Krsna conscious.



It is said, that it is not possible to repay the spiritual master, that we are always indebted towards him. It is just by your mercy that we can do at all any service and even though we don't take full advantage of all the opportunities and mercy you offer to us, you are still patient with us and encourage us again and again to turn to Krsna. Our hope is that one day we can live the full potential you see in us and make you happy in that way. This we would consider to be the best thing we could achieve in our lives.

Your servants,

Jai Nitai Dasa & Lekhasravanti Devi Dasi

Jamadagni Dasa

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to you.

I recently heard in a lecture that Vyasa-puja is the first day of the year when a disciple should glorify the spiritual master. Then the disciple should continue to glorify the spiritual master during the rest of the year. I realized how I don't do that very often.

You have given so much to me. You accepted such an impure soul like me under your shelter. Although i think I never deserved that. But it's by the mercy of Krsna one finds Guru and by the mercy of Guru one finds Krsna.

Although I'm initiated, I'm constantly under the influence of the six anarthas of lust, anger, greed, envy, pride and illusion. But yet I still have you as a spiritual master. It is like how the paramatma never leaves a soul. No matter what body the soul is in, what location he goes to and what activities he does. Similarly, a guru also doesn't leave a disciple no matter how he is. This clearly shows how the spiritual master is an external manifestation of paramatma.

But I have the biggest defect. Is not being able to open up with you and open my heart. Thinking, "What Gurudeva will think about me?" But this is something I want to change this year. When I am troubled by my share adhiatmika klesas arising from one's body and mind, I get peace by hearing your transcendental lectures.

I get amazed how every lecture you somehow address the challenges I'm going through. I do



get all answers from your lectures. But it's my inability to not be able to follow them to 100% due to which I have a long way to go.

I have no confidence in my ability to cross this material world, but I have only hope that by Guru's mercy, there is a slight chance. And if I'm able to follow your instructions fully, there is a very good chance to go to our eternal home.

This year, by your blessings, we started a new initiative called Chant4Change in our local community. The program aims at sharing kirtan, philosophy and prasadam with locals. It is going good and we have received very good feedback. It is all because of your inspiration and blessings Gurudeva. We are truly inspired by your mood of sharing Krsna's mercy or over everything else. We are trying to imbibe your mood.

As we couldn't organize large temple festivals, i along with other devotees continued to organise multiple home programs during Janmashtami and Kartik. Our Bhakti Vriksha is also doing well with lot of members starting chanting and also doing temple service.

So Gurudeva, I thank you for being so kind to mercy cases such as myself. But I also ask for your blessings to be able to follow your instructions fully.

Thank you.

Your servant praying for your blessings,

Jamadagni Dasa

Jarosl w (Bhakta)

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to  rila Prabhupada.

We have met only once, that was half year ago in Brno in Czech Republic. But this class was very inspiring. I remember a lot of your stories and examples. That class and whole evening was something very important to me. Thanks to your guidance and your weekly Zoom classes I now know what to do in the Krsna consciousness process. I want to thank you, Guru Maharaj, for all instructions and answers that you gave me.

I want to thank you for all of that, what you are doing for all devotees. Because of your classes,



kirtans and presence we all feel connection to Lord Krsna. I humbly wish You, Guru Maharaj, that you will be still so active and merciful, how you are now.

Your servant,
Jarosław (Bhakta)
(Wrocław)

Jayadeva Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

I'm happy that your appearance day is coming soon, because this is a time for me to reflect on the last year, in your service. Time flies, but when I look back. The last year appeared most important for me in my spiritual life. Last year we had the amazing opportunity to have you as our guest at our place. While Zooming from our kitchen table, you were asked about the importance of the personal association with our spiritual master and, "It is worth as gold," was your answer. With this visit you became part of our family, as you said, that we adopted you. But at the same time you adopted us as our spiritual father in your eternal, transcendental family.

In the last year I was wondering what this guru-tattva actually was? How does it work? What makes it special? I heard, that Krsna is acting through the guru and that the guru is the representative of Krsna, non-different from him, because he is 100% in line with Krsna's desires, absorbed in devotional service to the Lord. But what does that mean for my life?

Reflecting on the last year, I can see a little bit of what it means. The last year, together with Bhakti-lata, we really made an endeavour to do something. And somehow or other we were flying. We started programs and they worked, while providing some inspiration and support to others it was nourishing our own spiritual needs. Sometimes we were pushing, other times we were praying and maybe even surrendering, and often we were astonished of how these things were developing, despite all our limitations.

All this happens by your mercy, because you are accepting us, as we are. You are accepting



everyone, providing space for whoever is willing, to join your transcendental family, on the adventurous journey back home, back to the lotus feet of our sweet Lord Krsna.

Thank you dear Guru Maharaj, for accepting me in your family, thank you for accepting me as your disciple. And thank you for all your love, care and guidance. Usually I get scared when I'm indebted to someone, but I pray that I become bound to the service to your lotus feet. Because this is where we meet Krsna, in the loving service to our spiritual master.

Please accept my as your servant,
Jayadeva Dasa

Jayanti Dasa

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances!

Maybe I am a little different from most of your disciples, since I am even older than you by two years. I first heard about you from Hari Vilasa Dasa, and imagined this thoughtful young man must have a special guru. He invited me to a Caitanya Caritamrta reading and I was amazed by your encyclopaedic knowledge of the text. But what really caught my attention was your way of presenting the lila, with all the skill and humour of a master story-teller. I can still recall your vivid descriptions of some of the characters.

You have perhaps been too lenient with this older guy, waving off my requests for service or Caitanya Caritamrta reading assignments. "That's not my style," you said with a smile. But your style is actually perfect for me, since it is clear that beneath the warm, light touch there is a complete commitment to practicing and the principles of Srila Prabhupada, and a strong love for the sacred literature. I hope I may be of some assistance in your writing, and certainly look forward to seeing you again.

Gratefully,
Jayanta Dasa



Jayasri Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humblest obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this special day, I can only have good wishes for you dear Gurudeva. Words of thanks for being the source of inspiration for so many devotees, including me. I wish you good health to enjoy your precious classes and ecstatic kirtans. Always so energetic, preaching the name of the Lord, with so much humility, so much kindness, so much mercy towards everyone.

I remember the day of my initiation, I was so nervous, and somewhat scared. But I feel like this daughter, spiritually protected, or at least welcome under your blessings, for me, feeling so lucky. Krsna is always there, with us, in every act, every choice, even when we don't pass His tests. Recently you visited my house, I felt so happy. And I can't thank you how nice it was to see you or have you at home, and sing to Krsna.

I don't deserve to be your disciple, you are too merciful and kind. But I appreciate you continuing to trust me, thank you very much Gurudeva. I wish you have a nice Vyasa-puja, full of kirtans and prasadam. I hope one day you will visit us again and we will make paella. Happy birthday dearest Gurudeva.

Your servant,

Jayasri Devi Dasi

Jay Kesava Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my respectful obeisances. All glories to you. All glories to Jayadvaita Swami. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

The grace of the spiritual master turns the dumb into eloquent orators and allows the lame to conquer the mountains. Where would we all be without your grace, without the grace of a spiritual master?



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

No spiritual progress can be made without the grace of the spiritual master. Therefore, our spiritual progress depends on the grace of the spiritual master. Hiding in the shade at the lotus feet of a spiritual master is the safest position.

The spiritual master is not an ordinary person from the material world, he is the most intimate servant of the Lord. And these noble saints travel all over the world to liberate the conditioned souls of this world. Wherever these precious and noble souls come, they have the ability to change the whole place into Vaikuntha - a place without anxiety, full of joyful and blissful atmosphere.

By the grace of these great souls, we can begin to see the spiritual world. They have the ability to draw us into the spiritual world. They change our worldly vision. By their grace, ordinary life turns into a spiritual festival. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and the whole Panca-tatva always come with the spiritual master. You are one of these noble souls. You bring us into the company of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Srila Prabhupada and his servants.

I pray that I may always be involved in the service of these great souls that you personify. Please bless me to be able to always be involved in the service of your lotus feet.

Hare Krsna.

Your servant,

Jay Kesava Dasa

Jhulan Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

When I was reading an article that said a person can handle only 150 relationships at once, I immediately thought of you. Regardless if the number was true or not, the point was clear that a human can handle only limited number of relationships. It seemed always mysterious to me how you could handle and make impact on innumerable people's lives on a personal level.



While I see you through my own limited world, you interact with so many other different worlds and create this amazing network, where there is only Kṛṣṇa and you in common.

It is your appearance day but I can't help thinking of my own birthday because it was you who gave me a second birth and name. They are still the biggest gift of my life. I believe that a person who got inspired by someone can truly inspire others. The kindness and care that you'd shown me from the day one is still my greatest source of giving the same to others. Without your inspiration, my effort would have no soul. So thank you for reaching out and giving yourself to us. For your time and energy is becoming more and more valuable.

Once you said "Behave as if the eyes of your spiritual master were over your shoulder and watch everything. Then you would know what to do and what not to do." To me, that was the best instruction you gave. I am still a bit confused about my life, but instead of asking you tedious questions, I think it's time to carry on what you already gave. I might still ask you when I see you in person though.

Happy appearance day Guru Maharaj. I am just grateful for living in the same era as you.

Your servant
Jhulan Devi Dasi

Jyotirmayi Devi Dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate Kadamba Kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa Jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om 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 and all the devotees.



Dearest Guru Maharaj,

I cannot believe how time is passing by since I first got the mercy to meet Krsna and got to know you. I will always remember what happened the very first day after you gave me the mercy to give me your pranam mantra, where I was running after you and my godbrothers and sisters around Villa Vrindavana. Because I didn't know how to behave next to a sanyasi. I didn't know that I couldn't follow you alone.

So, after I finally managed to find a prabhu to follow you, we were late and had to go all around the Villa's part to look for you. Of course, you were much faster than me and had to wait for me at the end of your japa walk. When I finally reached you, we were all laughing so much, and you were looking at me with so much mercy and amusement. I imagined that you were wondering who is that totally crazy lady that was literally running after you?

Anyway, this soul has to turn back to Krsna in a way or another, it's a hard job, but someone has to do it. I also thought that if you hadn't taken away the pranam that moment, you would never do it. Then I realized what a spiritual master is - an enormous container of love, where one can pour all the love that he has into it and it is not a problem.

Actually, that is what I am doing since that day of three years ago. I am literally running after you, and you are faster than me. Eager not to lose a single moment of your mercy, trying to catch every glimpse, word, note, mantra that comes from you. Because I am very late dear Guru Maharaj, I feel like I lost so much time in this lifetime far from you and from Krsna, that I am trying to catch up somehow. I had never had an issue of being in a woman's body in this lifetime, until I met you. If I were a man, I could have your close association much more and serve you personally. But I have faith in Krsna, in Prabhupada and in you that once in Goloka Vrindavana there will be no separation what so ever. So, I only have to wait till that moment comes.

There are two reasons why I am collecting everything that has to do with you. All Your videos, kirtan, photos. Why I am always recording whatever I can and if I don't do it personally, I ask the help of the godfamily to do it for me. Because I have to fill in all the time I lived before getting to know you and also to preserve them for when you are and will be far away.

I have serious issues with vani and vapu. I know that vani is much more important than vapu, also Srila Prabhupada explained that more than once, because the instructions of the spiritual master are always present and are ever valid. But I am like a small child that wants all of dad's attention, even if it knows that dad has to go to work and take care of many things. To be close to you and have your association in every possible way, even though a comment on Facebook, a zoom class, a streaming kirtan is so important to me, not speaking of actually being



close. Now that you are in Europe I am taking as much advantage as I can of your association.

What I wish to all the world, to every person I know, is to have the bliss that I had, to meet a spiritual master, to take shelter of his lotus feet and follow his instructions. And at the end realise the real goal of life, is to go back to Godhead. In my really slow path towards Krsna, your kirtans are essential, I was enchanted by your kirtans before even knowing your existence. To me you are like Pied piper, the fairy-tale, where by the sound of your music makes everyone follow you. No one can resist that sound. That is also the reason why I share with the world everything that has to do with you. I want them all to be enchanted by Krsna, which you so amazingly serve. As you said once, "You are just a messenger and the message that you share is very important."

It is dearest Guru Maharaj, your words, your service, your instructions and your mercy, which we would be lost without them. And I would be lost for sure. Because it is not the duty that can make me do something, no order can oblige me to do something, it is love. Love is the strongest power in my life, if I love to do something, not even the Himalaya can prevent me from doing it.

I pray to the Lord that He keeps you always well, healthy, strong and empowered as you are, not only for your wellbeing but also because in this way we will have much more of you. Happy appearance day dear Guru Maharaj, the Lord was really in good mood that day.

Thank you for everything, always.

Your eternal servant,

Jyotirmayi Devi Dasi

Kalavati Devi Dasi

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshtaya bhu-tale
srimate kadamba kanana svamin iti namine

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshtaya bhu-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita svamin iti namine

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshtaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine

namas te saraswate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine

Hopelessness and little bit of hope - 2.12.2021

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

I want you to know that you are a key person in my life that seems to be short enough. It may be too short for me to be able to develop what Srila Prabhupada asked us to do - always think of Krsna and never forget Him. But I would very much wish to do that, and I am sad when I come across my limits and conditions, my laxity and lack of interest in serving the Supreme Lord, hearing about Him and chanting His holy name.

Sometimes I don't understand myself and I don't understand why I make such bad decisions when I'm in such an amazing situation that the Lord has prepared for me. He took everything away from me, put me in an unfortunate situation, which is as made for surrender, and I still hesitate. I am so sorry, because you are not only the best spiritual master for me, the real representative of Krsna, but you are also a friend and one of the best people I have ever known. And that's why I want to do it for you, to please you. I want your efforts to lead your disciples to Krsna not to go in vain, so that you could be proud of me. I am a really hopeless case, but I try and I try mainly because of you. You are my hero and everyone who has his own hero wants to follow him and perceives his values and wishes.

I may not have done anything so important in my spiritual life yet to really please your heart, but I deeply hope that one day it will happen. What I can say for now is that I try to listen to you carefully, to hear what you say, to perceive what you want, and even when the practice fails, I live it in my mind and heart. I try to understand the principle of Krsna consciousness and save it as software. I think Krsna is now helping me through this situation to rid me of this useless body, to purify my mind, intelligence and ego, and I just hope to save that Krsna consciousness software which I preferably draw from you, so that I will be able to complete it all to the end next time, in the next birth.

Unfortunately, I think I will have to be born again, I don't want to, but my desire to serve Krsna isn't strong enough. Or do you think that a person like me could I dare to hope, because the Lord's grace is unlimited, so he can take back the limited one too. And what to speak of the grace of the spiritual master. Please, when it comes, put in a good word for the fool Kalavati at Krsna, He hears you and that is my hope. You are my hope that I will become a mercy case.

Big hope and little bit of hopelessness - 27.2.2022

Time is running and I can't believe where you can move in a few months. And again only thanks to you, my spiritual master. Now I am living a time of great hope for the grace of the Lord and I look forward to my next destination. I suffer a lot, but I'm also looking forward to



it a lot. How it will be, how will I make it, the test of life - the death of the body. Will I be the recipient of grace, will I be the mercy case? What if yes, god, that would be divine. No other body, life in the material world, just nothing like that, just bliss and lunch packages. A lot of them and forever.

Thank you for convincing me to believe in the grace of the Lord. And thank you for giving me so much of your energy that you came to me to this awful place in the hospital and wrote me personal writing and gave me the Lord's mufti for protection. I accept all this with devotion and pack up in anticipation of my next destination. And when it comes, if I can, I'd like to let you know if I've done it. But I don't know how it goes.

So far, with great gratitude and hope.

Your servant,

Kalavati Devi Dasi

Karunika Devi Dasi

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

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vānī-pracārine
nirviśesa-śūnyavādi-pāścā tya-deśa-tārine

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

As faith can waver but by your example and your dedication to serving Srila Prabhupada's mission, my faith seems to be increasing day by day. I once asked you a question about how



one can read/ study the Srimad Bhagavatam and you mentioned that the essence is to increase one's faith in Krsna rather than focusing so much on understanding the book.

Thank you for always guiding me and giving your time to us all on Fridays, I look forward to my Friday evenings with you and our spiritual family.

Thank you Maharaj.

In service,
Your servant,
Karunika Devi Dasi

Kasturi Manjari Devi Dasi

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

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

You truly are a gem among saintly persons. Not only do you open our eyes that are blind to spiritual reality and bliss. On top of that you really open our stone-like hearts, you conquer our hearts, your compassion and kindness, your tireless endeavour to give the mercy to every single fallen soul on the globe. Your contagious taste for the holy name, these and many more are unique features of yours that again persuade us to step out of our comfort zone, to do something substantial, to contribute to this wonderful movement, to please you and in this way aspire to please Krsna.

In front of you, I feel like a complete fool and rascal and I rejoice feeling like that, knowing that being a fool at the feet of a most wonderful master is a perfect position, a position I should always try to keep. You once compared a spiritual master to be like sun and his disciple like moon - reflecting the spiritual light of his guru. What a wonderful comparison. Of course - to reflect the perfect transcendental light I should try to be more and more moon-like and less and less like a black hole that attracts light only to devour it.



I pray that I may be able to reflect your powerful light and in this way please you and enlighten others by your grace.

Thank you for your perfect example and endless mercy.

Your servant,
Kasturi Manjari Devi Dasi

Kaveri Devi Dasi

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

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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



It has been seven years since you have been one of the most important people in my life. And I am so happy to have met you and get to know you and that you have accepted me as your disciple. You are my strength, my refuge and endless inspiration in my spiritual life. I admire you for being compassionate, friendly, how you can inspire us to continue our devotional service, how we are closer to Kṛṣṇa thanks to you, and how you are immersed and involved in the mission of our dear Srila Prabhupada. Thank you that by your mercy, I am able to do so many things that I could not have imagined before devotional service.

Ever since I joined the devotees of Kṛṣṇa and accepted you as my spiritual master, my life has become fulfilled, I have never had better experiences in my life than in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I have never experienced so much as in devotional service. Thanks to your mercy, I have been active among the devotees and engaged in the sankirtana mission of Srila Prabhupada for six years, and now I am continuing as a mother in raising children in the sankirtana mood.

Thanks to your example, I understand how important it is to make harinams, kirtans together, how important it is to live so that we can please Srila Prabhupada and Lord Caitanya and thus set an example and inspire others. Whenever I have difficult times, I remember you that you go further and that we manage to overcome every difficult test or challenge by your grace. You give us the strength to go forward and overcome challenges and make progress and want to do those things better.

Every day I try to think about your instructions, I try to improve in those activities by which I want to please you. Thanks to you, I understand the importance of living among devotees, the importance of being a good wife who performs her duties with joy. How important it is to go deeper into devotional service, how important it is to really understand what you are teaching us, and what Srila Prabhupada and Lord Caitanya wanted from us. And how important it is to teach others by your own life and example.

Whenever I see you, when I think of you or hear your lecture or kirtan, I am happy in my heart and I feel that you are very close to us, that Kṛṣṇa is close. It gives me strength, taste, courage. Thank you once again for accepting me as your disciple. I hope that one day I will be able to truly please you, really appreciate what you do for us and take to life everything you teach us and follow in your footsteps, dear Guru Maharaj.

Your servant,
Kaveri Devi Dasi



Kesava Bharati Dasa

Hare Krsna dearest Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

In the last two years I have really been longing for your personal association even though we have been seeing you on your Zoom calls. The pandemic has changed me as devotees because I have now had to rethink how I practice but at the same time remain absorbed.

In the last two years a lot has happened both spiritually and materially. Krsna has really tested me by taking away my income and also making me doubt my ability to have faith in Him. Going through this experience I realised the following:

1. When you go through difficulty, you need to have faith that Krsna is actually doing what is best for you even though in the moment it may seem unfair or unjust.
2. When going through difficult times, taking shelter of the holy names through sankirtan, reading Bhagavad-gita, reading Srimad Bhagvatam and reading Caitanya Caritamrta will give us the strength to overcome any situation through the association of Srila Prabhupada and the different personalities in these scriptures.
3. When going through these difficult times extra endeavour is required to do service because if we don't become more fixed than we actually lose the battle against maya.
4. In the difficult times Krsna and Srila Prabhupada make themselves so much more available through reading, chanting and through harinam. This reminds of the saying that if we take one step towards Krsna that he take ten steps towards us.

The above realisations were only possible through your mercy Guru Maharaj. I may never be a good at kirtan, cooking, giving class, reading or even sharing my heart with devotees but I know for a fact that by your mercy I will be able to perfect my service mood and attitude. I want to come to the point where I serve in such way that Krsna sees me and not that I try to see him.

Guru Maharaj I am forever indebted to you for your casuless mercy. I pray that I can become a worthy servant one day and make you proud as my spiritual master.

Your insignificant servant,
Kesava Bharati Dasa



Kisori Radhe Devi Dasi

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

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

Dear Guru Maharaj,

On this most blessed day of Vijaya Ekadasi,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

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

All glories to Gurudas Sri Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Kindly forgive my offences. It is almost a year now that, despite all my short comings, you have initiated me as your disciple. I pray each day that I can live up to being a better disciple. By improving my japa, serving Iskcon and the vaishnavas and following your instructions.

Although the past year has thrown me into much despair with suffering and challenges, but through my personal sadhana and following your instructions, I am praying each day for the strength to go on. I tried my best to engage in any service opportunities that came my way and I noticed that this has helped me through the toughest challenges.

So, Guru Maharaj, I thank you for the encouragement and support that you have shared with us in our weekly meetings and your lectures – you know exactly how to uplift us. You are always re-assuring us that there is no other way – but Kṛṣṇa.

Only by devotional service we can see Kṛṣṇa. Becoming attached to devotional service is important. Patience and perseverance are needed. By if we please Kṛṣṇa, He will be pleased and reveal Himself to us. Therefore, knowledge of Kṛṣṇa is the greatest comfort and with great



faith we must be very, very sure about that. Krishna is always protecting us. Even when we do not know, He is protecting us.

Happy Vyasa-puja Guru Maharaj.
Can't wait to see you and serve you next month.
Your insignificant servant,
Kisori Radhe Devi Dasi

Krishna Kirtan Dasa

Hare Krsna,

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Gurudeva, Param Guru, and Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to all of their followers.

Question from devotee: "Maharaj do you need to prepare for the class? Do you want the verse in advance?"

Answer from Maharaj: "My whole life has been a preparation for this."

When we reflect on your life journey through the trials and tribulations, the highs and the lows, the achievements and the challenges – we see somebody who is living through empowerment. Your sincere and serious desire to please Srila Prabhupada and his movement has taken you across the globe and even beyond, into the spiritual world. I say this, not in sentiment, but with firm faith. That you are one of those special devotees who have one foot in this world and the other foot in the eternal world.

On this special occasion of Sri Vyasa Puja I am forced to look at myself, my tree of life. Blinded by maya's tricks of complacency, duplicity and pride. Usually I think I'm doing ok. But with the mirror of Sri Guru, I'm exposed; the deer chasing for nectar, never knowing the musk was within, Krsna's shelter.

I really appreciated your realisation of the shelter of Krsna regarding how it was possible for Govardhana hill to shelter innumerable devotees and cows and so on for seven days. Krsna's shelter is unlimited, being one of his divine energies. When I look at Govardhana I now have this meditation and blessing that Krsna is so kind - he will make space for me, yes even me.



Krsna is bound by the love of his devotees. Your sacrifice, selflessness and sincerity to fulfil the desires of your gurus and seniors has gifted you with the bhakti to be able to make Krsna listen to your prayers.

So today I pray that Krsna accepts your prayer for my spiritual maturity and depth. Let me try my best to keep connected with you - especially the example you set us with your personal relationship with your sadhana and mission.

Your servant,
Krishna Kirtan Dasa

Krishnendu Dasa

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

Dear Guru Maharaj,

I have only met you briefly in New York, and I am grateful for the opportunity. Hopefully there will be many more opportunities in the future. It has reaffirmed why I have approached you for shelter and provided a great connection and realizations all though I am a fool and do not know how to properly approach such a saintly person. I feel as my devotional life has drastically changed since then really trying to follow your instructions of taking everything up a notch.

In the Srimad Bhagavatam it says,

bhavad-vidhā bhāgavatās
tīrtha-bhūtāḥ svayaṁ vibho
tīrthī-kurvanti tīrthāni
svāntaḥ-sthena gadābhṛtā

“My lord, devotees like your good self are verily holy places personified. Because you carry the Personality of Godhead within your heart, you turn all places into places of pilgrimage.”
(Srimad Bhagavatam 1.13.10)



This was what it felt like as I went to New York to meet you. When I hear you speak it gives me faith that I can actually follow the high standards that Srila Prabhupada has given us to follow. I have received diksa but I know that is just the beginning, I strongly desire to uproot these anarthas I am carrying and develop firm faith in you, and Lord Krsna. I pray that I can continue to strive to be engaged in service that pleases you and Srila Prabhupada.

Your undeserving insignificant servant,
Krishnendu Dasa

Krsna Bhumi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

First I want to beg for mercy of all the vaishnavas, who serve you in such wonderful and loving ways. They appear to me such wonderful as the sun rising in the morning and they inspire me to do more than I am doing now for you, for Srila Prabhupada and for Sri Sri Gaura - Nitai.

I can't express how blessed I feel, that Sri Sri Radha - Krsna put a fallen soul like me into the shelter of such a wonderful spiritual master, like you. Your shelter means everything to me. And there is no day going by, where I don't meditate on service to you, which makes your heart dance. But unfortunately I am so limited by my body and disturbing mind, that I not always find the strength to do amazing services, then I do a little. I pray day by day for mercy, to be stable again and to be a good disciple.

I am always amazed how intelligent you are. It seems there is nothing what you don't know about. These qualities are not from this world.

I am always amazed how affectionate relationships you have. It seems that you are an all loving father and how you take the problems of your disciples such serious, no matter if they appear big or small. This quality melts my heart always.

I am always amazed about your wonderful kind of preaching. I love this sense of humour and



sarcasm paired with this seriousness. All this difficulties seem then not so unconquerable. It teaches me to take material life not so serious, but the more spiritual life, executed in happiness.

I am always amazed about your dedication to the Hari-nama. When you play kirtan it seems you hang garlands of the holy name to all the people's neck. It inspires me to go deeper in my chanting.

I am always amazed about your scholarship. This scholarship is not dry, it is soaked with love to Gaurasundara and His intimate associates. You are the perfect example what it means to be a Rupanuga.

Your characteristics are most sweet and you teach by your example, so I beg for your mercy that you accept my services also in the future. I promise you to listen carefully to your instructions and carry them out like they were my life and soul. All the other material efforts are meaningless in contrast to the service of your lotus feet.

I am so thankful for the association with you and your disciples and I pray to Sri Sri Gaura – Nitai for mercy to be a good disciple till the end of my life.

In the end I want to recite the 53rd of the 100 prayers of Srila Sarvabhauma Bhattacharya in glorification of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. And when I read this prayers I am remembered in you, too.

“The characteristics of Sri Gaurasundara are most sweet. He simply teaches the holy names. Within the three worlds it is well known that He is the only giver of love. His transcendental body is filled with shivering, and He attracts the minds of all. May that Lord Gauracandra, who is the best among the dancers, kindly manifest in my heart.” (Sarvabhauma Sataka, verse 53).

Inspired by this prayer I pray to you:

May this Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj, who is the best amongst the kirtanias and who is most merciful to this fallen conditioned souls, kindly manifest in my heart.
All glories to you.

Your humble servant
Krsna Bhumi Dasi



Krsna Rupa Devi Dasi

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 nirviṣeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your 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 I don't qualify to say your glories. I thank Lord Sri Krsna and his divine grace Srila Prabhupada for delivering onto your lotus feet. I don't think I can thank you enough for mercifully giving shelter and giving me a chance to purify myself, when listen to your nectarian lectures I am amazed at my good fortune and what to speak of ecstatic kirtans.

With your mercy I am cooking for Sri Sri Radha Madhava and for Lord Sri Sri Jagnathna, Sri Subharda Devi and Lord Sri Sri Baladeva, I make maha bhoga for RathaYatra which is distributed to public and devotees.

I always think myself as the most fallen self, most ignorant and it is simply by the mercy of Lord Caitanya that we have even the opportunity to serve Sri Lord Krsna. I have no qualifications of my own, it is simply by the mercy of Sri Caitanya Maha Prabhu that I have given the chance to serve Sri Radha Madhava, Lord Sri Jagnathna, Subhadra Devi and Lord Sri Baladeva. "By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the benediction of Lord Krsna. Without the grace of spiritual master one cannot make any advancements." (Gurvastakam) Therefore without your help no one can become free from cycle of birth and death.

On this most blessed day of your appearance day celebrations, please accept my humble obeisances again and again and forgive my offences. Please continue to guide me as my captain through the rough waters of this danger age kali. I am the fallen soul desiring only your causeless mercy upon me.

Your humble servant begging to remain forever in your divine service,

Krsna Rupa Devi Dasi



Krupa

Hare Krsna Maharaj,

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

Happy Vyasa-puja day to you, Maharaj. I pray that it is a wonderful day for you, filled with glories of all you do for us and all that you are.

For me, your Vyasa-puja celebrations are such a valuable time for me to consider the blessings you have given us all. It's so easy for me to get caught up in the waves of material life and the tiny details that bring me fear, but then this time of year comes, and somehow, Krsna arranges for even my mind to take a back seat. Finally, I get a chance to sit down and look upon what feels like a blossoming meadow of grace that has abundantly bloomed without me realising. That meadow is full of unique, special and delicate wildflowers, ranging in size, colour and aroma, which hold the minute-by-minute blessings that have somehow come forth, simply by the existence of his holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj. It leaves me in awe and calms the hesitations that try to distract me for another moment. "The meadow of mercy," I think is what I will call it, and I pray to always visit that place whenever doubt comes to disturb me again.

The past year taught me to trust you. Even though I am just in the background, not really having a place, not really seeing the day of hope when I will be able to truly please the devotees and be recommended for your shelter, I will still stay. I can stay in the welcoming presence you always offer, I can stay in the hope and guidance you share. And I can stay in the unconditional friendship that you hold. Yes, I will stay, maybe even stubbornly. Because I am waiting for the day that I can finally let out a sigh of relief, that I can try and formally be your student and I can try and place myself in the lilas of this present day Caitanya Caritamrta that we are in. I will stay.

Somehow, in the past couple of years, it seems like maybe this was Krsna's plan all along? That when I felt like I had no useful service to offer during periods of crippling anxiety, that I was engaged to try and be a part of putting your next book together. That when I felt like I had enough of the crazy social media world that I felt called to try and help transcribe quotes for your Instagram page. That when I felt like my existence had no meaning anymore, that you shared, "If ever at any time you don't know how to go further anymore, turn to Srila Prabhupada." I'm saying here that I will stay, but in reality, it is you that stayed, Maharaj. You never left since you stayed.





Spiritual bank balance

Kṛṣṇa says in the Bhagavad-gītā that service is of an eternal nature because service to the Lord is never ever lost. It always continues and increases in our spiritual bank balance. The spiritual bank balance is nice because there is no economic crisis! There is absolutely no inflation!

Whatever is invested in the spiritual bank balance is only increasing. It's never depleted, only increasing – more and more! So the nature of service to the Supreme Lord is that we begin in this world and we continue in the next. The meaning of liberation is service – eternal service.





Every Friday during the Kadamba Kanana Swami Family Sangas, you're there to make us laugh, to remind us to, "Always turn to Krsna." To show us by example that we are not alone. Every evening in our home when we are preparing dinner, you are vibrantly present in your kirtans that we put on eagerly. And then when I rest, you are present in dreams, sharing those very rocking kirtans I heard a few hours before, but this time, in our home. Oh, we are so eager to invite you to our home, Maharaj. I would feel my life would be complete just by that one experience. What an overwhelming joy it would be for you to enter our home. For us to try and make some prashadam preparations for you to relish, and for us to create a comfortable atmosphere for you to rest and share all your magical and wonderful stories and Krsna katha with us.

Every time I think of this possibility, I see that it is nothing we personally can control and create by our own doing, but somehow or other, it being Sri Vrindavana dham manifesting mercifully before our eyes. To have his holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj, our light and joy, pave the path to the spiritual world with every step, and to transform our so-called 'home,' into our real home, our eternal home with Lord Sri Krsna. Oh, what a dream.

I often look back at the photos of your youth that you kindly shared during a Friday Kadamba Kanana Swami family sanga last year and wonder in awe. It amazes me that in these 29 years of this temporary life that I have experienced so far, with all its many turbulences, somewhere, there was Kadamba Kanana Swami, and one day, my life was going to change forever once Krsna revealed to me that this great soul was present in this existence. Wow. Suddenly a life of confusion turns into a miracle. Your existence in my life is that very miracle, Maharaj.

I will spend the rest of my life trying to serve you and your mission, Maharaj, in whatever little way Krsna guides me to. Even if I am not accepted, even if I'm not good enough, even if maya tells me to turn the other way, even if I lose hope again, I will stay. I will stay because you stayed, Maharaj.

So, I pray to always be situated in reminding myself of your mercy, because remembering you is remembering Srila Prabhupada. And remembering Srila Prabhupada is remembering the dust of the lotus feet of the residents of Vrindavana.

Please Krsna keep me situated here. Please Krsna, give me the chance to always glorify Kadamba Kanana Maharaj, for he is truly dear to you. Happy Vyasa-puja day to you Maharaj. I pray you somehow are able to come to United Kingdom soon.

All glories to you Maharaj. Jai
Your aspiring servant,
Krupa (Leicester, United Kingdom)



Kulina Dipika Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada,

Happy Vyasa-puja Maharaj.

This is my first offering to you on this auspicious day. Last year I was too bewildered to make it happen, this year I think I'm just as bewildered but I'm going to try. I would like to express how grateful I am for you. When I think of you and remember you it gives me strength and hope.

At the moment you are on my phones background image and when I look at it it's as if you are really looking back at me, sometimes you correct me and sometimes give me inspiration to continue. In such a subtle but powerful way I feel your constant presence in my life and your encouragement. Your support and love.

No one else in this material world can offer what you are offering. So I'm very grateful that you have accepted me as your disciple, even though I am not learned or cultured or in any way qualified. That is a testimony to your mercy and I am eternally in awe of being given your shelter in this lifetime.

Thank you so much Maharaj. Thank you so much.

Your aspiring servant,

Kulina Dipika Devi Dasi

Laksana Devi Dasi

My dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble and sincere dandavats and obeisances.

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

May Lord Krsna keep blessing your existence on this world, and shower you with a long and healthy life. May His mercy protect you and guide you through the path of self-realization, prema, and the journey back home.



My dear Maharaj, my life has changed so much since I met you and when I became your disciple. I can see life in a way that not only I understand my purpose in this life, but also to understand as well the nature of my relation with others and they nature. Your influence has help me to live my life in a better way, and share it with my husband and son. I wish I can spend more time with you and my god siblings, but I understand the reality of our different times, place and circumstances. I'm very sure that my learnings and understandings of Krsna consciousness will be more active and better diluted. It has been hard times for all of us, but having you in my mind has helped me to go through and with strong willingness to conquered this situations.

I always remembered the times you spent with us at home, because wherever I looked it seems that you were still present, and made me feel blessed by you. I hope and pray for another times like that.

Today we are celebrating your presence and the fortune of having you in our life. And I just want to thank you for your kindness, love, understanding, guidance, mercy, and your genuine way of singing the glories of the holy names, and the happiness you planted in my heart.

Happy Vyasa-puja, Happy Birthday, and Feliz Cumpleaños to you.

Please enjoy your day and may you be blessed with lots of surprises, and surrounded by the love of all your disciples, including us even though we can't be present.

With gratitude and humble affection.

Your eternal servant,
Laksana Devi Dasi.
Hare Krsna Maharaj

Lalita Kunda Devi Dasi

Dearest Gurudeva,
My obeisances to your lotus feet, my only shelter.

Today is your Birthday, the day we supposed to glorify you. But I'm stupid so I'm just going speak about myself.

I feel fortunate that I got you as my spiritual master, my siksha guru, my father, my friend and my well-wisher. And I wish I was closer to you, I was able to serve you and able to follow your instructions but I'm stupid and I can't follow.



You are very merciful, always accepting miss fit people, accepting everyone with open heart and accepting my crooked personality. Nobody, only you would accept me. And now I get jealous when you are accepting more disciples, this is how egoistic I am.

You always say, “We can’t ask for mercy, we should do something that make us deserve it,” I want to do something for you so that I can get a little bit of your blessings and come on the level of a human being.

Your worst daughter,
Lalita Kunda Devi Dasi

Lavanya Rupa Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you. All glories to Jayadvaita Swami. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Some years back, I had just become your aspiring disciple and we had been talking about my weakness concerning chanting. A few months later then I had been sitting before you, quite proudly telling you that I had managed to chant eight rounds daily. This very disappointed look that appeared on your face then. I do very much hope I will never ever have to endure it again. Not even looking at me you just said: “You have to change your life so you can chant your rounds.” Smash. What an order. I really had to chew on that.

But the very next day already, on a snowy New Year’s Eve, driving home, trying to keep my eyes fixed on the white lines of the road, I was thinking I should stay fixed in my spiritual practice just like that. There would be no more excuses now, and I would chant 16 rounds every day, no matter what. And I did, (almost) every day. And from that day on my life started changing so severely, and I know that all this had only been possible by your causeless mercy on a fool like me.

Even though outwardly it seemed to be very difficult times, it truly had all been one great blessing. And the greatest blessing is my new name and my new spiritual family that came with it. Now there is no turning away from the spiritual path anymore. I made so many new devotee friends, found so many opportunities to serve Guru and Gauranga, and it just feels so incredible where your order, your mercy and your guidance have taken me to. And still, I’m not even a mile down the road to where I’m heading. I can only stand there sometimes, looking back in awe, feeling eternally grateful for what you have done for me. And by knowing that



the only way I can try to repay my debts to you is to keep going, I try moving further down the road to reach the final destination...

I'm begging your forgiveness for any offense I might have accidentally made. And I want to express how immensely grateful I am, for your guidance, your protection, for the example your setting daily, for your mercy, and, last but not least, for your beautiful kirtans that can melt even a heart of stone like mine. I'm bowing down to your lotus feet and thanking you again and again,

Trying to remain your faithful servant,
Lavanya Rupa Devi Dasi

Lawrence Kiptanui

Dear Gurudeva,
Dandavat pranams. Please accept my humble obeisance unto your lotus feet,. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Maharaj, I'm very glad to have come across you, talked to you and even met some of your disciples. I'm always intrigued by your energy which accelerates peace in me. On your appearance day I pray that may Srila Prabhupada bless you always and may Krishna send more mercy as you have all of us to give the mercy.

Happy appearance day dear Maharaj.
Your humble servant,
Lawrence (Nairobi, Kenya)

Lenart Debelak

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 not self-evident that someone is so fortunate that he meets a bona-fide spiritual master. As it is stated in Caitanya Caritamṛta (Madhya 19.151):

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

“According to their karma, all living entities are wandering throughout the entire universe. Some of them are being elevated to the upper planetary systems, and some are going down into the lower planetary systems. Out of many millions of wandering living entities, one who is very fortunate gets an opportunity to associate with a bona fide spiritual master by the grace of Kṛṣṇa. By the mercy of both Kṛṣṇa and the spiritual master, such a person receives the seed of the creeper of devotional service.”

This is really a very great opportunity, so I would like to thank you again for accepting me. I want to learn how to be truly grateful for this gift and that I could, with your blessings and support also pass this merciful message of Godhead onto other living entities. You are presenting Srila Prabhupada’s teachings very clearly, as they are and nicely show us how to practically apply them in our lives.

You reveal more and more in detail what is pleasing to the Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa and how does He act. This does not happen on material plane, this exchange is spiritual, unlimited, so it is hard for me to say anything more. What I know is that your lotus feet are connection to the Guru-Parampara and are doorway to the eternal dimension, eternal shelter and can mitigate all distress and truly fulfill all our wishes.

My mind is always accumulated with lusty thoughts and impure desires and you know this very well but are still very merciful toward me. I can feel your parental love. You always stand by child’s side even if he falls thousand times, you are there to help him to once again get on his feet and try to walk again. This is unlimited compassion of saintly persons like you. So far I don’t have any special qualification or service to offer to you. I just want to pray that I could take your instructions seriously without adulteration and duplicity. My wish is that I could some way or another stay somewhere around the company of devotees, and keep my mind simple as possible. So that by your mercy will also nonsense like me have an opportunity to catch some nectar flowing down from the lotus feet of Lord Caitanya and Nityananda. Thank you for everything Maharaj. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Your aspiring servant,
Lenart Debelak
(Slovenia)



Lisa (Bhaktin)

Hare Krsna Guru Maharaj.

Aanvaard aub mijn nederige eerbetuigingen en alle eer aan Srila Prabhupada.

Alle eer aan u Guru Maharaja en aan alle vaishnava's.

Ik wil u vanuit het diepste van mijn hart danken omdat ik uw pranam mantra mag reciteren en dat u hierbij ook mij wil begeleiden op weg naar de Allerhoogst Persoonlijkheid Gods.

Dank voor uw oneindige genade.

Krishna heeft ervoor gezorgd dat we elkaar konden ontmoeten in Drenthe Augustus 2021.

Uw lieve, geruststellende lach en uitstraling, zorgden ervoor dat ik mij volkomen rustig en tevreden voelde.

Op mijn pad naar Krishna maak ik nog steeds overtredingen, vergeef me aub voor deze fouten.

Wilt u aub voor mij bidden zodat ik, met uw steun, verder mag groeien.

Uw nederige dienaars,

Lisa (Bhaktin)

Luta Prema Devi Dasi

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

I offer my humble obeisances onto your lotus feet. All glories to you, All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Happy Vyasa-puja

Thank you for your mercy and for taking me under your shelter. I am eternally grateful. You are my beacon of light on my darkest days. Thank you for giving me a chance. Allowing me to take initiation has truly made my life simpler and uncomplicated.

Your eternal servant,

Luta Prema Devi Dasi



Madhumati Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,
All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swam,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

I feel very fortunate to have yours and our family's sanga every Friday. This is my first time to make an offering to you in a long time now. So I am feeling incapacitated to express but I will still make a small attempt for your pleasure.

The scriptures say that: "By the mercy of Krsna one gets guru and by the mercy of guru one gets Krsna." (Gurvastakam) My case is the same since I am simply a mercy case although being of no good use of service to you. You have let me just be there. I sincerely and humbly pray at your lotus feet to please bless me that I can be of some service to you.

Your's trying to be a very humble servant,
Madhumati Devi Dasi

Madhurangi Devi Dasi

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All glories to Sri Sri Panca-tattva,
All glories to our Guru Maharaj,
All glories to Sri Jayadvaita Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.



Dear Guru Maharaj,

On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I express my most profound gratitude that you have accepted me as your disciple. It is very difficult to glorify you enough as I am not qualified to do so.

You are a reservoir of mercy and love of Godhead. You travel to so many places to deliver us fallen souls and help in Srila Prabhupada's mission to make the whole world Krsna conscious.

Maharaj, I was very fortunate to have your darshan for the first time at the kirtan mela in 2015. The way you chanted touched my heart and then itself I was inspired to become your disciple. I prayed to Krsna that you come again to Mauritius so that I could get your association and could approach you with my request to be initiated by you.

Fortunately Lord Krsna was very kind and you came for the Ratha Yatra, which I attended with my family. We relished your rocking kirtans and nectarian lectures. I am very happy to be your disciple and I hope and will endeavour that I do not let you down. I look forward to having your sweet darshan very soon and pray to Lord Narsimhadeva to grant you good health so we may have your association for many years to come.

In the Caitanya Caritamrta Madhya Lila 19.151, it is mentioned

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“Out of many millions of wandering living entities, one who is very fortunate gets an opportunity to associate with a bona fide spiritual master by the grace of Kṛṣṇa. By the mercy of both Kṛṣṇa and the spiritual master, such a person receives the seed of the creeper of devotional service.”

So, I am eternally grateful to you Maharaj for having accepted me so I can try to advance in devotional service.

All glories to you on your Vyasa-puja celebrations,
All glories to Sri Jayadvaita Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Your most insignificant servant,
Madhurangi Devi Dasi
(Mauritius)



Madri Devi Dasi

Lieber Guru Maharaj,

bitte akzeptiere meine demütigen Ehererbietungen,
Alle Ehre gebührt Jayadvaita Maharaj
alle Ehre gebührt Srila Prabhupada,

Anlässlich Deiner Vyasa Puja möchte ich Dir alle guten Wünsche übermitteln, Dir Dank sagen für Deine nicht endende Barmherzigkeit, uns mit dem Vedischen Wissen zu erleuchten und immer wieder Quell der Inspiration für mich zu sein. Was wäre ich ohne Deine erhellenden lectures, ohne Deine Gemeinschaft oder Deine wunderschönen kirtans.

Vielen Dank dafür, dass Du uns unabhängig von allen äußeren Umständen teilhaben lässt an Deinen Reisen und Vorträgen, dass Du regelmäßig Online bist. Durch das Internet bekommen wir sozusagen den Guru freihaus geliefert. Dafür bin ich besonders dankbar. Ich merke, wie mich Deine Gemeinschaft nicht nur aufbaut, sondern spirituell am Leben erhält, mir die Impulse gibt, die ich benötige, um Krsna näher zu kommen und den Fußspuren der großen Vaishnavas wenigstens etwas zu folgen.

Das letzte Jahr hat mir einen besonderen Schubs gegeben. Natürlich nicht das Jahr sondern Krsna. Er ist persönlich mit Seiner geliebten Radharani und mit Vrindavan Devi Dasi zu mir gekommen. Kurz davor sorgte Er dafür, dass ich durch einen heftigen Reinigungsprozess gehen musste. Dann war Sein Erscheinen irgendwie sehr mystisch. Nun bin ich sehr beschäftigt, die vielen Deities zu versorgen, ein neuer Altaraufbau, Kleidung nähen, Kochen und alles zur Zufriedenheit Krsnas ausrichten, den Standard etwas mehr abgeben. Ich merke, wie ich immer wieder an Grenzen komme, die zu überwinden sind. Und „zufälligerweise“ wird dann genau eine Lecture von Dir zu diesem Thema, welches mich gerade bewegt, im Internet übertragen.

Ich danke Dir aus ganzem Herzen, dass Du mich so wunderbar begleitest. Ich wünsche Dir viel Kraft und gute Gesundheit. Mögest Du uns noch lange persönlich führen.

Hare Krsna

Your servant,
Madri Devi Dasi



Maithili Devi Dasi

My dearest Guru Maharaj,

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

The heart of all Krsna conscious practices is to chant Krsna's names. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu himself recites this quotation from the Brhan-naradiya Purana:

harer nāma harer nāma
harer nāmaiva kevalam
kalau nāsty eva nāsty eva
nāsty eva gatir anyathā

(verse from Brhan-naradiya Puraṇa, 38.126).

"In this age of Kali there is no other means, there is no other means, no other means for self-realization than chanting the holy names of Krishna."(Cc Adi-lila 17.21)

Guru Maharaj you have given me the most glorious weapon (the maha mantra). I can't even imagine to tell you how grateful I am. You see through the hearts of all your disciples. You could see whatever is necessary to us and whatever is not. A latest example when my Prabhu Bhakta Rupa Dasa had passed on and a few days later on had a video call conversation with you. The first thing you mentioned was about my safety, especially at home, you mentioned that we must make sure that there was enough security. You have so much compassion, you know that I was now alone and you were concerned about my well-being and immediately we worked on that. Within a week and a half we were hijacked, and it would have been a lot worse without the security installed. My guru has a mirror to see everyone's heart, and that's surely you.

When my Prabhu was ill you made sure that he attained his Brahman initiation, that one year he attained it he was so sincere and dedicated to it, always taking it as his first priority and on that day of his departure, he passed on hearing the last syllable of his gayatri mantra that which you had given him. I am highly indebted to you for the glorious departure he had. On this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja I can only pray that you will shower me with your mercy and allow me to take shelter of your divine lotus feet.

Your servant,
Maithili Devi Dasi



Maitri Devi Dasi (Czech Republic)

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

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

The day of your Vyasa-puja is here again and we all have the opportunity to remember you, either with you personally or outside your company. I must admit that I rarely come to your Vyasa-puja, but I never forget at to least make some preparation for you at home and remembering you on the day of your arrival. In fact, it is a great honour for me to write this offer.

I admit that every year I rack my brain trying to find what to write to you, and as a result I am thinking about you, Srila Prabhupada and Sri Kṛṣṇa many weeks. I've been puzzled for days and weeks, I've been browsing the internet looking for offerings from past years, eager to find inspiration on how to honour you properly. The offerings of my spiritual brothers and sisters are great inspiration to me, not only to write my offering, but also it gives me an insight into how unique is the relationship they have with you and how grateful they feel. Thanks to them, I realize what kind of grace it is and how rare it is today to find such a person as you are, who sincerely sacrifices himself for spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. And it inspires me a lot to continue my journey, even at the cost of my discomfort. Because I believe that I am doing it well and everything I am doing according to your instructions or according to recommendation of Srila Prabhupada, other acaryas and Sri Kṛṣṇa, make sense. That's the only thing that makes sense in life.



For a long time after I was married I struggled with a certain idea of marriage and it wasn't and still isn't easy. Only thanks to your instruction to maintain marriage and the importance of this promise and patience of my husband, I can move on. I work on myself and I see a lot of my shortcomings that are an obstacle on my path to devotion, but I want to continue and overcome it all. It helps me a lot that you are my spiritual master. I can't imagine where I would be now if I didn't have your help.

Thank you very much, and I will continue to do my best to show gratitude to you somehow, by continuing the sankirtan mission by distributing prasadam, by following the four regulations, and by acting in accordance with the scriptures.

Your servant,
Maitri Devi Dasi
(Czech Republic)

Maitri Devi Dasi

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Dear Guru Maharaj,

Happy Kṛṣṇa conscious appearance day.

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. I am forever indebted to you for giving me shelter under your lotus feet.

In your lecture last night, you mentioned that once a sannyasi remarked that, "You go beyond your call of duty," and I completely second that otherwise which guru will travel around to check on his disciple's well-being. It is so reassuring to hear that you are our forever well-wisher. I am very sure that preaching is in your blood as even Covid did not deter you from preaching worldwide.

Guru Maharaj, you also mentioned that, "I am fire and to associate with me you need to burn."



Here you meant that we need to develop strong service attitude and take on devotional service seriously. I just pray to Krsna that I can fulfil these criteria.

There are many challenges on my spiritual journey and every time I come across a challenge, I remember that you said challenges are opportunities for spiritual growth, then I gather myself together and carry on marching towards my spiritual goal. I would also like to thank you for writing the book, 'A prayer for deep absorption,' as I am doing Bhakti-sastri course, and we have been asked to use this book as a reference. Your study notes are so easy to understand, and you have blessed us by saying that may Nectar of Devotion become companion of your life.

Please bless us that all your disciples never take a vacation from Krsna consciousness and develop a strong service attitude like yours.

Your daughter,
Maitri Devi Dasi (United Kingdom)

Mali Caitanya 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 my dear Guru Maharaj,

I still have fresh memories from your last visit of our farm. You made incredible ecstatic kirtans, deep philosophical lectures and it was very sweet and nice. You came because one of your disciple was in hospital with huge health problems and you visited her and spend a lot of time with her. You are so merciful unto us and you are always thinking of our good and help us on the spiritual path to Krsna.



In Śrīmad Bhāgavatam 1.2.24:

pārthivād dāruṇo dhūmas
tasmād agnis trayīmayah
tamasas tu rajas tasmāt
sattvaṁ yad brahma-darśanam

“Firewood is a transformation of earth, but smoke is better than the raw wood. And fire is still better, for by fire we can derive the benefits of superior knowledge [through Vedic sacrifices]. Similarly, passion [rajas] is better than ignorance [tamas], but goodness [sattva] is best because by goodness one can come to realize the Absolute Truth.”

In purport Srila Prabhupada writes: “As explained above, one can get release from the conditioned life of material existence by devotional service to the Personality of Godhead. It is further comprehended herein that one has to rise to the platform of the mode of goodness (sattva) so that one can be eligible for the devotional service of the Lord. But if there are impediments on the progressive path, anyone, even from the platform of tamas, can gradually rise to the sattva platform by the expert direction of the spiritual master. Sincere candidates must, therefore, approach an expert spiritual master for such a progressive march, and the bona fide, expert spiritual master is competent to direct a disciple from any stage of life: tamas, rajas or sattva.”

This is like me. When I see you I always trying to have your association and inquire on everything possible. And you kindly help me with my beginner problems. I even can't speak English properly but you understand me and help me with what is important for me in my level. When I was novice I was absolutely under the mode of ignorance but I went for the one bright light which you hold in your hand.

In our last darshan I was so afraid that I will miss something. I listened to all your instructions and I still had them in my head for next few days and I still repeated all what you said me and tried to remember all details. But my mind is so restless. It is almost impossible for me to hear and remember everything. But I think that I understood to essence and I will hold all your instructions as diamond in my heart.

Actually I must admit that some obstacles can come. You first and simple instruction was that I should read regularly every day. Looks very easy but it is not. I am not strong enough to push away all other things and start reading. I have lot of stress and I can't to sit peacefully and concentrate on scriptures. I don't have enough faith that Krsna will protect me. I still think that I am controller and I must protect myself. I believe that with your help I will reach the level when spiritual things will be on first place and I will be fully surrendered to Krsna's will.



I have experienced that always when I do endeavour to visit you it has a big benefit, it is always spiritually uplifting and it always pays to go after you.

Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Thakura said: "If we take shelter of the lotus feet of the spiritual master, we can become free from illusion, fear and distress. If we wholeheartedly beg for his mercy without any deceit then the spiritual master bestows all auspiciousness upon us."

Once I wrote you an email with my problem and then on next zoom disciple meeting you was speaking about topic I asked you and I got answer. And this is happening again and again. In this way you always care about your devotees and help them.

It is interesting when you are here how everything is happening, big kirtans and lectures, harinams. Everybody dancing and jumping, everybody is enthusiastic and happy. Everything suddenly looks very easy. And spiritual world is clear like sun on the sky. And Krsna is present with us and smiling upon us and looking after us and lovingly waiting when we turn to Him.

Thank you that I can serve you, I try to be your good and sincere servant. I hope you will be satisfied with me. I have lot of impurities in my heart, please help me to purify them.

With gratitude,
Mali Caitanya Dasa
(Czech Republic)

Manjubhasini Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisance.
All glories to your lotus feet,
All glories to Sri Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Dearest Gurudeva, from all my heart I wish you all the best for your Vyasa-puja. Wish you many hours of beautiful kirtans and harinams, I wish you all other devotional services because I know that it makes you happy and it gets you closer to our beloved Lord Krsna.

Gurudeva, it is difficult to express my deep gratitude for all the little and the big things you done for me and for us all. Every day my heart is getting bigger for Krsna because of you.



When I hear your voice in kirtan my heart beats stronger, louder, with more love for Krsna. Listening to your lectures and my knowledge of Krsna become bigger, my love and devotion become deeper and my understanding of spiritual knowledge is clearer.

You are my everyday inspiration in my spiritual but also in my practical, material life. Your tips and advice, funny stories of your life, all that give me inspiration for my life and understanding for many things.

I'm also very grateful that you keep coming to Dalmatia to visit us, because being in your company is bliss, than I forget on everything. And my soul just want to serve you and be with you and your presence.

When I look back I see how deep in maya I was, how low my understanding was. And then I met you again in 2016 in Zadar in house of Ananta Sesa and his wife Sukanti, and I felt like I met an old friend. You talked to me and I felt like I knew you for millions of lives. And slowly you start to burn the veil of maya and tamas. I was full of false ego, material desires and ignorance, but your light that you shine upon me is changing me and thank you for that - for every small change, for every small step towards Krsna. Thank you, for every devotional service I perform, you are behind that. Thank you for always being behind me and in front of me, next to me and being close. I feel you in my heart, my paramatma, you are whispering through the veil of false ego, but your whisper is strong and I hear it, thank you Guru Maharaj,

Thank you to shine upon me, to be my light and my sun, Thank you.

Your humble insignificant servant,
Manjubhasini Devi Dasi

Manju Krisna Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet. All glories to you, All glories to Jayadvaita Swami, All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Wishing you good well on your 69th Vyasa-puja. May the Supreme Lord Sri Krsna, Lord Narasimhadeva grant you good health and lots of strength to preach.

Maharaj, you have touched the hearts of so many devotees with your amazing kirtans. It happened with me as well. I can remember on 2008 I was a very young devotee and I saw one kirtan from you on the internet. It was a very special moment and touched me this kirtan deep in my heart. I had to listen to it days and days, and immediately had to find out who you are. It was such a special moment that until today I can remember to that feeling what I was feeling in my heart. Until today I am thankful to you for that moment and when I am losing the power on my spiritual path I am trying to remember to that moment to get inspiration to go on. I am eternally thankful to you.

You are the ocean of the mercy. You know exactly how fallen I am, let's say I am a hopeless case. That still you initiated me and time to time letting me cook for you by showing how merciful you are.

Eternally thankful to you for that and you letting me serving you. Success or failure in spiritual life depends on serving your lotus feet. I pray to the Lord Narasimhadeva to allow me to dedicate myself to my service the best as I can.

Your servant,
Manju Krisna Devi Dasi

Mantrini Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna Gurudeva,

Accepteer alstublieft mijn eerbetuigingen, alle eer aan Srila Prabhupadha. Hierbij wil ik u bedanken voor het mooie jaar waarin ik mijn Harinama initiatie mocht ontvangen. Fijn dat u mij accepteert hoe ik ben en dat u mij veel vrijheid geeft om te werken aan Krsna projecten. Dank dat u mijn heeft geïnspireerd om de boeken van Srila Prabhupadha te verspreiden. Het heeft me heel veel geholpen bij het versterken van mijn spirituele pad. Ik houd van uw grote en wijde kijk en flexibiliteit waarin u veel verschillende en niet altijd de makkelijkste zielen probeert te verbinden aan Krsna. Ik heb veel respect voor de manier waarop u dat doet.

Dat ik u nog lang kan blijven dienen,

uw servant,
Mantrini Devi Dasi



Matanga Dasa

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

It's been five and a bit years since I joined the movement and four years since I took shelter at your merciful lotus feet. When I look back on what happened in these years I remain jubilant and with firm conviction that I finally did the right thing in my life. Very drastic and benevolent change. Nothing else really matters. Everything else is secondary. But still I must admit that even though spiritual life fits me, it is a huge challenge and pain to my false ego.

As one devotee was commenting: "After all this is about transcending death, it shouldn't be a light job." I've been meditating on this recently and after all these years I'm starting to realise that I have to deal seriously with the reality of my situation. I must apologise because of my shortcomings, for my inability to be up to the standard. I see so many serious devotees around me, happily performing spiritual life and taking up many austerities and responsibilities. I am very fortunate to associate with them and have their example.

In comparison I am slacking. I must admit that I wasn't expecting spiritual life to be so deep and demanding. Especially the times when I have to swallow my big and fat false ego. The times when I have to react in a good way, to think about it first and then choose the more difficult option. As you taught me once, it's very easy to react frivolously, in a mean way rather than being good and compassionate. I am very lucky that I have such a loving spiritual father that took the trouble to teach me personally good manners and vaishnava etiquette. I really feel unable to reciprocate. That is my misfortune.

Sometimes I really feel enthusiastic to expand the preaching and endeavour for it and then the next moment my mind drives me in my previous dark way of thinking that makes me weak. It really feels like I am haunted by ghosts just like Bhakti Vinod Thakura says. I pray to Krsna so that He can give me the strength to overcome my weaknesses so that I can become stable in devotional life, and so that I can better serve the sankirtan movement.

And again thank you very much for continuing to preach staunchly, to enliven us with your ecstatic kirtans and exceptional lectures. You are a true example for me and I am really fortunate to be your disciple. I am also really thankful for you sending me here to Radha Govinda

temple in New York City. I feel like its fitting me and it is a great possibility to help expand the mission - Prabhupada's favourite project. I'm really honoured to take part. Especially amongst the best company of my god brothers and sisters which are again a direct expansion of your causeless mercy. I am going to finish my brahmana test soon and sorry for taking three years to do it. It's been a rollercoaster in my mind during these particular times.

Looking forward to your personal association and harinams here in New York. Thank you so much for everything.

Hare Krsna.
Matanga Dasa

Maxine (Bhaktin)

Dearest Guru Maharaj

Please accept my obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to you Maharaj, All glories to Jayadvaita Swami, All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I was told, by a very lovely and dear disciple of yours some time ago, that we should choose to take shelter of a spiritual master who Krsna or Lord Caitanya is literally speaking through. If we can feel the presence of the Lord and understand His instruction from the guru then you should take shelter of him. When I listen to you speak it's like every word has been tailor made for me to hear directly from Krsna. Even if it is something so small that has been on my mind. I listen to your lectures or read your books and it is everything that I am looking for.

The more and more I listen to your kirtans and hear your classes the more I see and understand your love and attachment to Krsna. I am unable to feel that love and attachment yet so I wish and pray to always associate with you who has such deep attachment for the Lord and you have such a deep attachment for Srila Prabhupada. You have taught me, and so many others, so much about transcendental subject matters that otherwise would be so difficult to understand. You make it accessible and relatable for all of us poor conditioned souls who are so absorbed and attached to material and mundane things. You give me hope and inspiration that I can continue on this path and that I can reach Krsna.

The spiritual master really is the personal representation of the Lord so it is so nice that we can become attached to you and serve under you lotus feet and take your instruction as our hearts



and souls. You are not obliged to have to do anything for any of us but you always go beyond the call of duty and share the mercy. The ecstasy that you bring to people in your kirtan is pure transcendental bliss coming straight from the spiritual world. I hope and wish that you can bring more and more people into that spiritual realm who have not yet experienced it before. Everyone deserves Krsna consciousness and you are so kind that you want to make a place for everyone in this movement and you are always reminding us to be an instrument of mercy and to share the mercy.

I wish to make every thought and action a tribute to you, my spiritual master, and my guide, my everything. Please accept me and accept my life as yours and please accept my simple service. I may not be able to make any significant difference in your life or in anyone's life but I hope to always have a mood of servitorship and to always remain yours.

It is only through your mercy that I will be able to engage in any kind of devotional service or to be able to relish the pastimes of Radha and Krsna. I do not wish to just ask you for your mercy but I wish to earn it as mercy is given by the spiritual master when he is pleased with his disciple's mood of service. I pray to always be of service to you as well as your disciples and always imbibe that mood of service. I wish to be pleasing to you and to always follow your instructions as my life.

Thank you for accepting me and thank you for giving your life to Krsna so that we can all follow in your footsteps. Thank you for all of the austerities that you performed so we can be able to take shelter of devotional service in any state or condition.

In one of your classes you mentioned that we don't need to aim to be pure devotees but rather to take shelter of pure devotional service and that has been such an inspiring meditation for me. Where I fall short, if I have the desire to serve the spiritual master, he will accept all of my devotional service even though still mixed with so many material desires, and he will offer it to Krsna on my behalf. That is the kindness of the spiritual master and that is the pure love and kindness of you.

I hope and pray that I can help make some contribution to your mission of fulfilling the desires of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Caitanya.

Your grateful servant,
Maxine



Merumala Devi Dasi & family

Grateful

Grateful to call you my spiritual master after all these years,
Grateful that you helped vanquish so many bad habits and fears.

Even though we don't speak very often these days,
I'm still trying to follow your instructions - your mercy is still there in countless ways.

Time ticks on, signs of aging are clear,
I know I need to focus more and that your strength is always here.

Even though we have so much to be thankful for, still I'm absent minded,
So we do what we can to power on until the waves of maya have subsided.

Grateful for this moment to reflect on all that you do,
Because in life, we sometimes stumble and the ones that truly care are too few.

Your positivity and brave heart inspires us; you're always on cue,
That's why we are still here - we're remain eternally grateful to you.

Your servants of the servants,
Merumala Devi Dasi & family

Milan

Dear Maharaj,

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

"The road to auspiciousness begins with taking shelter of a bona fide spiritual master. In accordance with God's plan, everyone on this earth finds a teacher that meets his or her particular needs and qualifications...If we are fortunate, if we truly seek out a genuine guru with complete sincerity and persistence, and if we pray feelingly to the Lord to encounter such a



spiritual master, then the Lord will surely lead us in this lifetime to a genuine guru, by taking shelter of whom we will be able to attain the greatest blessings.” Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakura)

Your unflinching faith, your compassionate nature, your conviction of shastra, your one-pointed focus are all ideal. Through your example we see what a vaishnava is. We see what a person who lives for Srila Prabhupada looks like, speaks like and acts like. We see what a person who loves Krsna looks like. You push us to dive deep in our own bhajan whilst soaring high to do something for the mission. How fortunate are we all that we have you guiding us, teaching us what it means to love Krsna.

Previously, a devotee compared you to Narada Muni, explaining that you are at the right place at the right time to save everyone. That’s exactly what your personal intervention feels like. Thank you Maharaj for inviting me to access the biggest treasure of life. I will try harder, with sincerity and seriousness, to access this great fortune.

kṛṣṇa se tomāra, kṛṣṇa dīte pāro,
tomāra śakati āche
āmi to> kāṅgāla, <kṛṣṇa> <kṛṣṇa> boli>,
dhāi tava pāche pāche

“Krishna is yours. You have the power to give Him to me. I am simply your servant running behind you shouting, “Krishna! Krishna!” (Ohe Vaishnava Thakura by Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur)

With love and gratitude
Your daughter
Milan

Mitravinda Devi Dasi

Dear Gurudeva,

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

I want to thank you for your unfailing compassion and warm-heartedness which you unconditionally extend to me and to all other devotees you meet. Your fatherly love radiates



throughout the universe and makes us feel the bright glow of the spiritual world out of our disaster here on earth.

Sometimes desperate here and now in the reality check, you are there and reanimate the frozen heart with bhakti through your warm, smiling look to life, laughter and trust. Maharaj, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your trust.

sādhū-saṅga', 'sādhū-saṅga' — sarva-śāstre kaya
lava-mātra sādhu-saṅge sarva-siddhi haya

(Cc Madhya-līla 22.54)

With deep gratitude and love.

Your student and servant,

Mitravinda Devi Dasi

Modani Devi Dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to serve you even in insignificant way. Geef me alstublieft smaak van je lezingen zodat ik ze misschien kan herhalen zoals ze zijn voor t spirituele voordeel van anderen. And lastly please forgive me for all my offenses committed knowingly or unknowingly in the course of my trying to serve you and other vaishnavas.

Respect vol proberen - to be your humble servant.

Modani Devi Dasi



Mohini Sakti Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

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

First I want to thank you so much for these more than two years, that I've been able to follow you around the world. It started in South Africa, Durban Temple. I been there online somewhere, thank Krsna for social media. I also want to say that I'm so sorry for not writing you more, but so much has been happening in my life that has been kind of heavy. Things are slowly getting better.

I wish you a Happy Vyasa-puja and many more happy years

Your humble servant,
Mohini Sakti Devi Dasi

Nadia Mani Devi Dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

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nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

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



Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you Maharaj. All glories to his holiness Jay-advaita Swami. All glories to Srila Prabhupada,

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,
Happy Vyasa-puja to you.

I am very glad that we have the weekly Zoom Maharaj. But meeting in person is something different, it has been two years. What to do? I am still patiently waiting that you Maharaj, will come and bless our home, with some little lecture, heavy kirtan. Many times I have prepared various dishes of prasadam in my dream and mind especially for you dear Guru Maharaj.

All the best dear Guru Maharaj.

Your humble servant and mercy case,
Nadia Mani Devi Dasi

Nama-rupa Dasi

om̐ 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 Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
Happy appearance day.

Every year I am amazed at how much of yourself you give to us dear Gurudeva. In the present complicated world circumstances you have found a way to travel and inspire and lead harinams, attend retreats, give powerful lectures and be with our godfamily on Zoom. Your dedication and compassion is simply mind-blowing. It has been priceless to meet you in person on few festivals.

Previous year was intense for me and things have been redefined in my material life with focus on healing. My spiritual life has been enriched with more devotee sanga and more time to



read. Thank you for encouraging me and accepting few simple services I had a chance to offer to you - that is my lifeline.

With gratitude.

Your servant and your mercy case,
Nama-rupa Dasi

Nara Narayana Dasa

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

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

Hare Kṛṣṇa my dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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

Every year, I try to put into words how much you mean to me but I struggle to articulate it properly. This struggle is perhaps due to my own weaknesses whereby despite having the greatest treasure in my life, which is you, I still struggle to fully surrender myself unto you. But time and time again, you have shown how you accept me despite my flaws and provide me with the ultimate shelter during the most dangerous of times, so that I can remain on this journey back to Godhead. During challenging situations in my life, I continue to think to myself, "What would Gurudeva say to me? What would Gurudeva want me to do?" And this has guided me in choosing a path that leads towards Kṛṣṇa consciousness. So in this way, you are my protector.



During this past year, I was fortunate to have visited Sri Vrindavan dhama for the second time in this lifetime and every place that I attended, I remembered your transcendental words and your lit up kirtans from our Parikrama back in 2018. I still remember your divine class at Prema Sarovara and Surabhi-kunda, your kirtan at Kamyavana and Vrnda-kunda where we danced, you embracing me at Dhruva-tila on my birthday and telling me near Moti kunda how you will always be there with me. I was blessed to receive some much needed realisations and incredible spiritual experiences in the dhama earlier this year, and it was a direct reminder to me that I was there because of your blessings. I was reminded once again the significance and need for pursuing my spiritual life a bit more seriously, because of your blessings.

Gurudeva, despite the pandemic and various other factors, you fearlessly strive to spread this mission of Srila Prabhupada with such unconditional love through your programs, travels, preaching and various projects. I pray to you that you please instil in my heart even just a drop of this mood so that I can also be of some use within our movement. It is an absolute joy to witness you bringing us to Krsna even while we are in this material world. I see this and feel this nectar through our godfamily. Even though I do not have any siblings of my own, I feel that Krsna arranged for me to be gifted with some amazing brothers, who I found through you. These brothers, who follow in your footsteps, also provide me with great inspiration to be a better servant to you and to be a better devotee to Sri Sri Radha Gopinatha. So I thank you also for this wonderful family you have given me.

Finally my Gurudeva, if I am being honest, I am so incredibly far from being a good disciple as I often find it difficult to follow all the principles and vows that I have made to you whilst also trying to balance my personal and professional lives. But I hope that I am reminding myself again as I write these words in my offering to you, how much I need to improve and prioritise my bhakti before I run out of time. I hope I am reminded of your mercy again and again so that it helps me in humbly rendering some service to all the devotees around me.

So in short, another year, another offering to you, another cry for your blessings. I am forever indebted to you my Gurudeva, and I beg to you to continue letting me be in your shelter. I also pray that I get to have your personal association soon Gurudeva, it has been so very long.

Wishing you a blissful Vyasa-puja day. Hare Krsna.

Eternally yours in service,

Nara Narayana Dasa



Navadvipa Dasa

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

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

“O devotee of the Lord, to see you is the perfection of the eyes, to touch your body is the perfection of bodily activities, and to glorify your qualities is the perfection of the tongue, for it is very rare to find a pure devotee like you.” (Hari-bhakti-sudhodaya.13.2).

“One who approaches a bona fide spiritual master can understand everything about spiritual realization.” (Chandogya Upanisad 6.14.2).

“Only unto those great souls who have implicit faith in both the Lord and the spiritual master are all the imports of Vedic knowledge automatically revealed.” (Svetasvatara Upanisad 6.23).

“This is the process, Vedic process. One should have unflinching faith in God and spiritual master. Don’t jump over God, crossing the spiritual master. Then it will be failure. You must go through. We are observing Vyasa-puja ceremony, the birth anniversary of our Guru Maharaja. Why? We cannot understand Kṛṣṇa without spiritual master. That is bogus. If anyone wants to understand Kṛṣṇa, jumping over the spiritual master, then immediately he becomes a bogus. Therefore Caitanya Mahāprabhu says, guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde pāya bhakti-latā-bija (Caitanya-caritamṛta, Madhya 19.151).

That is Vedic injunction, *tad viddhi praṇipātena paripraśnena sevayā* (Bhagavad-gita 4.34). Nobody can understand Kṛṣṇa without going through His most confidential servant.” (Srila Prabhupada on Srila Bhaktisiddhanta appearance day lecture, Atlanta, March 2, 1975).

“Pure love of Godhead is like an ocean of bliss. If I could have just one drop from there, it could inundate the entire universe. I am so wretched that I am a hundred percent attached to my material body and controlled by lust, so my original form of pure spirit is never manifest. When one is blinded by carnal love and rejects pure spiritual love, then Lord Kṛṣṇa will never respond to his deceitful approach. But one who sincerely and earnestly implores Kṛṣṇa for His



mercy will certainly be crowned with success. (Prema-Vivarta of Srila Jagadananda Pandita, Translated by Sarvabhāvana Dasa).

“I have not the slightest tinge of love of Godhead within my heart. When you see Me crying in separation, this merely indicates that I am conceited enough to try and demonstrate My great fortune. Indeed, not having a glimpse of that beautiful face of Kṛṣṇa playing on His flute, I still continue to live my life like a moth, whose life is without purpose, except, at best, to rush into the flames and die.” (The sloka composed by Lord Caitanya, cited in Prema-Vivarta of Srila Jagadananda Pandita, Translated by Sarvabhāvana Dasa).

“Everyone is talking about love but who really understands what love is? One who realizes spiritual amorous exchanges with the Supreme Lord is truly fit to become a damsel in the bowers of Vṛndavana.” (Prema-Vivarta of Srila Jagadananda Pandita, Translated by Sarvabhāvana Dasa).

“Externally, your devotional service is to always chant the name of Lord Kṛṣṇa, and internally, constantly engage in serving Sri Sri Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa with your spiritual body. Control your rapacious palate and give up luxury and comfort. Do only what is essential for maintaining your body.” (Lord Caitanya’s instructions to Rāghunātha dasa Gosvami).

“The scriptures proclaim unequivocally that the holy name is the only cure for all diseases ...” (Skanda Purana).

yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo
 yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto ‘pi
 dhyāyan stuvaṁs tasya yaśas tri-sandhyāṁ
 vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam.
 (Sri Sri Gurvastakam, verse 8).

Thank you for everything.

Your humble servant,
 Navadvipa Dasa



Navina Sundari Devi Dasi

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

I would like to thank you for your mercy by giving me initiation, by being your devotee and by being part of this family. I would like to say thank you, because with your mercy I get the chance to get the taste to chant and hearing more about Sri Krsna. Hearing about the Supreme Personality of Godhead through your voice is a very special mercy already.
I would like to be a very humble servant of you and the vaishnavas dear Guru Maharaj, I hope I'll be a suitable one.

Your humble servant,
Navina Sundari Devi Dasi

Nayanabhiram Dasa

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

om 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.”

Happy Vyasa-puja, Maharaj,

It was like a moment ago, I was alongside you.
Dancing to the sounds of the kirtan party down those many roads of the dham.



Years have passed and the world had seemingly gone to sleep. But through that darkness your voice was like a beacon in the storm of this unprecedented time.

Giving connection, unity and guidance.

Like candles to the flame you reignite us.

Purchasing our hearts with the holy names of Kṛṣṇa and flaming a greater vision for us.

nimajjyonmajjatām ghore
bhavābdhau paramāyaṇam
santo brahma-vidaḥ śāntā
nauḥ dṛḍhevāpsu majjatām

“The devotees of the Lord, peacefully fixed in absolute knowledge, are the ultimate shelter for those who are repeatedly rising and falling within the fearful ocean of material life. Such devotees are just like a strong boat that comes to rescue persons who are at the point of drowning.” (SB 11.26.32)

Although grounded you still found a way to travel to us all despite whatever obstacles may be there and as the world starts to awake I know soon I’ll see you again soon.

But at the same time you never left me. You are with me daily in your classes, kirtans and Zoom meetings. You are there with me in your instructions and service.

You are there with me as I chant my rounds.

I am truly grateful to you.

You give so much of yourself with your preaching and make yourself accessible and available to all.

Transforming hearts with your humility and kindness.

You make the seemingly impossible possible through your association.

Your humble servant,

Nayanabhiram Dasa



Neel Madhab

Dear Gurudeva,

I hope you have a great birthday and looking forward to the cake. I love your kirtans they rock, you should do one today. We will come to meet you in Vrindavan one day soon. We will do harinam and cow feeding together.

With lots of love

Neel Madhav (Age 7)

Nilacala Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

As you know last year has been a challenging one for me. It is funny how when one is faced with challenges, it is easy to think everyone else has it easier. This of course, is not the case, but when one is in the thick of things, it is easy to feel as though one has been especially singled out to face special challenges as if they are the most important person in the world to be singled out in this way. Strange, right?

Well, this was how I felt for the first part of this past year. Every time I thought it could not get any worse, it did. Anyway, after some time, I felt I had spent too much time wallowing in my mystery and true to His form, Krsna tested me by giving me service that would not centre me but put other devotees in the centre.

I remember how we have had a few conversations about service and how sometimes there are services we might not particularly like or enjoy, but we do them because our spiritual master has requested it. You know how I have struggled over the last decade to understand the true meaning of surrender, but I am doing my best and where I fail, Krsna intervenes. The lesson that I hope to imbibe this year that I have learned from you is to take more responsibility. For my own spiritual life, but also for others and for my community. Perhaps one day I will be able to understand and imbibe Srila Prabhupada's level of surrender when he asked Krsna to make him dance.



I know there are devotees who are more qualified and are also kinder to make this service the best it could be. I am trying my best with it all and some days I feel I could do more. But with your blessings, I hope to leave this service feeling there has been some change in devotee's feeling that they too belong in Srila Prabhupada's Iskcon. And that they too have something meaningful to contribute to the vaishnava community.

Thank you for always teaching by your example.

Your servant,

Nilacala Devi Dasi

Nilacala Candrika Devi Dasi

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Krsna Guru Maharaj.

It's been a while since I have written to you. Please forgive me for that. I am still in Vrindavan and pray and seek mercy from you and Krsna that I may always reside here.

I see and hear that people in general and my family members are all struggling in material existence, running to meet impossible ends. I can see that by Krsna's mercy, all the happenings in my past were the wonderful arrangements of the Lord, to finally take shelter of your lotus feet and Sri Vrindavan dham. By your mercy, all the curses have been converted to blessings. Wonderful blessings. It reminds me of the story of Gajendra, how the Lord came flying in to pick him up from the clutches of the crocodile.

It is my duty now to not let you down and keep my devotional practise safe by associating with devotees and serving them. I have no more words to say although my heart is full of gratitude towards you. Thank you for benedicting me with your powerful words of instructions to stay in Sri Vrindavan.

Thank you so much Guru Maharaj. Haribol.

Your ever insignificant servant and daughter,

Nilacala Candrika Devi Dasi





Have a focus in ashrama

Ashram life means someone telling you what you should do with your time.

If we need more space – have all the space you want but, everything has a price tag attached to it. The more we interact with the material energy, the more that material energy will take over our consciousness. I am talking about the mind; the mind will start worrying about it when having to deal with it.

On the other hand, if you are in the renounced position, then you have to make sure that you are happy. When a renunciate is not happy in his renunciation, then he is in total danger. Because, what is there otherwise? In grhastha ashram, there is some material enjoyment but for the renunciate, there is not much.

You can eat but how much can you eat?

So in conclusion, I think it is very important to have a focus, to have an idea what we are going to do and to not just let it happen.





Niralamba Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna Guru Maharaj,

Aanvaardt u alstublieft mijn nederige eerbetuiging,
Alle eer aan Srila Prabhupada.

Ik wil u feliciteren met de dag van uw geboorte op 12 april. Ik wil u bedanken voor uw gulle hart en uw unieke toewijding, die u toont voor onze welzijn. U geeft altijd een goed voorbeeld, wat het precies betekent om een toegewijde te zijn. Dit doet u op alle vlakken door uw grenzeloze wijsheid, vriendelijkheid, oprechtheid, verantwoordelijkheid, die u predikt in de boodschap van Heer Caitanya.

Wij mogen blij zijn dat wij met u kunnen associëren en uw medeleven ontvangen. Elke keer als ik u zag of sprak, voelde ik altijd uw vriendelijkheid. Tot de dag van vandaag voel ik nog steeds uw eindeloze medeleven. U bent een geweldige, liefdevolle ziel. Met jou communiceren is een manifestatie van de Bhagavad. Zoals het daar staat geschreven dat de Heer van iedereen houdt, en u zijn generaal bent die uw grenzeloze liefde en mededogen toont. Bedankt voor deze ervaring, u bent al jaren niet van positie veranderd en ons geloof groeit dankzij uw aanwezigheid op deze planeet. Uw ziel ontwakende waarden stroomt door ons heen door u. Dank u zeer.

Hare Krsna uw dankbare dienaar,
Niralamba Devi Dasi

Niskincana Caitanya Dasa

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine
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guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe



Hare Krsna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

Times are still uncertain. The pandemic hasn't exactly gone away but society is edging towards some semblance of normality. However now war has broken out between Russia and Ukraine. It's unclear where this situation is heading. But all the more reason to remember this material world is always uncertain. Srila Prabhupada would teach us to trust no future, no matter how good it may look. In the Bhagavad-gita, Krsna also mentions *padam padam yat vipadam*; obstacles at every step.

What is a certainty is your example and teachings. You are my anchor and as years go by, I feel your compassion even more. I can't imagine how much you really reach out to connect with your disciples. My services and responsibilities have grown in complexity over the last couple of years too. I'm feeling the shift in gear, it's taking a little time to adjust but I know by your grace I'll get the groove of the new *modus operandi* that I find myself in. Often I struggle to keep my head above water. However when I look at your example, I feel enthused to manage that balance between dealing with the material energy and always maintaining the basics. No matter what your responsibilities have been over the years; from presiding over the affairs of the Krishna Balaram temple, to overseeing Srila Prabhupada's Samadhi in Mayapur to managing issues in New York, you always give precedence to the basics.

Your morning program, your rounds, your daily reading; it's all cast iron. I've asked for blessings for many things from you over the years. And I still will seek your blessings so I can please you through various activities and services that I'm currently doing and may do in the future. By your grace I always will strive to take responsibility for the mission as you often encourage us to.

However above and beyond that, may I always emulate your example and become deeply rooted in the basics of Krsna consciousness, become deeply connected to Srila Prabhupada and become mad on the holy names. I seek your empowerment that I can give that precedence over everything else and become a Prabhupada man just like you.

Your insignificant servant,
Niskincana Caitanya Dasa



Niti Laksana Devi Dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
 śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine
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 nirviṣeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj,

All glories to his divine grace 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.”

At the time I was writing your Vyasa-puja offering, I started to think it's nearly two years since I have been give my first initiation, I felt I am very fortunate by your mercy. Guru Maharaj on the day you gave most precious jewel. For first time in my life I start to see what it means to be on a solid ground, from that day I am under your shelter and protection.

Only through you Guru Maharaj I am also connected to entire disciplic succession Brahma-Madhava-Gaudiya-Vaishanava Sampradaya a lineage of venerated and exalted acaryas who has passed down sublime teachings to a fallen soul like me, bring me back into a true spiritual path, as a servant of the servant of the servant in the infinite of Kṛṣṇa.

Guru Maharaj it's not been long enough you gave me your shelter, feel your presence everyday stronger even you are not in front of me, at that moment felt very fortunate without any hesitation a jewel you gave me, as my spiritual master to be able to serve your lotus feet your grace and mercy but mostly your sacrifice of the previous acaryas who has done for lost souls.

Whenever I listened to your classes your expert knowledge distilled me in the ways I could understand your care and how you give up your rest to give your full personnel time. To take your darshan Guru Maharaj even your presence is not in front of me, your guidance, watching you how you looking over us all on the Zoom.

Guru Maharaj I am fallen and remain unstable on a platform every day, since last year I have been going through a difficult time in need of your guidance but carry on and struggle by relentless waves of material energy with my basic sadhana. I keep on tossing this way and that way, my heart truly yearns with anchor itself to ground myself in your service. I humbly seek your blessings Guru Maharaj to spend what is left of this life time, to focus on you, to be able to serve my god families, and devotees of Srila Prabhupada in their extraordinary mission to have the whole world as Krsna conscious.

Guru Maharaj how you have effect on all your disciples lives in a way big and small, every stories you have expressed and untold, day and night you extended and expanding yourself but never shrinking from the enormity of any tasks . You always offering yourself, your time into a unlimited services over again, year after year and with strength, you have shown with your unparalleled services, I hope I can be delivered from the relentless waves and do something about, but to expect it, to stand on the shoulders of my spiritual master and owed by your strength with your quiet unassuming splendour.

Dear Guru Maharaj please bless me, always remain your service to live each day thinking how can I please you? To put your teachings and guidance into teachings.

Your ever servant,
Niti Laksana Devi Dasi



Nrtya Gita 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.

Happy Vyasa-puja. The years suit you, because you seem to look younger all the time. Your energy is unbelievable. The joy, happiness, ecstasy and hope are always with you. I feel so fortunate to be one of those that can have shelter on your lotus feet. I humbly pray that you let me stay there even all the shortcomings I have.

This past year has been so inspiring because of our family Zoom meetings. Those Friday gatherings are giving me strength and shape. My heart is bubbling of the love you share for all of us. You inspire by your very personal stories of your life and yet you are so transcendental, eager to share mercy that floats thru you. What an adventure your life has been. And full devotional service decades after decades. You really are the hero and lifesaver.

Thank you so much for everything you are doing for my sake. Thank you for sharing your causeless mercy on me. You have ability to make me more humble to learn how to serve devotees and how to learn love Krsna. So you are making my life perfect.

Please, let me bow down on your lotus feet forever. All the best.

Your servant,

Nrtya Gita Devi Dasi

P.S. If the world situation gives the possibility, let's meet in Sweden next summer.



Padma Malini Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you so much for your mercy and for allowing me to obtain your instruction and thus be able to do a better service to the Lords and servants of the Lord. That is my only desire, to serve the lotus feet of my spiritual master and to do a better service to the Srila Prabhupada's mission. There is no other more sublime purpose in this imperfect life. Just for your mercy.

All glories to our dear Guru Maharaj Kadamba Kanana Maharaj
Padma Malini Devi Dasi

Parampurusa Dasa

Hare Krsna Guru Maharaj,

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

Last year I had several realisations, or moments, when I really could feel how important the mercy of the spiritual master is. The mercy, thanks which comes inspiration, spiritual strength and higher taste for devotional service.

Srila Prabhupada says that spiritual master is as good as god, the spiritual master should be honoured as the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Because spiritual master is the confidential representative of god. Srila Prabhupada also many times mentions, how important is to accept true spiritual master. When guru is giving us this opportunity to serve his lotus feet, through this service be connected to parampara and through the parampara be connected to Krsna.

Therefore this day when I started to worship the lotus feet of spiritual master, was most important day in my life. So, only thanks to the mercy of the spiritual master we receive inspiration, spiritual strength, and taste for devotional service, knowledge, second birth, spiritual guidance and also connection to Krsna. Thanks to this I could do devotional service and continue with it under the leadership of the spiritual master forever.

I really thank you for your guidance, your advice and your infinite mercy.
Your servant,
Parampurusa Dasa (Lužce)



Parjanya Dasa & Arca Murti Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On your most auspicious appearance day we hope that you are in the best of health.

During this pandemic and lockdown there's been much anxiety: loss of loved ones, lack of devotee association and restrictions of movement and so on. Remembering Their Lordships Krsna, Nitai Gauranga, Srila Prabhupada and you have brought us psychological and spiritual relief and hope. My daily home deity worship, kirtans, reading and sharing some Krsna katha via 'social media' have kept us in 'high spirits'.

Looking forward to beginning my usual services. I am endeavouring to engage in more Krsna Katha (discourse, kirtan and prasadam) in my local religious /cultural centres, (in every town and village). Not everyone feels safe to travel to our Iskcon Temples. Safety on our roads is quite compromised. Also, the cost of travel has increased considerable. Begging your mercy for this to succeed.

Looking forward to your trip to South Africa.

Your humble servants,

Parjanya Dasa & Arca Murti Devi Dasi

(Durban, South Africa)



Parthivee Sweety Jhungoor

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

titikṣavaḥ kāruṇikāḥ
suhṛdaḥ sarva-dehinām
ajāta-śatravaḥ śāntāḥ
ni *sādhū-bhūṣaṇāḥ*
(Cc Madhya-lila, 22.81)

mukam karoti vacalam
pangum langhayate girim
yat-krpa tam aham vande
sri-gurum dina-taranam

“I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, the deliverer of the fallen souls. His mercy turns the dumb into eloquent speakers and enables the lame to cross mountains.”

“The spiritual master is always considered either one of the confidential associates of Srimati Radharani or a manifested representation of Srila Nityananda Prabhu.” (Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta, Adi-lila, 1.47 purport).



Dearest Srila Guru Maharaj,

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

I wish you a very happy Vyasa-puja and pray to Srimati Radharani for many happy returns of this auspicious day. Each day I can feel how your causeless mercy flows unconditionally. I'm not well educated, although it's been three years since Lord Krsna mercifully sent you as my saviour. In a very exemplary way you teach us the mood of becoming an eternal child and unconditional pure love for Srila Prabhupada.

Guru Maharaj, I must admit today that for a couple of months I haven't been doing much service. Since your grandson little Kartik Krishna who was born nine months ago, pandemic and all. Actually, your words are very precious and this I can realise when I am away from the association of devotees. I can feel being purified while writing this offering. I heard that writing for the pleasure of guru and Krsna one gets personal purification. Thank you very much for this opportunity to write on your Vyasa-puja. Please Gurudeva, instruct me, chastise me for my many offences and guide me to become a better servant of all the living entity.

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

Srila Prabhupada ki jaya.

Srila Guru-Maharaj Vyasa-puja mahotsav ki Jaya

Your most fallen child,
Parthivee Sweetie Jhungoor

Prashant

Dear Maharaj,

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

As I start to write this I immediately have memories coming into my mind of my time with

you recently. You told me on one Zoom session that personal association with guru is worth gold and you granted me this by letting me spend time with you. I learnt a lot being in your association.

I'm feeling a deeper connection with you after my time with you. This Vyasa-puja is a wakeup call for me. It's a check point to see where I am and to see what I'm doing to please you and to check that I'm following all the instructions you gave me.

Hoping that I can be better this year and that I can please you somehow.

Your aspiring servant,
Prashant

Purnahuti Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj.

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

Today I had a dream about you. You was around a lot of devotees and you did kirtan. There was a program in a big hall and a lot of prasadam everywhere. To live in illusion witch is also Lord's energy is not so dangerous if we live with our dreams about devotees and the holy name and you.

Your mercy and compassion for us is so huge that we can see you and hear you all the time. You gave us a lot of spiritual lectures, kirtans and blessings that it is enough for our life to drink and realize. What I can give you this year? In this offering to your Vyasa-puja 2022.

I founded spiritually my home by your mercy and it is also your home. You and the other devotees are very welcome. You teach us that we should follow. This is what you want. So this is the goal to perfectly follow the spiritual master and serve him and his assistants in this mission to Please Srila Prabhupada.

How perfect life we have by your mercy. Amazing life, amazing grace, amazing to be part of your spiritual family. Thank you very much for your shelter and inspiration. Hare Krsna

Your servant,
Purnahuti Dasi



Purna Tattva Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

My dear spiritual father, you are like sun on my journey home. In your life, I may see live steps of Srila Prabhupada. You fulfil desire of your spiritual master and Srila Prabhupada absolutely fully and with great happiness. You are very merciful and kind to dropped souls around the entire world. I pray for you at lotus feet of Sri Nityananda to never ends your beautiful kirtans and pray for being stay close to you and dance in such a miraculous harinama sankirtan, what I never experienced before.

I wish you all the best. I pray at lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada to continue your wonderful service.

Your servant,

Purna Tattva Dasa

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.

We know each other already for some time. For my offering this year I was remembering how you moulded and shaped me in various moments in my life. First as a total newcomer I was sitting at your class and was telling to myself, that there is something there in this strange society. Sometime later there was me, starting to chant a few rounds a day and thinking myself very spiritually advanced from my last life.

My belief lead me to accept the life in the temple. When I was sent on sankirtan, I recall writ-



ing to you a letter asking you for shelter. You agreed and wrote back few words which I was remembering through my sankirtan, 'career.' While doing a lot of service in the temple, you supported me in practicing playing the harmonium, which I in my "strictness" was considering a sense gratification. From this I learned how we should engage our tendencies rather than suppress them. Then came another service and most challenging period in my whole life. I started the temple commander service with enthusiasm, but after some time I met my limits. You gave me the strength to continue and also gave me practical advices on how I should deal with devotees and how to survive in this service.

After some years of brahmacari life I was getting restless and needed some bigger change, as to be able to continue to the fight with maya (as Srila Prabhupada is commenting the story of Gajendra from Bhagavatam). You gave your kind approval and set basic pillars on which I could build my new situation. I met my good wife, who is a big source of inspiration and strength in my life. She was also your aspiring disciple. I was very impressed seeing her looking for a shelter at your picture when she was in difficult situations. Together we listened to you classes and I'm explaining to her what I learnt from you or from you classes. We are trying to adopt in our lives your mood of kindness, humility, and understanding for others while personally being very strict and serious in spiritual life.

As Srila Prabhupada often called his disciples his students, I'm proud to have the opportunity to be your student and to have you as my teacher.

Your insignificant servant,
Radhakanta Dasa

Radha Raman Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

I remember my initiation day and one of the instructions you gave me was to visit the holy dham of Vrindavan. Visit all the holy places and take shelter of all the acaryas. Only through your blessings has that manifested over the past few years.

It is said when the spiritual master gives instructions it also comes with empowerment. I am somehow involved with book distribution with an amazing team in Durban. We have so



many plans to increase book distribution and harinam. I know that it is the shelter you grant me that empowers me to do this wonderful service. Through your blessings, may I continue on this epic spiritual journey and make a valuable contribution.

Your servant,

Radha Raman Dasa (Durban, South Africa)

Rajasekhara Dasa

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your appearance. All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj. All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Your Vyasa-puja offers an opportunity for me to again reflect and take stock of the year that has passed. For me to reflect if I have made any spiritual progress, and to also reflect if I have made an endeavour to go deeper in my relationship with you.

In terms of spiritual progress, I am still very much in the 'turtle lane.' Material responsibilities, desires and anxieties remain my excuses for not doing more or going deeper. I have realised that my material anxieties and insecurities are rooted in wanting to still be the controller and not having firm faith in guru and Krsna's will, presence and protection. On the other end, when I try to adjust mentally and intellectually to remind myself that I must not over endeavour and leave things up to Krsna, I then become anxious that I am not adequately performing my duties. I pray that you may give me the intelligence, strength, and courage to find the balance.

I am always in awe and find inspiration in the pure devotees of the Lord, who are never afraid of anything, and always have full faith that Krsna will always protect them in all circumstances. In this regard, I like to remember the cowherd boys of Vrindavan, they walked straight into the mouth of Aghasura, suspecting there was maybe some danger, but knowing that there was nothing to worry about as their Krsna would protect them.

I see this quality in you Guru Maharaj, as a sannyasi you are always putting the mission before yourself, without concern about your own personal circumstances. Even when you are faced with ill health, and other dangers, you ensure that the preaching continues. As you have re-



cently said, you feel it is your duty, to go beyond duty. You are indeed going beyond duty, and this touches so many of our hearts, as you endeavour to spread the mercy of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. I am most grateful to be a recipient of that mercy.

In terms of my relationship with you, it has been over two years without having your physical association, due to travel restrictions. This has been unbearable and feels very unnatural, as for the past many years you would visit South Africa 2 - 3 times a year. You however mercifully started doing regular online programs, and this was indeed a saving grace during these times. I somehow started to feel closer to you through this. I am usually reserved, but on this online platform I summoned some courage to sometimes ask you questions.

In one of these sessions, I expressed how I felt separation from you. You mercifully responded explaining how the spiritual master is always with his disciple, constantly looking over the disciple's shoulder. This soothed my heart and provided comfort.

As you look over my shoulder, observing my qualities, actions, and behaviours, I am sure you witness that the bad significantly outweighs the good. I do however hope from time to time, there is a spark of something good that pleases you. I am by no means a perfect disciple, but endeavour to always remain an honest and committed one.

On this auspicious day, I beg for your mercy. I pray that I may forever remain under your shelter, and that I may reciprocate with you, by making a bigger effort to grow spiritually and engage in devotional service. Thus, pleasing you, Srila Prabhupada and all the vaisnavas.

Your servant,

Rajasekhara Dasa (Johannesburg , South Africa)

Ranganatha Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you Maharaj on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja,

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Guru Maharaj you are an expert teacher who is very practical and provides his disciples with a multitude of opportunities to do some devotional service according to our own inclination that are available in Srila Prabhupada's Iskcon:



Harinam
Book distribution
Organizing festivals
Deity worship
Food for life
Devotee Care
Management and so on

This reminds me of Lord Sri Krsna advising Arjuna on the battlefield and at the end requesting Arjuna to decide whether he wants to fight or not.

You are always encouraging us to do service which ultimately will be for our benefit. I am currently assisting in prasadam distribution under the banner of Food for Life Sandton for the pleasure of guru, Srila Prabhupada and Gauranga. You are our perfect master following in the supreme perfect master's footsteps.

Thank you Guru Maharaj for your continued guidance and support which you so painstakingly give to all your disciples every week, which I am grateful for. I pray that one day I am able to take more advantage of your association.

Your aspiring servant,
Ranganatha Dasa

Rasesvari Devi Dasi (BKG)

Hare Krsna dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your wonderful service. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

First of all I want to thank you for being inspiration for us all. Your dedication and determination in service to Srila Prabhupada and his mission can't stop to amaze me. You are always so energetic and full of Prema to the Supreme Lord and the holy names.

I'm eternally grateful for the opportunity to sometimes be around you and witness it in person. You are an unbelievable warrior of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, a great example to us all. Despite any difficulties you keep going strong and by doing so giving us strength to be a better



version of ourselves and to try serve Srila Prabhupada like you do. Thank you for being very personal and friendly, for accepting devotees and for supporting them.

I feel the happiest when you are around. Your kirtans, harinams, lectures, basically everything is such a good quality, so real and full of life. Thank you for the opportunity to have that in this lifetime.

Your aspiring servant,
Rasesvari Devi Dasi (BKG, Latvia)

Rasika Raya Dasa

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

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you on your Vyasa-puja. All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami. All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Commenting on this prayer to the spiritual master, you explained that the guru is changing our outlook, allowing us to see Kṛṣṇa everywhere and His hand in everything. You have lent me your transcendental vision and as time progresses, I find myself focusing more on the eternal dimension. It begs the question: before I received your mercy, was I even seeing? You are lifting me from the darkness of ignorance through your classes, your disciples, our weekly Zoom calls, by your instructions and your personal association.

Yes, we are existing in the age of Kali but this is really Caitanya Yuga, you tell us. Under your tutelage, we see how Lord Gaurāṅga's mercy is everywhere and how no one can escape it.

We see opportunities to give and receive mercy more and more, understanding that it is this mercy that is our maintainer.

How can we share Lord Gaurāṅga with as many people as possible and make them fortunate like Prabhupada has made us? That is the vision for my life that you have gifted me. Following you makes my life exciting and a daily adventure.

Previously, I would see an elevator as a capsule to take one from one level of a building to



another. By your mercy, the elevator becomes a capsule to take one's consciousness from one plane to another. How? Because you remind us that a place that has been touched by the holy name is transformed. So I find myself shouting "Gauranga" in elevators now, preparing it for all the fortunate people that may use that elevator after me.

Thank you for the gift of this transcendental outlook. On this most significant occasion, I re-commit to sharing this gift with others in the form of Srila Prabhupada's books. Begging to always receive your merciful glance so that I may keep my sights on the spiritual plane.

Your eternal servant,
Rasika Raya Dasa

Ravindra Svarupa & Sri Ji

Our dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept our humble obeisance's at your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

We offer our respectful obeisances unto his divine grace Kadamba Kanana Swami, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

As servants-to-be, it is an honour for us to express our gratitude at your lotus feet. We feel daily that we are always receiving your grace in our devotional service. Although we didn't get a chance to meet you in person for a long time, we can associate daily at home through your kirtan, photos, puja's and weekly disciple meeting. Especially during this disciple meeting we experience an intense contact with you.

It gives us great pleasure to see you so relaxed and cheerful during the disciple meeting every week. Especially during the lectures we enjoy your sense of humour and the language you use. We are always amazed that you are doing so much in Srila Prabhupada's mission, despite your age, health and all the hustle and bustle of traveling, preaching and so on.

Thank you for being our very special father.
Your eternal servants,
Ravindra svarupa & Sri ji



Reena Rao

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
 śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
 namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
 nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

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

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa
 Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
 Hare Rāma Hare Rāma
 Rāma Rāma Hare Hare

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to his holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj. All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami. All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Krsna dearest Guru Maharaj,

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

Maharaj this is my second opportunity to be a part of this Vyasa-puja celebration and second opportunity to offer my respects and feelings to my guru through this offering letter. Since 2019, Vrindavan parikrama till now I am getting this divine association of yours, through your lectures, online classes, intense kirtan, 12 ecstatic days of Vrindavan parikrama in person, in your guidance Maharaj. Since then I am noticing tremendous change in my nature and improving satisfactorily in my Krsna consciousness. Thanks a lot for that Maharaj.

I still remember the day during the parikrama when I approached you asking for initiation. And you replied that I was still immature for that. But from that day Maharaj, when you asked me to keep in touch through WhatsApp. I feel so fortunate and grateful that you accepted me as your disciple in such a short time and helped me in growing in spiritual paths, though the initiation formalities still remains. Thank you Maharaj because I feel your prayer to Krsna for me and your blessings are with me each moment. This helped me in my advancement in bhakti. I can see changes in my personality, slow but constant progress. Your lectures inspire



me to see Krsna in each one's heart, love them, forgive them and no matter what happens have patience and just give love.

Thanks Maharaj for your weekly Friday online Zoom meetings with disciples. But Maharaj I do not attend it regularly for which I feel very sad because of late hours according to Indian time. During the pandemic period, Maharaj you used to do daily Zoom meeting classes at 4.30 pm India time. That was so suitable which I never missed a single class. I wish it can be started again. Please forgive me Maharaj for not attending your lectures daily but other than this I sincerely and punctually follow my daily routine in bhakti. From deity worship to reading Bhagavad-gita and Srimad Bhagavatam, hearing lectures of Srila Prabhupada's and senior vaishnavas in Hindi, chant 16 rounds of japa, ekadashi fasting, group reading of Srila Prabhupada's small books, Sunday class of my councillor, listening to mangal arti, srinagar arti and sandhya arti regularly.

I am really fortunate Maharaj that you have accepted me (a foolish, simple lady) as your disciple and receiving your kind love and attention through your replies in WhatsApp. You frequently ask me to be connected with local temple and also for recommendation letter. Really so much mercy. I pray to Lord Krsna when there will be a day when I will be able to take your darshan again in person and have your divine association.

Very soon Maharaj, with your blessings and guidance I will be going to Sri Radha Madanmohan temple in Mumbai as my councillor will arrange a meeting there with the temple President for recommendation letter Maharaj. I once again pray to Krsna that may he shower his mercy on me through you by giving me initiation in the holy place Vrindavan this year and accept me as your disciple officially. I will be the most fortunate person on this earth otherwise as Krsna's wish.

Today in this most auspicious day, I pray to Lord Krsna and Narasimhadeva Bhagavan to keep you in good health for us devotees.

Your most fallen servant,
Reena Rao
(India)



Revati Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna my dear Guru Maharaj,

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

All the best to you, I wish you a wonderful celebration of your appearance in this world,

This last year I missed you more than ever. Yes, there are so many classes one could listen to online. Still I always feel like it isn't the same. I remember one occasion, it must have been in 2004, when I came to Amsterdam with a long list of questions. And already after the first class almost all of my questions were answered. I didn't even have to ask, you just touched all my topics. I was so amazed. This created so much faith inside my heart. Faith that you are a bonafide Guru, that Krsna is speaking to me through you.

To be honest, I don't feel exactly the same connection when I hear from you online. It's not just about coming up with questions, your personal presence is so enlivened. At these moments I can feel so strongly, how Paramatma is speaking through you. Recently I read something from Gour Govinda Swami, where he explained that listening in the personal presence of a speaker is more powerful than listening to some recordings. So there must be more behind this than just my mind.

Finally my health starts to improve a little, I manage to read and of course I still listen to your broadcasted classes. Not to all of them I have to admit, because my time seems to run at high speed.

Your reply to my email helped me a lot, and after I got dengue fever last Kartika (which knocked me really down for quite a long time), I finally began to gradually accept that my best time is over.

"Work hard," That's what you wrote to me years ago when I was in New Mayapur. And it looks like I am not able to delete this "program" from the harddrive of my mind,

Somehow I am still feeling guilty for all the things I can't do anymore. But I accept, I have to listen to my body, to not only adjust my daily schedule, but to somehow take care of my body as well. Because without a somehow functioning body, even the most simple seva becomes a burden, if not even impossible. Recently I started to use the "Healy," and it helps a lot. Not overnight, but little by little.

Thank you for somehow making me understand that I should give up criticising myself for



what I can't do. But on the other hand, still try my best. My best to chant and somehow or other keep a peaceful mind in whatever condition my body might be.

In any case, I feel like I will never be able to give up completely. How could I? I need to take care of the residents of my "Nandagram" at home. That's my good fortune, it keeps me going on. And I am extremely grateful to you for allowing me to follow the calls of Nitai Gauranga and Jagannatha Baladeva Subhadra. It was obvious They wanted to come.

Sometimes they are demanding, but at the same time so merciful with me. And mercy, yes mercy is needed. Because unlike in my first years in Krsna consciousness I more and more realize that I won't be able to go back home due to my qualification.

Thank You for guiding and inspiring me in good and bad times. Please bless me to always remember and never forget my ultimate goal – Krsna.

Looking forward meeting you here in Vrindavan in Kartika.

I remain your eternally indebted servant,
Revati Devi Dasi

Rohini Kumari

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

Hare Krsna dearest Guru Maharaj,

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

On this auspicious day of your appearance, I attempt to express my deepest gratitude through this short offering. I am immensely and eternally grateful for the ways in which you have ex-



emplified Srila Prabhupada's teachings and carried out his legacy. Your words and teachings will always hold a special place in my heart for which I may never be able to express my complete appreciation for. Although I was not fortunate enough to be born a devotee, it is through Lord Krsna's mercy that I have made my journey home into Krsna consciousness. I dream of the day that I complete this journey by being fortunate enough to settle under your divine shelter. I have grown up in Iskcon mesmerised by your love for the Lord and have always looked up-to you as a perfect role model in how to excel in ones sadhana.

"The spiritual master is always engaged in the temple worship of Sri Sri Radha and Krsna. He also engages his disciples in such worship." (Sri Sri Gurvastakam verse 3).

You continue to change my life for the better, as it is through your encouragement, I'm able to immerse myself in devotional service for their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Gopinath, which has ultimately been my saving grace. I pray that the Lord keeps you safe and healthy so that you're able to continue to spread the holy name in every corner of the world.

Thank you for everything dearest Guru Maharaj. Awaiting eagerly for your return to Sydney, Australia.

Your aspiring disciple,
Rohini Kumari
(Sydney)

Roland Martin Macherhammer

Dearest Srila Gurudeva,

Thank you so much for this most wonderful gift of Krsna Bhakti that you have sewn within my heart, even though I have no real appreciation for the value of this most precious gift.

You are my real and eternal father. Please kindly accept me as your wayward son. By your association I have come to understand my actual position. Please allow me to always remember the ecstatic shelter of your lotus feet and that I may somehow or other forever be engaged in the service of your servants.

By following Srila Prabhupada's program I pray to rise to the level where I may serve your desire with a pure heart. Please make me an instrument in your hands so that all the people of the world may become benefitted by the causeless mercy of Lord Sri Nityananda Prabhu. My only sustenance is your mercy, Srila Gurudeva.



Todas las glorias a ti en este día tan auspicioso de tu aparición.

Your aspiring servant,
Roland Martin Macherhammer

Rukmini Devi Dasi

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

My dear spiritual master,
I bow down before you.

Sometimes with a heart flowing with gratitude, and my soul leaping in ecstasy
Sometimes dutifully, and routinely.
Sometimes I know I should bow down but I'm caught in the tendrils of my lower nature
Sometimes I don't want to, and almost every fibre of my being resists it because I feel and
think differently to you
Even so, eventually, I bow down.
Because whatever storm I'm in, you are the eye; the vantage point from where I connect back
to Kṛṣṇa, feel whole and find a path forward.
I trust you more than I trust myself.
Why?
Because your faith is a mountain that I can lean on.
Because your life has been mapped with hard and crazy things but you choose Kṛṣṇa regard-
less, without compromise.
Because your Gaura-flavoured heart never fully shuts the door on anyone.
Because with your bare hands you carve a space for me to exist in devotional service, in a
spiritual movement, in Kṛṣṇa's family.
Because you're gentle and rough, flexible and stubborn, sensitive and a straight-forward
Dutchman and in your storms you're fixed at the eye – guru and Kṛṣṇa.
Because you bow down, I too bow down.
And I trust you more than I trust myself

Your daughter,
Rukmini Devi Dasi



Rupa Goswami Dasa, Gayathri Dh- wani Devi Dasi, Krishna & Keshav

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances.

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

It is with immense pleasure and gratitude, we wish you a Happy Vyasa-puja celebration. It has been strange the last few years with literally less travel possibilities. But I am somehow managing to stay in contact with the Friday Zoom program.

We appreciate the way you are still travelling around to connect with the devotees. Your energy level has always been inspiring for us. There are so many questions which arise in our minds, some of them important and some not. But digital media is something which is not very comfortable to discuss. We hope to meet you somewhere in the world and gain some mercy to have our Krsna consciousness nourished. With a number of changes currently happening in our family, we sincerely hope to get your blessings for a smooth transition.

Your servants,

Rupa Goswami Dasa, Gayathri Dhwani Devi Dasi, Krishna & Keshav

Sachimata Devi Dasi

Dear Kadamba Kanana Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada, Guru and Gauranga.

I just want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your wonderful association.

Ever since my husband and I met you, I can appreciate how lovingly you instruct your disciples, how down to earth, you teach the science of Krsna consciousness to make it understandable and available to everyone.



I have such appreciation to observe the sweet and compassionate way you keep in communication with every one of your disciples. Your disciples should realize what a gemstone of a guru, they have been fortunate to be blessed with. You are a treasure.

I just want to thank you, for being you, for being real, for being accessible, and for spreading the message of Mahaprabhu in your heartfelt kirtans, classes, and in your everyday life. Thank you for all that you do, and thank you for being you.

Your humble servant,
Sachimata Devi Dasi (New Vrindavana)

Sadbhuja Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you. All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

This year brought many changes in my life. Suddenly I'm married and have become a father. But with all the changes there are also consistencies. Even now I don't run a temple anymore you still come to visit and that's a great honour and a blessing for me and my family. We didn't had much contact this year, both our lives are busy ones and through Covid and geography, meeting was not so easy but to make up for it you very often appear in my dreams nowadays. But still I feel your presence and well-wishing in my life.

Having a child definitely gives a lot of realisations and personal development. One realisation I got is, that by birth we deserve to be loved and accepted for who and how we are. It doesn't depend on our qualification. I think it's a good meditation for kids to grow in a healthy way without narcissism which is so percent nowadays where we think, we have to be someone special to be accepted and loved.

At the moment I am not so much involved in Iskcon and quite happy about it. It's nice to meet likeminded devotees and from my perspective that's much more attractive. In the summer I was on tour with the bus and slowly events are happening again. The winter I spent in Thailand organizing weekly kirtans with 50 to 80 participants each time, which made it the biggest spiritual event on the island which is quite full with yoga centres and people. Nice to be out of Germany in the winter. Still I'm happy to help in developing a strategy for Iskcon Germany as I'm asked to do so now. I hope it will not again fail by the different view on things of senior

devotees. In the meantime I realize how important it is to live in community. Especially having a child now makes it all the more relevant. I'm hoping for your blessings to find or create that community where Krsna consciousness is naturally and joyfully performed and people will feel welcome.

Thank you for all your association, now it's on me to make something of it.

Your humble servant,
Sadbhuja Dasa

Sahasra Nama Dasa

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to his divine grace Srila A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. All glories to Guru Parampara.

Happy appearance day, dear Guru Maharaj: may you always remain restless, full of transcendental happiness, diving deep in the pastimes of the Lord and giving mercy to all of us, who are trying to become devotees.

Dear Guru Maharaj, I would like to thank you for the inspiring Zoom lectures, full of nectar, which I always listen as recordings, and no day passes without hearing your voice. Thank you for the knowledge given to us. My English language is still not good, but by your mercy I will learn it, in order to listen to your instructions, lectures and the pastimes of the Lord told by you. Thank you, Maharaj.

Feeling obliged to turn to you and ask you for your blessings for all the devotees in Ukraine: the terrible war is closer to us and I am realizing the words of his divine grace Srila Prabhupada that the world is not a place for gentlemen. By the mercy of guru, we can receive a glimpse of the transcendental world, where wars doesn't exist and the existence is full of eternal, blissful, all-knowing devotional service to the Lord.

Hope to see you soon, to receive your association and to be able to serve you, Guru Maharaj.

Your servant,
Sahasra Nama Dasa



Sailavasini Devi Dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

gaura-kāpāmātam prāpto vraje mājāpure'pi yaù
prabhupāda-priyo lokam pāyaty anivāritam

Hare Kṛṣṇa Gurudeva
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

How can I glorify you Gurudeva? I am so insignificant. But my Gurudeva has accepted me so I become the one whose prayers can be accepted now.

Once I was reading a book and got a quote about a guru. Guru is the person who, not only guide you what is right and what is wrong but he fills so much knowledge in disciple, so disciple should learn to discriminate between right and wrong. Gurudeva is always putting all effort to guide us through his classes and Zoom meetings. Sometimes we are tired so we are not able to attend the Zoom meeting but Gurudeva you never miss any Zoom meeting whether travelling or not well still Gurudeva always meets us through his Zoom meetings. Due to the Covid situation we are not able to visit the holy dham and we miss it a lot. We miss those kirtan visiting dhams and the bus trouble. Yes the problem is nothing when Gurudeva is with us.

I remember Gurudeva told me to come for the yatra as I didn't have a plan. But with your instruction I went for yatra with you dear Gurudeva and our godbrothers and godsisters. Sometimes I think what would have happened if I didn't come for the 2019 yatra, since after that this Covid came and we are not able to visit the holy dham.

Thank you Gurudeva for your instruction. Thank you Gurudeva for everything.
Gurudeva please keep me always in your shelter.
One of your disciple.

Your servant,
Sailavasini Devi Dasi



Sama Darsini Devi Dasi

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

On this most auspicious day, the celebration of your appearance, Sri Vyasa-puja please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Since childhood I had a dream for deity worship. This dream came true when you gave me Brahman initiation last year on auspicious day of Janmashtami. I have begun my service on your behalf at the lotus feet of Sri Radha Madhava.

Very recently I lost my father, but you are my spiritual father who is constantly with me not in this life but life after life. Maharaj it is you who inspires me to advance more in spiritual life.

I humbly beg for your blessings and please forgive all the offences that I commit.

Your servant,

Sama Darsini Devi Dasi (Leicester)

Sanatana Goswami Dasa

Hare Krsna dear 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.

It's hard to believe another year has passed just like that. Now that I am sitting here and reflecting on the past 12 months, it feels so much has happened. But I am here still the same.

Trying hard to control my senses. Trying to be humble. Trying hard to do things favourable to Srila Prabhupada. Trying hard to please you. But still failing every day.

Often when I am chanting early in the morning, I wonder when the day will come when I don't have to worry about material life and I can be in this spiritual mood all day. But then the modes of nature kick in and suddenly I forget everything, get busy with running behind things and then into ignorance. Then this goes on every day.



Sometimes I think, I do chant my prescribed rounds, I read regularly and so on but why am I not progressing in my devotional life? But something you mentioned in a class answered this question, that it is not only enough to chant your round and follow the 4 regulative principles there is another ingredient that is important to progress and that is mercy. So collect mercy.

In your book, Guru & Disciple you mention that it is really important for a disciple to imbibe the mood of the spiritual master. This past year, I have been meditating on this point.

With that in mind, Sneha and I started outreach program about 10 months ago in our local suburb. We promote it as Mantra Meditation, spiritual wisdom & food. We come together do Kirtan, give a small spiritual talk inspired from the scriptures and of course Prashdam. And this has been such a big hit.

Out of the guests that attend we have 8 guests who are every serious about understanding more about Krsna consciousness. We are also so happy to report that we will be starting a Bhagvad-gita study group with these people next month. We can't wait for you to come to Australia soon and meet them and give them your personal association.

Guru Maharaj this year, I saw a very personal side of you which I hadn't known of. I know one of your disciples was struggling with things in general and how you got involved in their life and guided them through the situation. Just like a father would. As Srila Prabhupada used to SA, "Your ever well-wisher." You are the same to all of us Guru Maharaj.

Guru Maharaj, as you have said that the greatest treasure for any disciple are the instructions of the spiritual master. So please shower me with your blessings that I also remember them and live by them.

You recently said that as a spiritual master, it is your duty to go beyond your call of your duty and so truly do this. Despite all the your health issues, you are giving so many lectures, traveling all the time, living in a caravan just so that you can somehow or other spread this movement.

I completely surrender onto you. Guru Maharaj you have the ultimate authority over me and I am your property. You once said now lets us preach and you all need to help me preach. Guru Maharaj I am ready.

Your insignificant servant,
Sanatana Goswami Dasa



Sanatani Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

Yet another year has passed and it's been so long since I have spoken to you.

It's strange because I have been so used to seeing you every year more than one time.

It's been a busy year with the temple in Oslo. The programs, organising festivals and keeping the good relationships with the devotees. As you know I am not one to slow down, and with a fulltime job as a teacher and being a single mum, it does get a bit too much at times. But then I think of you and how my seva hopefully is pleasing you, and that it's all possible because of your mercy. Then I get that extra Shakti to keep going.

This year I also got another god brother in Oslo, and that also keeps me on the right track. Being in association with godfamily reminds me more of you and Kṛṣṇa. I pray to Rādhā Syama that I may see you in Braj this year. Who knows? Only They do.

Thank you for always keeping us in your prayers and remembering us. Thank you for leading by the best example. I hope to serve better and please you in that way.

Your servant,

Sanatani Devi Dasi

Sanjaya Dasa

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

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine



gaura-kāpāmātam prāpto vraje mājāpure'pi yaù
prabhupāda-priyo lokam pāyaty anivāritam

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
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namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

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

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your feet.

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

Reflecting on the matter, over time I become increasingly astonished that I am allowed to call myself your disciple. Simply on good will you have given me first initiation, you have given me second initiation. It is not that we had a strong personal relationship back then. I remember that you appreciated my involvement with book distribution, with preaching activities, living as a brahmachari. That, combined with the request of some senior godbrothers that seemed to be sufficient reason for you to invite me into Srila Prabhupada's family.

Looking back in honesty, I think that I was certainly unqualified to be your disciple at the times of both initiations, and I am certainly unqualified up to the present days. In the Nectar of Devotion, Chapter 7, Srila Prabhupada writes, "Sometimes even at a risk, a sannyasi in the line of Caitanya Mahaprabhu may accept even a person who is not thoroughly fit to become a disciple. Later on, by the mercy of such a bona fide spiritual master, the disciple is gradually elevated."



Thus, the only good reason I can think of for your accepting me as your disciple that is your mercy, your compassion. I heard from one senior devotee, that compassion is the essential qualification of anyone who accepts missionary responsibility or spiritual leadership.

Sri Gauranga and all of His associates and empowered representatives, expanding into the present through the disciplic succession up to Srila Prabhupada and his dedicated followers – all are united in the essential qualification of intense compassion. It was in a spirit of compassion, that Sri Advaita Acarya voluntarily accepted austerity and began crying in desperation that the Supreme Personality of Godhead Krsna please appear to save the misled people of Kali-yuga.

It was in a spirit of compassion, that Sri Haridasa Thakura spontaneously prayed to the same Lord to please forgive and spare those who tried to whip him to death. It was in a spirit of compassion that Sri Nityananda Prabhu, even after being severely hit on the head by Madhai, still emphatically told the aggressor: “That is alright. I don’t mind what you are doing. But I continue to beg you: Please chant Hare Krsna.”

It was in a spirit of compassion that the Supreme Lord Himself, who had become famous in Navadvipa as Nimai Pandit, deliberately left behind his old, unprotected mother and a young wife to take sannyasa for the benefit of the general mass of people, thus accepting the title by which we worship Him: Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

His direct disciples, the Six Gosvamis headed by Sri Rupa and Sri Sanatana, followed that line of compassion, compiling the Vedic reference to prove to the world the exalted nature of pure devotional service to the Supreme Lord, thus urging all people to take up the mercy of Lord Caitanya. In the same line, Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura worked hard to make the people of his time also appreciate the authenticity and purity of Lord Caitanya’s movement and teachings.

It was a spirit of compassion which made his son Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati fight caste Brahmanism, thereby risking his very life to establish that people of any background have the right to engage in the devotional service of the Supreme Lord.

It was a spirit of compassion which carried Srila Prabhupada around the world fourteen times within only ten years, introducing the teachings and practices of Lord Caitanya’s movement amongst all the people of the world. Since then his disciples and their respective followers continue that work.

Some time ago, somehow I was blessed to serve you a little personally. Many times when I came to your room, you were sitting with your phone, communicating with so many disciples



and other devotees who depend on you as they aspire to increase their devotional service and Krsna consciousness, or simply try to face properly their individual challenges of life. I remember how you sometimes expressed your own attitude, that “Srila Prabhupada took so much headache for the sankirtana movement. So let us also accept some headache for Srila Prabhupada’s movement.”

In the past, you went so far with that mood that you voluntarily accepted the post of the temple president in Vrindavana, being aware that you were risking your life. Personally, I witnessed how you accepted the associating of bigger crowds of devotees even during the time of the corona virus. Thus, you became infected with that virus, and it almost took your body away from us. To protect yourself, at that time you stayed alone in your room, but once I was allowed to talk with you from outside the window. It was my impression then that your whole appearance in that interaction was effulgent with gravity, peacefulness, gentleness and Krsna consciousness.

Even though you have a body which is getting old, you are strict in your habits of eating and sleeping, befitting the spirit of a renunciate, and as far as I understood you never use warm water when taking bath in the morning. Since it was a time of locked down traveling capacity, I could not personally witness so much your most obvious austerity which is your extensive traveling. Once you told me with enthusiasm how you would travel from, let’s say India to Europe, from Europe to the Ratha Yatra in South America, then back to one country in Europe for, I think you said Govardhana Puja, and all within a few days or weeks, zigzagging all over like that, looking for opportunities to give mercy.

My impression is that giving mercy is expressed a lot by you in personal interactions. Srila Prabhupada is glorified in his pranama mantra for fighting down our impersonalism, and you certainly represent that quality of his. Recently you visited our temple, and we went out for a walk. There were some horses on a field next to the path, and somehow you decided to express playfulness, and you actually entered a relationship with that living being in the body of a horse, and made one of those horses to dance very enthusiastically for all of us. We were all enjoying this pleasant interaction, laughing heavily, holding our bellies.

During the time when I stayed with you, I got a clue how you are very conscious and appreciative for anything that disciples or other people offer to you as gifts, and you will keep those things for some time, remembering the persons who gave to you, and wishing well for them. In personal interactions with those who seek your shelter, I observed, and many have confirmed this impression of mine, that you will spontaneously speak such words which are the precise answer to whatever is on people’s minds.

One god brother told me that before he comes to listen to your class, he will make a list with

the questions he would like to put before you. And as the class goes on, he will notice how all questions are answered, one after another. It was also noticed by several devotees around me, that whenever someone actually puts a question before you, you will respond precisely to the person's specific background and situation. Thus the essence of your spiritual leadership is not stereotyped theory, but you're living in the transcendental realization of spirit, which is dynamic and exciting and juicy, and something practical for everyone.

Personally, certainly I got so much mercy from you. In your presence, I would repeatedly experience how Krsna and His whole dimension of peace and clarity and lightness and happiness of heart are very real, substantial, something that I am separated from by only a very thin veil. In your presence, one will easily gain conviction that the cowherd boy Krsna is standing right before us with a big turban on His head, and He is longing with extreme eagerness for us to become conscious and active in our individual devotional relationships with Him.

It is my impression that you have taken a heavy vow to be very personal and kind and loving towards all individuals whom you meet. It is my impression that you will take any austerity, hardship or headache to fulfil that vow of yours. My impression is that this is how you carry to us the compassion which has driven Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and all His stalwart associates and followers.

Thinking about the time we spend together, I think of how you have tolerated me so much, and how you have all the time tolerated so many people who approached you for whatever reasons. From your example the truth is vividly revealed how the basis of all true relationships is to take this vow: "No matter what you do to me, I will tolerate you, and I will be kind to you, and I will make you indebted to me, so that you give me your heart, and as soon as you give me your heart, then I will put Krsna in there."

Dear Maharaj, I feel as if this path of kind loving appreciation which you show up to the people of this world, that is the path leading to Vrindavana. The nature of a path is that we have to take the austerity of walking on it with faith and determination, to reach our ultimate destination. Vrindavana though is not the path, it is the unlimitedly flourishing abode of the same kindness and love. When we have reached this abode, which is Godhead, and which is our home, the same quality of loving appreciation which sometimes seems to be so austere on the path, at home that quality of loving exchanges will be so natural and unobstructed and easily expressed in the auspicious association of Krsna and His associates.

Reflecting like this about what you reveal to us, I am given a chance to realize how this path of kindness will bring me to Vrindavana, and thus I am given a chance to walk on this path with conviction and integrity, no matter how difficult it may sometimes be.



I think that all the impressions which I was allowed to gather over time in serving either your body or your instructions, they remain very much on the surface of what one will gain if one serves you with true faith and self-sacrifice. It is my great misfortune that I have many bad habits and misconceptions and a resultant lack of capacity to appreciate fully the mercy which you carry forward.

I am begging at your feet, and I am begging at the feet of any reader of my words, that all of you bless me, so that I can soon become a good devotee, a good disciple. Then, by your compassion, I will soon walk the path of kind loving appreciation towards all living entities with great conviction and determination, so that I will actually reach the destination of this path, which is home, Godhead, Vrindavana.

Most insignificant,
Sanjaya Dasa

Sankirtan-priya Dasa

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Hare Kṛṣṇa dear Guru Maharaj,

Our chance meeting at a mentorship retreat in Wales, UK, in 2016, began a wonderful journey



for me having met you, and that I feel very fortunate to have made a very special connection with you dear Gurudeva. At that time, I felt a little remorseful also, as I had already taken shelter just three months prior; but then I consoled myself by saying that I pray that I'm able to have your association at least as my siksha guru. But, as they say, "Krsna has His plan," And so last year (Dec 2021) you gave me Brahmin initiation, and I feel that I have been reunited and reconnected with Srila Prabhupada's mission all over again. Losing a spiritual master, I felt lost initially and had concerns over my many god brothers and god sisters, but also knew that we have a wonderful philosophy which guides us to connect with the vani also and not just the vapu.

So, here I'm writing your Vyasa-puja offering for the first time, which is another privilege that I do not take lightly. I am very grateful for this opportunity to write this offering and glorify you, dear Maharaj. By your interaction with me during the very first meeting, and subsequently, had me hooked on your kirtans, classes, personality and your personal connection with everyone. You give so much time and personal care to each and every disciple, that I feel immense love from the entire god family. My last visit at Goloka Dham and Radhadesh in 2021, reinforced this fact as I came across many more of your disciples who have imbibed your mood in service as well as preaching capabilities.

You are truly one of the great power houses in the family of Śrila Prabhupada, much like his holiness Bhakti Caru Swami, and I feel doubly blessed to have you both as my spiritual masters, as well as his holiness Jayadvaita Swami. Yes, it is true, that I am such a wretched and fallen soul that it takes four pure devotees to take me out of this conditioned state in the material world. So Gurudeva, please guide me by giving me instructions and service opportunities for you so that I can serve you, this wonderful world of Iskcon and Lord Caitanya's mission.

I will end with showing my immense gratitude to you for giving this fool shelter and showing me so much mercy which I can't repay even after millions of lifetimes. So, please consider me as your worthy disciple and bless me that I am able to serve you in your mission.

Your truly fallen and aspiring servant
Sankirtan-priya Dasa
(Bhaktivedanta Manor, United Kingdom)





The Nature of Kṛṣṇa-Unlimited!

Who can understand Kṛṣṇa? Who can understand that there is a personality behind all these unlimited energies? He is guṇārṇava, an ocean of qualities. Who can understand that there is not only one universe, but that there are innumerable universes, brahmāṇḍa-prakāśa, and that all these universes are emanating from the Supreme Lord? Who can understand that Kṛṣṇa has unlimited qualities? Although He is a person, He is by no means limited, but rather His qualities have no end.

The devotee spends eternity in exploring these qualities of Kṛṣṇa, discovering them and becoming enlivened by them. All Kṛṣṇa's qualities are wonderful and bring so much inspiration! Wonderful Kṛṣṇa! Kṛṣṇa is not dry, not boring. He is not working. There are unlimited energies emanating from Kṛṣṇa, but Kṛṣṇa has no work to perform. *natasya kāryaṁ karaṇaṁ ca vidyate*. Kṛṣṇa is the Supreme Controller, but Kṛṣṇa does not need to push buttons or pull strings to control things. Things are simply going on by His desire and He Himself is engaged in unlimited blissful pleasure pastimes.





Sarahamsi Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

You are never ending spreading mercy of Lords Caitanya and Nityananda are extraordinary. I am grateful that you know the right way to speak with people so they can do the right step in their life. Thank you for your lectures, kirtans and personal speaking, it's very important and helpful for us. We are so fallen, so easily forgetful and so weak.

I thank to Krsna that you exist, I thank Jayadvaita Maharaj and Srila Prabhupada that we can have your association. I thank you dear Gurudeva that you are giving us everything. We just need to understand it and by your mercy we can go back home.

We love you and thank you very much for everything, Hare Krsna.

Your unqualified servant,

Sarahamsi Devi Dasi

Saranagati Devi Dasi

Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

In the purports of Srimad Bhagavatam, Canto 1, chapter 7 verse 22, it is said that, "The spiritual master is the mercy representative of the Lord." This is true in every aspect, it is exclusively due to your mercy that I am here today. Your insightful and humorous discourses, along with your ecstatic kirtans, keep me motivated on this path of Krsna consciousness.

I am the happiest person because I have stumbled upon you, Maharaj.

Your servant,

Saranagati Devi Dasi



Satish

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

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

Hare Kṛṣṇa Guru Maharaj,

First of all I want to thank you for your nice lectures with so much depth and instinctive spiritual knowledge. In these couple of years of crisis times you have really showed us by example the way how to deal with everything. We are very grateful and appreciating that. You showed us in a creative and innovative way how to continue our devotional service so that service does not suffers due to the crisis.

We really liked you're travel in Europe, Italy, Malaga, Spain, France and so on. We are still in this situation of crisis hopefully governments will ease up and open up everything again. Especially on the weekly Zooms meeting you gave much tips and advices that were really helpful for us to get through it all. Just like a well-wisher supposed to you did that and so much more. Sometimes putting aside you're own things and caught up with everything that is going on duty and obligations and responsibilities towards us and everything that connects with that.

It's not easy dear Guru Maharaj. I can imagine often you give little expressions and I understand a little of what you must be feeling. Or what is going through you. Or what kind of pressure is on you. Because it's not easy what you do. How you do it and the way you present it all really takes a high level of commitment, effort love and willpower. Just like you said nicely in one lecture, "If you do something you love," forgive my shortcomings here Guru Maharaj I forgot what topic it was related to but you get my point.

In one weekly meeting or lecture you spoke of one of our great Acharya's Haridasa Thakur and about him chanting three laks a day, 300.000 thousands names a day, and they are 192 rounds which will take us one and a half day time to chant. So amazing expression of you that I could understand that you chanted this one time otherwise how would you know?

Forgive me Guru Maharaj if I'm overstepping my boundary by making you humbly blush. In my eyes dear Guru Maharaj you are a real hero. In my eyes you are a real superhero. Like you



said if we try that to chant 192 rounds in one day and night we would be in a hospital and we would get very sick.

That is just our shortcomings in this age of Kali and you also mentioned that are no real Brahmins in this Kali-yuga. I understand what you mean by that, not offending god brothers and god sisters who sincerely practicing Brahmin life because we are residents of Kali-yuga. After all you explained that very nicely.

Seeing in this way the shortcomings of myself dear Guru Maharaj you are really opening my eyes.

Dear Guru Maharaj with eyes of knowledge and spiritual understanding you are opening my eyes little by little and letting me see slowly very clearly (om ajñāna-timirāndhasya). I really appreciate that. I really got a long way to go if I'm honest towards you and myself! Just like you often point out it's a gradual adjustment in your life – it's a gradual process. I especially love the example you gave in the lecture on our way towards Kṛṣṇa. I know often it is said in lectures of Srīla Prabhupada that we can go back home to godhead, which is possible if we want. And often pointed out by you that we should try to do it in this lifetime.

It's not doubt but maybe realistic when I say that for me it will take more lifetimes looking from the point of view where I am now, and my age maybe. When I think of how many years I got left to serve trying to do something for the mission of Caitanya Mahāprabhu. I know I'm in good hands with you dear Gurudeva and what we are learning from you. You gave a lecture that we cannot just do anything then we have no spiritual strength and we are lost without the mercy and spiritual potency of Srīla Prabhupada and the previous ācāryas and parampara. It's due to the spiritual potency of Srīla Prabhupada alone that he brought 64 rounds down to 16 rounds because of his mercy like you taught us.

Dear Guru Maharaj, so I think I have to come back a few times more or maybe a hundred to earn the qualification to go back home to Godhead. Like you nicely say cent percent you know. You really have made me think in a refreshing kind of way and you nicely put it like you do so well. That Kṛṣṇa doesn't take us serious that we take our self very serious. So yes you know what I mean - you get my point.

Not taking anything from you dear Gurudeva. And that is you're taking us back to the spiritual world.

Please give me some blessings and if possible, some mercy to this simple soul.

Thank you Gurudeva.

Your servant,

Satish



Sattvatanu Dasa

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nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

My dearest spiritual master,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

Another year of bliss has come in the form of your most glorious appearance in this material world. Even though this place is filled with misery, you very mercifully appeared for us to take shelter at your lotus feet. Through your love and compassion, this place of suffering has been transformed, for you have made the Lord your dwelling place. My only prayer is to constantly remain at the dust of your lotus feet. Your lotus feet is my shelter, the very place I am most protected.

Guru Maharaj, in one of your lectures you mentioned, "Somehow or other, we have received mercy and because of that mercy, we are able to be here in some role. And the roles we play simply depends on whatever the vaishnavas have bestowed upon us. Because, that is the nature of spiritual life. Spiritual life is a gift. It is a gift of the vaishnavas and a gift of the pure devotees of the Lord"

Thank you for awarding me with many gifts, the gift of being formally accepted into the Parampara. The gift in the form of the loving association of my god brothers and sisters. The gift of being able to serve the Deities at the New Jagannath Puri Temple. Even though I may be very uneducated, unqualified, and conditioned, it is only through your faith in me that I am able to try and offer some service and play some role in this most magnificent Iskcon.

I am nothing without you and your mercy.



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 Krishna. Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancement. Therefore, I should always remember and praise the spiritual master. At least three times a day I should offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master.” (Gurvastakam, verse 8)

Praying to always be a recipient of your mercy.
Your insignificant servant,
Sattvatanu Dasa

Saumya Devi Dasi

My dear Guru Maharaj,

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

After 2, 5 decades of trying to be a worthy devotee of Lord Krsna, my realization is that you are mercy personified. It is by your blessings only that I was able to make spiritual advancement, which was not possible before you came into my life. I thank you from my heart and soul for the mercy you have bestowed upon me in this life and the past lifetimes, when you have guided and blessed me on my transcendental pathway to Lord Krsna. I am eternally grateful to you Maharaj.

Your servant,
Saumya Devi Dasi



Savita Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisance on this glorious day of your Vyasa-puja.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for accepting me as your disciple. When I look back at my life before Krsna consciousness, I realize that I am truly fortunate to have you as my spiritual father accepting me with all my flaws and past deeds. Despite being on another continent, you still reach out to us and are always there to support and guide us all. Our family time on Fridays are intimate and super special.

Thank you for genuinely caring and for all the jewels that you impart to us. Somethings in life are truly priceless and you are one of them for me. I never want to let you down Guru Maharaj. Wishing you a blessed Vyasa-puja. May our Lordships Sri Sri Radha Radhanath keep you in the best of health and engaged in helping many more fallen souls taste the nectar of Krsna consciousness.

Your humble servant,
Savita Devi Dasi

Sesa Dasa

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

Whilst hearing the Śrī Ṣaḍ-gosvāmy-aṣṭaka a reel of reminiscing memories with you Maharaj swirled around the walls of my mind.

kr̥ṣṇotkīrtana-gāna-nartana-parau premāmṛtāmbho-nidhī

(Srimad-Bhagavatam 6.3.1–11)

I remember several times when your schedule was extremely busy, you'd land in South Af-



rica and then go straight to a kirtan program. You recorded ‘Metamorphosis,’ on one side of London, a whole day of recording and then jumped into a car and drove to the Bhaktivedanta Manor for a whole evening, leading us in ecstatic kirtan. O’ Maharaj, you are an ocean of love for the holy names of Kṛṣṇa. Just as heat removes fog, when you sing and spread the maha mantra you clear the usual difficulties I face in chanting and give everyone a glimpse of pure ecstasy.

dhīrādhīra-jana-priyau priya-karau nirmatsarau pūjītau,

(Srimad-Bhagavatam 6.3.1–11)

You have met celebrities, been on television programs, and radio stations in a variety of different countries, all to spread the glories of this gaudiya-vaisnava movement to the masses. And I’ve also seen you walk down London streets and New York parks, where you met and spoke to anyone and everyone - one to one. O Maharaj, you are a well-wisher to all; the aristocrats, the scholars, the gentle and the ruffians. You so expertly relate to other’s situations, uplifting them in unbelievable ways by weaving in transcendental knowledge and experiences.

śrī-caitanya-kṛpā-bharau bhuvi bhuvo bhārāvahantārakau

(Srimad-Bhagavatam 6.3.1–11)

Maharaj, you endlessly spread this most glorious mission of Mahāprabhu all over this planet, and inspire pujaris, preachers, cooks, kirtaniers, the youth, the elderly and many more to further their services for this mission. And in doing so you bring us closer to Kṛṣṇa and kindly dispel so many burdens within our hearts.

After the reel of memories due to hearing this bhajan ended, I was back in a room and thought to myself, “O’ how fortunate am I to have such a magnanimous spiritual master, and simultaneously how unfortunate am I to not have much ability to please and serve you.” Thank you for your unconditional love, your kind mercy and exemplary guidance.

Attempting to become of some use to you,

Sesa Dasa



Silpakarini Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dearest Maharaj,

All glories to you dear Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to the Panca-tattva and the devotees,

I hope you are well. It's been a while since I've heard any news of you. I'm anticipating your association through making more effort with our god brothers and sisters, however it hasn't been easy with my living arrangements outside of the temple. Although I'm working on it dear Maharaj.

The pandemic has constricted us in so many ways, as the temple only allows a certain amount of people at a time and the last time I went to the Radha Gopinath Mandir, I was asked to leave by one of the brahmacharis. I have not been back since. It was a painful ordeal being kicked out of the temple as I don't recall doing anything out of line. Temple life seems so alien to me now, apart from temple life at home and we all know how the standard is prone to slip.

Still I'm forever grateful that I have access to Krsna's bhoga every day and I can still pluck flowers that grow in the garden to offer Radhe Shyam and Jaganath and Srila Prabhupada. And of course I don't forget you Maharaj. I have to remember my forefathers, I've been forgetting them of late.

I've also found some pretty amazing incense from the corner shop and my cooking for the deities is improving somewhat. Hehe, don't worry Maharaj, I'm working on that one too.

I hope your preaching programs are in full force. I so miss attending your classes in person with the devotees and especially your blessed kirtans. I really miss getting lost in them. They are so uplifting.

I am attending your Zoom classes when I can and as we all know time can be a constricting issue at the best of times. Still suffice to say I'm so fortunate to be alive and surrounded by Srila Prabhupada books. My parents both contracted the virus and I'm the only one that hasn't. Or maybe I have. In any case I'm alive, well and endlessly counting the blessings.

Look forward to seeing you in real life dear Guru Maharaj. Krsna willing.

Your devoted disciple,
Silpakarini Devi Dasi



Sneha Bhakti Dasi

Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories unto the dust of your lotus feet,

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

About five years ago, you said in a talk that, you are sitting here but you are also somewhere else. Yes, you are connected to some other world, the world where everything is transcendental. The world that gives you empowerment. The world that gives you instructions and above all the world that gives you lots of love. And it is you who are opening the windows of that world and making it accessible to all of us. Through you, I have started to build a connection with Krsna, with Srila Prabhupada, with the holy name. Through you I have started understanding we are a part of the transcendental movement.

About three years ago in Vrindavan you said, “That if the situation arises, you will come visit us in jail.” And it is true that you always visit us when we are struggling in this so-called material jail. Every Friday you visit our home Zoom, sometimes you come online doing kirtans, by responding to all our messages, sometimes you visit us personally, and sometimes to make it super special you come in our dreams. My last dream of you was yesterday, where I had to cook prasadam for Jayadvaita Maharaj. So, I messaged you what he likes to eat? You are visiting me in this jail all the time. Thank you for taking your time out and doing so many things for so many of us always with a smile.

Last year you mentioned that a spiritual master is always looking over your shoulder, and that meditation is so powerful. It helps us to behave better, respond better and most importantly chant better. Santana and I in our response to a difficult situation is “What would Gurudeva like us to do?” And the answers always come. You are truly watching over our shoulder, always.

On your special day, I pray, I beg that please don’t ever love me less even when the enemies within are taking over. I am trying to become a good daughter and a good servant of yours who can contribute to this mission of Srila Prabhupada. As you once said, when we go up there, Krsna will be standing at the door asking, “What have you done in your life and why should I let you enter this spiritual world?” It is that day, I would like to say that, “I am daugh-



ter of Kadamba Kanana Swami, granddaughter of Srila Prabhupada, and I am a little dwarf helper who is only trying to serve.” Gurudeva, I humbly volunteer to be your instrument, because you are one of Srila Prabhupada’s greatest instruments. Please help me, guide me, chastise me so I can do my little bit to the fullest in fulfilling your desires.

Lastly, I pray to Srila Prabhupada and Mahaprabhu to always keep you in good health and give you even more energy.

I rest myself at your mercy.

I surrender unto your lotus feet, I completely do.

Sneha Bhakti Dasi

Sruti Rupa Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

Years are passing by like water in a river. Conditioned living beings are enjoying tide although the river is murky. It's a mere hope which is ever-nourished by attachment to worldly pleasure that is giving a purpose for carrying on in their mission. I'm one of that shoals, but there's someone very very special in a life of tiny, slow fish.

It's you, a pure devotee of Krishna, who is very different from fish in a river. How can we compare light and darkness? We see that pure devotees act as if once upon a time they had been a part of some shoal, but they have always been out of the water and giving fish a different life, different perspective, different future because they are connected with Absolute Truth - Krishna.

My dear Guru Maharaja, you are the kindest amongst the kind and religions called you merciful what's more technical term and it means you are giving a spiritual wealth to anybody without discrimination.

Jesus has heard of sheep, but I'm more like a fish for a person of such a calibre as you. Fish is very small, insignificant, almost lost in a swarm of water. Sometimes we see fish going up when they don't get enough oxygen. You know fish are really suffocating, they are not meant to stay in such conditions as they are now.



And now, you're kindly dedicating all your time to helping fish get out of water confinement. You know there's a real-life outside of the ocean of material nescience and although I'm permeated by desires of sense enjoyment your ever-opened spiritual heart gives chance to follow in your footsteps by accepting me as a disciple.

Your Vyasa puja is a celebration of your love for Krishna, your character, your knowledge which is applied and which transformed many inside out. You don't like to listen to glories of yourself, but it's my duty and privilege to show gratitude and attachment. There's no way to repay what a spiritual master does for a disciple so please allow me to express my deep gratitude for stepping into my life.

Life is sometimes a messy puzzle or a quest but a loving father navigate a child and the child puts it together piece by piece. That's how we put our life together and we try to offer it to you.

I'm so happy you encapsulated the teaching of bhakti to a very unique form - it almost seems like fun to fight our battles because you always speak about Lord Caitanya, Krishna and various personalities because you know them and make them part of our life too.

I'm praying I'll become of any use to you. Wishing you the best of health and safe travels.

Your servant and daughter,
Sruti rupa devi dasi

Sudama Dasa, Rupa Manjari Devi

Dasi & family

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,
Dandavat Pranam, All glories to Srila Prabhupada

On this very special day we would like to seek your blessings and express our sincere gratitude for everything you have unconditionally gave to us. It's only due to your continuous empowerment upon us we are able to stick on in practising devotion. We could see that through you we are able to render all possible services to Divine couple Sri Radha Girivaradhari Ji, Patitana Sri Jagannatha Baladeva Subhadra Maharani, Sri Vijaya Gauranga Doyala Nitai and to all vaishnavas. Thank you for filling our empty tanks with spiritual strength, enthusiasm and necessary dedication to serve Srila Prabhupada and his mission.



Only with your blessings we can continue with hosting webinars, seminars on the topics of Sri Ramayana, Srimad Bhagavad-gita, Srimad Bhagavatam and some festival centric subject. It's inconceivable to estimate limits of mercy you shower upon us. We always felt that you are next to us and personally holding our hands and engaging in various services. The time you give us when we visit you is invaluable during which you give us a vision to endeavour for. I even feel that why is Guru Maharaj having such a great expectation from us who are poor, immature, unfit & unqualified in all means? Are we not cheating Guru Maharaj with giving false hopes? But then I see this as your mercy, in the form of inspiring us, in the form of directing us how to practise Krsna consciousness and advance successfully in devotional journey.

Only with your blessings we came across some enthusiastic devotees who are eager to take up Krsna consciousness seriously and aspiring to become your disciples very soon. Thank you for your guidance.

Under your pure care and guidance Sri Vibhu and Sri Vibhav Krsna are eager to learn kirtans, bhajans, vaishnava philosophy and feel attracted to devotional life. They are getting service opportunities to sing kirtans in temples and hence feel blessed. Thank you for your blessings.

In devotional life when we are quite new
 About the purpose of life very little we knew
 While not knowing what to do time quickly flew
 When we are running all over without any clue
 There we came across divine grace through you
 Life changed altogether after joining your crew
 Your kirtans, discourses, personal association to mention a few
 Changed our lives and devotional creeper grew
 Beg for your mercy to come a long way through
 Longing for the day to see the Supreme person in bluish hue.

Kindly engage us in your service ignoring our shortfalls, mistakes, offenses considering us your most fallen disciples.

Your servants,
 Sudama Dasa, Rupa Manjari Devi Dasi,
 Sri Vibhu & Sri Vibhav Krsna



Sujani Devi Dasi

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

During your last visit in Czech Republic, I realized how much we really depend on the grace of the guru and that he is the one who connects us to Krsna. I often feel alone and lost in my life. When I felt so eight years ago, I even left the association of devotees for some time. You inspired me back then, and when I left, I had dreams of missing phone calls from you. I was convinced that I had missed my chance and that my door was already closed. But Krsna often leads us unexpectedly, so I returned, together with my little son. Single mother in the vaishnava world. But you accepted me and gave me initiation. So much grace. My life has changed incredibly in the last two years. Nevertheless, it happens to me that I feel lost, as if I don't belong anywhere. I don't know what will happen in many ways. But when I stood a short distance from you during the program on our farm, I was sure of one thing - that I belong to you. And I have this feeling deep in my heart. Thank you for everything, dear Guru Maharaj, words cannot express the gratitude I feel. I am your debtor, and hopefully someday I will be able to please you with my service.

Your servant,
Sujani Devi Dasi

Sukadev Dasa & Satarupa Devi Dasi

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

Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada

Maharaj on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja we pray to Krsna for your good health and



we hope to see you very soon. It's been a long time since we got your association and darshan.

I listen to your lectures and kirtans daily. Dear Guru Maharaj by your mercy we are serving and doing our devotional chanting, reading and remember Krsna and you as well every minute. Thank you Guru Maharaj.

Your servant,
Sukadev Dasa & Satarupa Devi Dasi
(Mauritius)

Sukhayanti Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

This year, while considering what to write in my offering, the thing that stood out the most in my mind was mercy. This topic has always been a recurring theme that you emphasize over and over again. If you keep repeating it, it must mean a lot to you. I think it took me a lot of years to realize what a mercy case I actually am. When I joined, I was this wonder girl that was rescued from a rainbow festival and joined the temple immediately. Living in the temple as a brahmacharini, quickly getting initiated, distributing books, and giving lectures, all made me feel pretty special and definitely not a mercy case. And so the years went on and life circumstances changed but even with a lot of knocks and punches I still felt far from a mercy case. After all, I took up the process, I was keeping steady and was seriously practicing and even though I slipped and fell from time to time, I always got back up on my feet and kept going. So I was feeling safe in my Krsna consciousness and I was also completely ignorant.

It is a wonder how long it takes for someone as dull headed as me to finally get the clue. But after many years I can say with pride, now I can see it, finally I have realized that when you are speaking about the need for mercy, you are speaking about me.

I am made out of mercy. The only good qualities that I might have developed while practicing Krsna consciousness is simply due to mercy. The fact that I am still somehow here, is mercy.



The fact that I can do anything at all, even the fact that I can get up in the morning and chant my rounds, is mercy. I am nothing special, I make tons of mistakes, I am far from being a devotee and yet, somehow, I am allowed to remain in this process, to live in a devotee community, to serve. This is all nothing but mercy. I don't deserve it. Krsna knows all my shortcomings, all the offences I created, all my bad qualities. If there was ever a screening process to being a devotee I would be disqualified, immediately. It is simply all nothing more but mercy.

And who is the main person distributing this mercy? Some might say Lord Caitanya or Lord Nityananda and although they are right, they are not 100% right because for me that main person is you. I know when you read my emails. I know when you hear my distress because immediately my life becomes full of inspiration and light and answers. Even though you might not answer my email, even though I have no physical proof you even read my email, I know you did because I can feel the flood of mercy rushing over me, picking me up and putting me back on my feet again. It is you, it is your prayer, your meditation, your sacrifice that saves me, every single time. You are my master, my saviour and I am your mercy case.

Please always shine your mercy upon me and bless me to always remain engaged in Krsna's service and never leave His lotus feet. I am eternally indebted to you and you are forever my rescuer, my shelter.

Your servant,
Sukhayanti Devi Dasi

Sulaksana Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear spiritual master,

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

Two years of the madness of restrictions have passed and we all started to look forward and get ready to more frequent meetings with devotees and you, dear Guru Maharaj. I firmly believe that no 'hopeless' madness of the material world touches our hearts or devotional service. But on the contrary it will more and more strengthen it. And many of us will find great strength and determination to firmly hold their guru and the whole parampara as well and hope in Krsna's mercy and protection. I am very grateful to you dear Kadamba Kanana Swa-



mi that you have accepted me under your fatherly wing and I found great support under them. I am not able to describe it better because the words can damage the impression. I am thinking of you and all the devotees.

Thank you

Sulaksana Devi Dasi

Sumandira Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

All glories to you Srila Gurudeva,

All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Wishing you a Very happy Birthday Gurudeva. Maharaj, I am not even qualified enough to glorify you but on this auspicious day, I want to say thank you for your shelter on me and my family.

With your blessings I visited India in December, met my family and did book distribution for Prabhupada Marathon.

I started my Bhakti-sastri course in Sydney and I'm very excited about it. Bless me Maharaj, so that I get more close to Krsna and get to know Krsna more in the association of devotees and in bhakti sangas. I remember Maharaj you always say just a one glimpse of a devotee gives mercy to

others. So with your blessings I tried to be in the association of devotees. In Sydney, we all eagerly waiting for your personal darshan Maharaj can't wait to serve your lotus feet.

I pray to Krsna and Srila Prabhupada for your better health and well-being. And if Krsna willing will have your personal darshan soon.

Your insignificant servant,

Sumandira Devi Dasi



Surabhu Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories Jayadvaita Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja I want to use the opportunity to express my gratitude to you. As an excellent teacher you live an ideal life, to push forward the mission of Srila Prabhupada. You are enlightening the fallen souls by giving the wisdom and showing them a path out of the darkness.

I am eternally indebted and I don't know how I could repay what I have received from you. Thank you Guru Maharaj for your never ending kindness and inspiration.

Your humble servant,
Surabhu Devi Dasi

Sutapa Dasa

Dear Maharaj,

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

In a recent gathering with preachers we were discussing what inspires devotees to increase their commitment. Quickly, we began drawing on a shining example of this: the beautiful relationship between Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur and our Srila Prabhupada.

"Invest in them and offer quality time" one devotee said, reflecting on how Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati confidentially revealed his heart to Abhay on the banks of Radha Kund. "Reveal a vision and set a specific goal," Someone else said, drawing on the Thakur's prophetic and pointed command to preach Bhagavata-dharma all over the world. One devotee mentioned, "The leaders own deep level of commitment." Explaining how Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati was himself willing to risk his life for missionary conquests and could therefore instill that in others. "Acknowledgment and encouragement is important," One preacher said, remembering

how Abhay's spiritual master deeply appreciated his disciple's hunger to listen and expertise in writing. How wonderfully Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati ignited the unrestricted commitment of Srila Prabhupada. Conquered by the spiritual master, he was ready to anything.

The discussion helped me appreciate how expertly you have inspired commitment within even unwilling souls like myself. You've guided, challenged, cared, encouraged, corrected and crafted a way bigger vision for our lives then we could have ever conceived of. Your grace has launched us into the electrifying movement of Caitanyadeva, the pastimes of the Lord going on even today.

What can I do to further your vision, how much deeper can I take my commitment, when will I offer you something that will really make you smile. These are the questions on my mind. It may resemble drawing blood from a stone, but thank you for awakening some commitment within this struggling jiva, overlooking my hesitation and resistance. I pray and hope to somehow reciprocate with your tireless efforts and incredible investments. Words fall short, it's time to make a bigger sacrifice.

Thank you for believing in me.

Your servant,
Sutapa Dasa

Szilvia Bukta-Mako

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

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

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja celebration, I offer my humble dandavat to the dust of your lotus feet. Maharaj, with the tuning fork of your prayers, you adjust your heart to the unshakeable and eternal values and instructions of your beloved spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada.

Then, when you are tuned, you open your eyes and speak. I have seen you move thousands of people to laughter as well as to tears. You respond to the most cutting questions and challenges with grace. You transform hearts. You transform mine. Praying that I may follow your exam-



ple. Praying that I may tune in to your and Srila Prabhupada's values and instructions. Praying that I could be your humble instrument and serve with you eternally.

Similarly, we devotees of Krsna and your disciples are all different instruments. But if we can tune in to each other - even if it is a long or painful process - we can create something so much more powerful than we could ever create on our own. We can create a symphony of love and compassion for Krsna and for the world. This is our highest destiny.

Thank you for being in my life and not giving up on me dear Gurudeva. Thank you for showing by example how to tune in and be a part of this divine symphony.

We are all eternally indebted to you and dedicated to pleasing and serving you.

A beggar at your merciful lotus feet,
Szilvia Bukta-Mako

Tandavini Devi Dasi

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my respectful obeisances and dandvat pranaams at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to your loving divine grace. All glories to Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj. All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Every time I recite the prayer:

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

I feel that I do not have any good quality or capability in me. Whatever little I have learnt or got, it is all but of your kind mercy.

I am actually a witless person because even after completing my so-called degree and having some work experience, I was not able to frame a single sentence in any language I had learnt. But now by your mercy, you have given me the capability to speak through your words and hold the attention of people while delivering Bhagavad-gita classes.



Gurudeva, your conviction in the words of Srila Prabhupada and your strong faith in the teachings of Bhagavad-gita, Srimad Bhagvatam, and the holy name of Krsna are all obviously revealed in your lectures and teachings. You never cease to amaze me. You are my favourite personality in life. I am simply trying to imbibe your teachings, although difficult for a fallen soul like me, with your mercy, I feel there is some hope for me.

Srila Gurudeva, I want to thank you for your amazing books, kirtans, and enlightening and enlivening lectures. I want to thank you for bestowing mercy upon us to serve you. When you called me to guide me on translating your books in Hindi, I was so grateful for that phone call. It's the longest conversation and the most cherished one I had with you. I used to dance after getting your reply to my messages but imagine my joy when you called me and I was in the basement of my building. Although it was purely guidance on the work-related, I was awe-struck by your depth of kindness, on how you thanked us for translating your books and you patiently guided us on the process. You are the kindest soul I have ever met. You ask your disciples also to imbibe the same quality as you actually live by this quality.

I have no reason to demand your mercy as I have not done anything which would please you. But I am hoping on it as my only hope. Thank you my dear Guru Maharaj. Srila Guru-Maharaj Vyasa-puja mahotsav ki jaya.

Your insignificant daughter,
Tandavini Devi Dasi

Tanumadhya

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

For materialists there are no constant in this world except change. For devotees we too see the constant change, but we are fortunate to also have access to a constant flow of mercy. The mercy can come from Krsna directly. When we offer everything to Krsna, He eats the food, but leaves the remnants for us to partake in. These remnants are known as prasadam, which is the lord's mercy. Prasadam is thus considered very sacred and gives an immense benefit to anyone who partakes of it. To double this flow of mercy in our lives, we must share prasadam with the world.



It is also explained that mercy comes from vaishnavas. When the vaishnava pleads to Krsna on our behalf, Krsna responds and kindly accepts us. Krsna's mercy descends only through the vaishnavas. This is also a constant in our lives. We know you are pleading to Krsna on our behalf, and Krsna kindly responds.

In a recent class you explained how we can attract the mercy we so desperately need. You said that we must please the devotees, we must try to serve them. It immediately reminded me of an online class I listened to last year on different kinds of service. Some service will be according to our nature. We must do this service as it will build up our energy and enthusiasm. Then there is service that is needful, not necessary what we want to do, but this we do just as eagerly, because it is this service that attracts the mercy of the devotees. Then there is the difficult kind of service, when we must tax our brain, extend our efforts, and sometime grind our teeth. But this service we also do as best we can because this attracts the mercy of Krsna.

So, we know life is not always easy, it is not always peaceful. In fact, life is more often difficult and most of the time troublesome, even in Krsna consciousness. But you kindly remind us of the promises in the shastras; that Krsna will lift us beyond our problems. You show us that we can trust in the power of the holy name and if we continue with what we do, but do it in a service mood, offering it to Krsna, the holy name will lift us up from wherever we are.

We have experienced and witnessed your intensified mood and eagerness to spread the movement of Lord Caitanya and Srila Prabhupada. It is our responsibility to independently and intellectually figure out where we can assist you, as you are constantly encouraging us to join you and become happy. Your mercy lies not only in the space you grant each one of your disciples to have his independence, but it lies also in your efforts of pushing and pulling to guide us on this path of bhakti. Whatever we need from you, we can find if we are willing to look for it, be it guidance, encouragement, inspiration, or enthusiasm. It is there in our connection on Friday evenings, in online classes, in association with your other disciples and if we are lucky, in your personal association.

My prayer for each one of us is to find what we need, when we need it, from whomever is available and that we will reciprocate by being there for someone else when needed. Thank you, Guru Maharaj, for being a constant factor in our lives in this changing and challenging world.

Your grateful disciple,
Tanumadhya



Tattva Darsini Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to your divine lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja I would like to confirm my gratitude toward you. I can clearly understand that you are my guru, my father, my well-wisher, my only hope in this world full of miseries. With your presence I feel stronger.

Last year was both very overwhelming and full of mercy for me. The invitation to the initiation came super spontaneously. But I didn't want to miss the chance to be initiated by you personally. And I felt that I urgently wanted to take refuge at your lotus feet in these times. So after only a few hours of thinking, I set off for Ljubljana. In retrospect, I feel absolutely unworthy of an initiation and really only see it as your pure mercy.

A nice memory of Ljubljana: I had a box of sandesh with me, Maha of Sri Sri Radha Madana Mohana, to distribute to the devotees. While I was standing there thinking how to go about it, you approached me. Of course, the first thing was to offer you a sandesh. With astonished eyes you looked at them. You took the box as if to choose exactly which one you wanted to take, and then gratefully walked away with the whole box. I was perplexed, but then had to laugh. Krsna too would have behaved exactly like that. And it was my greatest joy that you thwarted my plans so wonderfully.

I would never have thought what would await me after the initiation. But I also experience it as mercy, so that I become more humble and soften my heart of stone. I am still stuck on the surface and do not know how to dive deeper into Krsna consciousness. But I feel my crying for Krsna increasing every day. Krsna is the best friend and He knows what is best for me. And He has also sent you into my life, for which I am endlessly grateful. I feel very strongly that I have a deep trust in you and know that you will support me in everything. I am always touched by your mercy towards me and my god brothers and sisters. Your words and your serenity act for me like a cooling wind that calms and gives me strength.

I am infinitely grateful that I was allowed to cook for you during your time in Goloka Dhama - hopefully to your satisfaction. And I am just wondering once more how I have earned all your mercy. Thank you for accepting me, in a state of darkest ignorance and confusion. Please



help me to free myself from my material desires and dedicate myself more and more to Srila Prabhupada's mission. I know that this will satisfy you the most.

Wishing you well so you may continue your service to your guru and to Srila Prabhupada to their full satisfaction.

With all my gratitude and love.

Your unqualified servant,
Tattva Darsini Devi Dasi
(Goloka Dhama, Germany)

Tejasvarupa Dasa

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

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

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

All glories to you Srila Gurudeva,

Today I remember the first time I have seen you at the Durban Ratha Yatra. It was an amazing experience for me and from then I knew I found my spiritual master. It took me a long



time to write a letter to you and when the Covid-19 pandemic hit. I finally got the courage to write to you.

When I got the call from temple to get ready for initiation, I was really overjoyed. By the mercy of Gaura Nitai and Srila Prabhupada I have taken shelter of your lotus feet. I want to say thank you for saving me from maya and allowing me to join this beautiful family of Srila Prabhupada's - the acyuta gotra family

I beg to be an instrument in your service to Sri Mahaprabhu. I pray that I continue to serve in this sankirtan movement under your instructions.

Your humble servant,
Tejasvarupa Dasa

Tirumala Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you Guru Maharaj. All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Swami. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Guru Maharaj, I had a difficult time starting this offering. I kept trying to write differently. I wanted to write better somehow. I was trying to be someone else but you know me better than anyone. I have never been philosophically astute. I have always been your simple, childish daughter and you have always lovingly accepted me.

Once during a visit to South Africa, Jayadvaita Maharaj was speaking to two devotees. The name of one of my God brothers came up. One of the devotees asked who the spiritual master of the devotee in question was. I answered, "Oh, he is Maharaj's disciple." The devotee asked, "Which Maharaj?" I answered, "My Maharaj."

Jayadvaita Maharaja smiled and nodded and then said, "My Maharaj."

But you are My Maharaj.

Who would still remember a childish offering of ice-cream socks made years ago?
My Maharaj.



Who would accept an offering of bananas even when he was tired of receiving numerous banana offerings at that time?

My Maharaj

Who would tolerate following strict gift opening guidelines from his immature disciple and then laugh about it?

My Maharaj

Who would tolerate and lovingly accept his disciple offering him a tray of snacks that he didn't need on a plane?

My Maharaj

Who would put up with his disciple playing pranks on him about the kind of buttons she was using to mend his top?

My Maharaj

Who would respond to a cryptic WhatsApp message comprising of only emojis and just a few letters?

My Maharaj

Who would tell his disciple that she has to wait for her spiritual master to go back to Godhead first to get everything prepared before she can go home, simply because she was having a meltdown that he may one day leave?

My Maharaj

Who would call to comfort his daughter when she was in distress even though he had more serious duties to attend to?

My Maharaj

Once when a devotee asked me why I'd want to drive a considerable distance for a program to see you, you responded before I could. You said, "Because I am Guru Maharaj and she is Tirumala."

Oh dear Guru Maharaj, I dreamt about you before I even met you. You asked me, "How long will you make me wait for you?" I didn't even know you at that time. You are my Guru Maharaj.

You are an impeccable spiritual master. How will I ever thank you?

Your grateful daughter,

Tirumala Devi Dasi



Tulsi Dasa

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

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guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Thank you very much for everything you are doing for me. Happy Vyasa-puja.

1. Mad-bhakta-pūjābhādhikā (SB11.19.21). One can achieve loving service unto Me by performing first class worship of my devotees.

When we come in contact with Kṛṣṇa consciousness we learn that the highest thing in life is to please The Supreme Personality of Godhead by rendering service to Him with love and devotion. However little later we hear something else: you cannot directly serve and satisfy the Supreme Lord, you need the help and guidance of a pure devotee (guru). We have to approach him with humble mood and service attitude and satisfy him in this way. Only then we can achieve the Supreme Lord Kṛṣṇa and His service.

2. ācāryaṁ mām vijānīyān navamanyeta karhicit na martya-buddhyāsūyeta sarva-deva-mayo guruḥ (SB11.17.27). Spiritual master is not different from Kṛṣṇa. One should never think that he is an ordinary human. He possesses all the good qualities of the demigods. Few days ago we had a discussion with Candrasekhara Swami during Bhagavatam class: “Why guru is so important for our spiritual life?”

Two of the things that came out in the discussion were:

He is acting on a spiritual platform (brahma-bhūtaḥ).

He is teaching us with his own example how to stay on a spiritual platform, how to live as a



spirit soul and that's why he is an acarya. And also because he is satisfied with this way of life he is happy, blissful (prasannatma). By associating with him we also become happy and blissful. He is giving us enthusiasm on our spiritual path. By nature we are sometimes happy and enthusiastic and sometimes morose and depressed. But guru is always enthusiastic for serving Kṛṣṇa. When we are even for a short time in his association we become influenced by his enthusiasm, by his example.

3. Mūkaṁ karoti vācāraṁ paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim yat-kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande śrī-guruṁ dīna-tāraṇam. "I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, the deliverer of all fallen souls, whose mercy turns the dumb into eloquent speakers, and enables the lame to cross mountains." (SB 6.7.23). The causeless mercy of guru can make miracles in our life. You make me - an ordinary boy from Bulgaria - a speaker on Srimad Bhagavatam a preacher in New York - the capital of the world. How is that possible I don't know? It is a miracle. You brought me to Sridham Mayapur and allow me to stay there for so many years, to get so much mercy. Thank you for all this

4. Guru-mukha-padma-vākya, cittete koribo aikya, ā r nā koriho mane āśā (Sri Guru-vandana). The instructions emanating from the lotus mouth of the spiritual master purify our consciousness and we become free from our material desires. Always when I spoke with you in person or when I am listening to your lectures or your kirtan I experience this change in my consciousness. Gradually material desires become petty and insignificant. We become determined to give our life and energy in the service of you, Jayadvaita Maharaj and Srila Prabhupada.

5. Yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi. "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." (Gurvastakam). Kṛṣṇa is the Supreme Lord, but He empowers His representative devotees to give His mercy to whoever they choose. In this way His mercy is following their mercy. I pray on this special occasion of your appearance that somehow or other my actions, words or thoughts will be able to attract your mercy. Only then my life will be successful. I need your mercy.

Your servant,
Tulsi Dasa



Tulya Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

When I think of you, first thing that I see, is your ability to accept all of us, regardless of who we are. I really like that your disciples are so different. Our natures are different. It is not that only a certain type of devotees take your shelter. Regardless of our nature, we all fit in. And you so nicely handle with all of us. This is so amazing. As I try to mature in my consciousness, I appreciate that more and more. And this quality of yours reminds me of Krsna. How He accepts us all and takes us under His shelter. Many times, in life I felt I do not belong anywhere. But as Krsna lifts Govardhana hill so that all the cowherd boys and girls can fit in, so you take us under your shelter and give us your mercy. And to handle that with such amount of different natures, I think that this is so wonderful.

When I think of you dear Guru Maharaj, I think how loving you are to us. You accept us and you show us your love. You visit us and give us your mercy. You talk about Krsna and how wonderful He is, how we should do something wonderful for Him. And that attracts my mind. Because of that I feel attachment to you. In around 1997 and after, so many devotees left the movement. When I saw that, I was afraid, it may happen to me too. In my heart I was praying, that a decision, to accept a guru and stay with him, must be forever. It must be sincere. But I must confess, that maybe in a far corner of my heart, decision was not so pure. When I saw Gudakesh and Aprameya get initiated, I felt I need to get on that boat, or I will be left behind. I will lose something special. Please forgive me for that. But I am so blessed that you are the captain of my boat.

Dear Guru Maharaj, at the end I would like to say, that the most important thing that binds me to you, are your words of wisdom. Everything is so clear when you speak. Everything makes sense and everything is put on the right place. I feel so drawn to that. I am so grateful to Krsna that we have you and that you are in our lives.

Your servant,

Tulya Dasi, with full support of my husband Aprameya Dasa





Shelter to the unlimited living beings

How did all these cows, cowherd boys, cowherd men and cowherd women fit under Govardhana Hill? How? The answer is, simply by Krsna's shakti. Mathematically, it was not possible. If you measured it with a measuring tape and calculate the area that these cows and other living beings would be taking, it would not be possible that they could all fit under Govardhana Hill. No way, they would have to stack the cows on top of each other. But no, by Krsna's shakti, they all fit. This was an amazing thing and it shows Krsna's unlimited mercy how all the cows and living beings of Vrndavana fit under Govardhana Hill. There was no difficulty at all on Krsna's part in giving shelter to them. This is a great encouragement for us, that Krsna can give shelter to unlimited living beings. The pastime of Govardhana Hill, therefore, becomes a reassurance to us that we will always have the Lord's shelter.





Urjesvari Devi Dasi

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Hare Kṛṣṇa dear Guru Maharaj,

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

This is my first Vyasa-puja offering and as I meditate on what to write, I realise that words don't feel enough to capture the depth of your mercy and magnanimity. I had the very good fortune of experiencing first-hand what causeless mercy means when you accepted me as your disciple and gave me initiation. The week of my initiation in Radhadesh was one of the most transcendental and my most cherished experiences in this life. It was the first time I got to meet you in person and yet as soon as I saw you I realised we have met before. The morning of my initiation I woke up with the line 'janme janme Prabhu sei,' (Guru-vandana) going around in my head repeatedly and I wondered why that was but as the day progressed, I realised it was coming from deep within me because you are my guru life after life.

Now as I live my life trying to follow your instructions and try to overcome my daily struggles due to my short comings, I get scared sometimes that I may not be able to perfect this lifetime and that I might miss the boat back home at the end. What frightens me the most about this is that I may not ever get this opportunity of having the association of devotees like I do now. That I will be left behind and alone.

The only thing that pulls me out of this fear is knowing that I will never be untethered, no matter where I end up in the material universes, no matter which dark corner of the material ocean I end up in, I will not be floating around untethered. Because you are my tether. The tether that links me back to Sri Sri Radha Kṛṣṇa.



I am fearful but the one thing that makes me fearless is the belief that whichever dark corner of the material existence I am in, you will find me, just as you have in this lifetime and you will say to me, just like you did during my initiation, “Come on, let’s go back. Back home”.

Your insignificant servant,
Urjesvari Devi Dasi
(United Kingdom)

Urugaya Dasa

Dearest Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my obeisance’s at your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Ha ha prabhu kara daya karuna tomara
micha maya-jale tanu dahiche amara

‘My body and mind burn in a network of material illusion. O master, be merciful to me, and rescue me from it. (Sri Prarthana, Srila Narottama Dasa Thakura).

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

Practically I see that to push on this movement you are fearlessly transforming foolish and crippled, materialistically inclined conditioned souls all over the world, into devotees of Srila Prabhupada, Nitai Gauranga and Radhe Shyam. Although I still aspire to become a devotee, I am proof of the power of your determined efforts to nourish the Krsna consciousness of fallen souls. At a time in my life, no one was there for me, only you. You gave me the Name Urugaya (Dasa), which over time I have begun to love and appreciate, for it is a beautiful name of Krsna in Vrindavan.

At one stage, Lord Nityananda took on the mission of Lord Caitanya and preached boldly his message, while Gauranga privately relished the confidential and primary reasons for his advent.



Similarly, as the representative of Nityananda and empowered by his kripa, you have dedicated your life to connecting jivas of this world to Srila Prabhupada, who is an avasha of Nityananda Prabhu's shakti.

While the world is going mad, you are there, with the people, preaching boldly and performing harinama-sankirtana on the streets. All glories to your service. Thank you for inspiring me in this regard, and I pray to follow in your footsteps in performing this service.

guru-mukha-padma-vākya, cittete koribo aikya,
ār nā koriho mane āśā. (Sri Guru-vandana).

Your specific and personal instructions have shaped the destiny of my life. I am practically experiencing the power of those words as so much magic has manifested in my life as I strive towards that perfection.

Following in your footsteps and the footsteps of our acaryas, allow me to finish with a prayer from Srila Narottama das Thakur:

eiasa kari ami – jati sakhi-gana
tomadera krpaye je banchita purana
(Sri Prarthana, Srila Narottama Dasa Thakura)

It is by your grace Gurudeva, I hope that at some stage in my existence, I can be a source of transcendental pleasure in service to you.

Your aspiring servant,
Urugaya Dasa

Vaidarbhi Devi Dasi

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.



Happy Vyasa-puja
Hare Krsna dear Gurudeva,

Gratitude is all that my heart is filled with every time I want to write to you. It's your Vyasa-puja day, and if I say I feel blessed to have such a spiritual master, that would be an understatement.

I am grateful for you for so many aspects. One of them is transcribing your lectures. Repeatedly hearing your instructions is something I cherish although not sure if I am able to follow them.

I admire your enthusiasm for doing harinam sankirtan at this age when you can be at one place and have some quiet time but your perseverance and enthusiasm is unshakable.

Although it's your birthday, I am seeking blessing from you that may I imbibe your mood. Your intense affection for Srila Prabhupada is so inspiring, and that's not shown through words but by action, you are constantly finding ways to preach. Recently while transcribing your lecture, you said at the end of your life, there will be a meeting where they will examine your case and if they get to know that you are connected to Prabhupada they will instantaneously let you go back to Godhead. So much humility Gurudeva, and so much love and faith for Prabhupada.

Praying for your blessings and mercy that I make myself worthy enough to call myself a disciple of you who belongs to Prabhupada's family.

Eternally grateful.
Your insignificant servant,
Vaidarbhi Devi Dasi

Vamsi Gita Devi Dasi

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this special occasion of your Vyasa-puja I would like to extend my gratitude to you for



being my spiritual strength, for being the person I can always rely on, and for your constant guidance and love. Amidst these trying times, we have found comfort in seeing and hearing you weekly. You succeed in taking us from darkness to light, ignorance to knowledge. I really look forward to our “Family Time”

Thank you for teaching us to love unconditionally, how to worship, how to glorify the Lord. If there is anything that I know or I lacked, as you say, “Just add Krsna.”

My life has not been easy. So much of anxiety, stress and sometimes I wonder, “How does one person have to go through so many tests from the Lord?” I have to constantly look at my tolerance level. By hearing and seeing you weekly this is my special dose of “Everything will be ok as per Gurudeva.”

I am looking forward to seeing you in South Africa, I can’t wait to serve you some little way if the Lord arranges it. I hope this fallen soul gets some special mercy and Prasad.

I pray I can serve you eternally and even if I don’t reach Back home this birth, I hope I can still serve you birth after birth.

Aspiring to be the servant of the servant.

Your most rascal daughter,

Vamsi Gita Devi Dasi

(Phoenix, Durban, South Africa)

Vamsi Vadana 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 dearest Guru Maharaj,
All glories to this divine day of your transcendental appearance.

I wish you good health and myriad of harinams all over the world. We asked Narayani what she will wish you and she said, "Let Guru Maharaj go to Goloka and take us with him." Me and my family love you very much. And I hope that we will follow your instructions eternally. I admire how you are the perfect a follower of your guru and Srila Prabhupada. Let all your disciples follow your footsteps and satisfy you. Let us all make a big contribution to that movement, as you always ask for it. Everybody even with small steps or attempts, I pray for it.

I'm sorry that I'm not the best in following everything. Sometimes even struggling to finish my rounds, or even leave some for the next day. We are not so accurate in our puja with the deities at home every day. I don't dive deep into the chanting and can't hear the holy name. Very often I'm chanting because I have to. I'm busy at work and trying to serve with different projects in our temple. But I feel that I miss the essence. Chanting and reading for the last year and a half has not been really so accurate and with deep absorption. I also catch myself with how attached I am, but not to the holy name and not to the books of Srila Prabhupada. Why we are so attached to our material duties but not to Sanatana dharma? I can see, how envious I am. Sometimes I felt pain when others are more successful than me in their work.

I pray to you, Lord Gauranga and Nityananda to be more serious in my own sadhana and to make you happy following your guidance and serving you. It's seems so easy to give myself to you but at the same time that's not happening. Probably a lot of bad thoughts and offences to other vaishnavas got me here. I'm asking you for blessings not to offend anyone.

I wanted to write a letter about you, but again the false ego works perfectly and I'm writing you about me and my difficulties in spiritual life. I feel with all my shortcomings I'm completely depended on you and pray for your mercy. I hope we (your disciples here) will see you soon in Bulgaria. And we will do harinams together if you wish. So wonderful to see how you spread the mercy of Lord Gauranga by singing the holy name in the streets.

But even if you can't come here, we again will try to be satisfied with your lectures on YouTube. Or sometimes we personally will come where you are so we can increase our sadhana and absorption into the holy name and to develop taste for reading and listening. I'm very



happy about my wife Veronika because she also took shelter at your lotus feet. Bhakti is independent, but Kṛṣṇa is also dependent on His devotees. The only way is to satisfy our spiritual master who is so dear to Kṛṣṇa. Please give her your shelter and guide us both into the principle and depth of bhakti.

Every time I see your quotes or lecture makes me stronger and happy. You are the spiritual master, one who gives the light to our lives. All the sufferings we have is because of ignorance and guru's business is to bring his disciples from darkness to light. To save them from this material world.

Your instructions are not different from Kṛṣṇa. And I'm so sad that I can't take on all of your instructions to my heart and make them the most important thing in my life. Hopefully we will give ourselves to you one day and we will accept the real knowledge you gave us.

Once, some of our god brothers asked you how we can make you happy. And you said - "Read the books of Prabhupada regularly". Yes, I told myself, how easy it is. Let us read them. Let us make that reading the most important thing in our life. But I'm not so successful with that regularity.

I'm trying to distribute them, trying to preach somehow, but without reading I'm a just a hypocrite.

So when I'm listening to you it's so healthy for me, I can see the reality, and not just to think how much I know or understand. The only sure position is:

tṛṇād api sunīcena
taror api sahiṣṇunā
amāninā mānadena
kīrtanīyaḥ sadā hariḥ
(Sisastakam).

The most difficult thing is to be humble. I pray for this humility. It is very strange to know how to do something but not to be able to do it. Such a paradox. Like knowing how to drive, but to drive fast or inattentively. Your mercy is our only chance. Please give us your mercy.

Your servant,
Vamsi Vadana Dasa



Vasant Pancami Dasa

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

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

It was mentioned in one of the Friday classes that after initiation there are some positive changes, I myself attest this. I have been going out on book distribution and sankirtan this past year. Recently a mobile library van was lying neglected at the local temple and I repaired it's flat tyre and from there received a decent donation to get it repaired/restored fully and it is now going to be used for tribal/village preaching, this can happen only by the grace of Hari, guru and vaishnavas.

Listening to your talks, and seeing your enthusiasm for preaching gives inspiration to do these things. As it is said the guru leads by example, this makes it easy for the follower to do or understand what is important. Guru Maharaj you are always glorifying Lord Kṛṣṇa and Srila Prabhupada and you speak often of inspiration you receive from others in the course of devotional life, especially seniors in the movement. Still I am stubbornly clinging on to my material misconceptions, this is the only hindrance to progress.

I do not recall you criticizing anyone, maybe only what errors a person may do, this also serves as an exemplary ideal to develop my relationships with devotees and other people. Thank you Guru Maharaj for continuing to inspire. In a recent lecture you said;

“The essence is not to try to be a pure devotee, the essence is to take shelter of the process of pure devotional service and that's what we keep on doing again and again, some days it works a little better some days it's a little more difficult, but we keep on trying to take shelter of pure devotional service. in the beginning we think “I have to be a pure devotee” don't worry about it, just take shelter of pure devotional service and the more we do that, everything will follow, automatically, and that's the thing so from moment to moment again and again we take shelter (of pure devotional service.)... It will produce wonderful results.”

On Sri Nityananda Trayodasi you mentioned (paraphrased) that Lord Nityananda is the original spiritual master of the three worlds, and that Lord Nityananda in His mood of ananda,



total blissfulness is always generously distributing mercy, may I always remember these and all your guiding words, because my nature as a conditioned soul is forgetfulness. The spiritual master freely gives, but unfortunate souls like me freely resist the gifts given.

In 1996 I wrote a letter to Back to Godhead and I received a sweet reply from his holiness Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj, even with his duties as editor of Back to Godhead Magazine, he personally wrote back with his kind blessings, and I still have that letter with me as a keepsake a reminder to me that we are in a nice line of gentle personalists. I am trying to give up the idea of impersonal-ism – it's all about me, personalism is all about everyone else with Krsna in the centre.

I do need to work harder, always a work in progress, kindly bless me so that I may progress in devotional service towards Krsna and Vrindavan consciousness with an attitude of humility and give up my impersonal ideas.

Your servant,
Vasant Pancami Dasa

Venuya Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my most humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.

All glories to you,

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Please allow me to send my best wishes to you for your personal wellbeing and for your services to Srila Prabhupada. First of all, I want to thank you for your very regular online presence. I appreciate it so much to hear your guiding words, to see how you are and to have the possibility to ask questions.

As the external representative of the supersoul you always lecture about something that is relevant for my spiritual life at that time. You always emphasize that the mercy is the essential ingredient to make spiritual advancement and that we can reach out to this mercy through devotional service.

You mentioned in your lectures that mother Yashoda is churning butter and Krishna is churning our hearts to make them soft like butter. Before Krsna consciousness, I wasn't aware of my hard heart.

I thank you so much that through your mercy, the mercy of the vaishnavas and the process of devotional service even in my heart some transformation takes place. I feel more and more that the service to the vaishnavas and supporting the spreading of the mercy of Gaura-Nitai gives satisfaction to the soul and pacifies the mind.

You supported me in a really life-changing event. I received so much mercy because I had the shelter of a bonafide spiritual master, who, through his super excellent service, has reached the mercy of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. The relationship with you and the vaishnavas, and to be engaged in their service are my all and everything.

I hope the Supreme Lord will qualify me to do something useful and pleasing for you, the devotees and all the other living beings.

Healing formula

To surrender with love,
leads to the dimension above.

It is the realm of the holy name,
the eternal candle, that ignites every flame.

It brings back life to the desert-like heart.
To vitalize every conscious part.

When you call out god's name,
then it breaks maya's game.

You are who you are,
and you always were.

Therefore, to stay out of maya's snare,
always hear the spiritual master with attentive care.

Your insignificant servant,
Venuya Devi Dasi



Veronika (Bhaktin)

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
 śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine
 gaura-kāpāmātam prāpto vraje mājāpure'pi yaù
 prabhupāda-priyo lokam
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 guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine
 nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
 śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
 namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
 nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

Oh dear, Guru Maharaj,

On this most blessed and auspicious day, the celebration of your appearance, Sri Vyasa-puja, please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

“On this auspicious day I have come with this offering just to worship you, remembering your lotus feet.” Srila Prabhupada wrote to his spiritual master Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Goswami Maharaj.

So I hope that very soon my heart would be cleaned from the dust accumulated not for years but for lives and I'll come to you with only one wish - offering - to serve you ever and just worship you by remembering your merciful lotus feet.

You are representative of Vyasa, so through your words I can touch to the transcendental knowledge. So, you are the light in my darkness; the hope that even the most fallen souls can obtain a mercy and attain liberation from the material desires which bounded us life after life. I'm blessed to have you in my life.

On this most blessed day I pray to Srimati Radharani, that I may someday become a worthy disciple.

Thank you, Guru Maharaj, and kindly forgive my offences.

Your insignificant candidate disciple
Veronika (Bhaktin)



Visnurata Dasa

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
 śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine
 nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
 guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine
 nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
 śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
 namaste sarasvate deve gaura-vāni-pracarine
 nirvīśa-sūnyavadaī-paścātya-desa-tarine

Hare Kṛṣṇa dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my respectful obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to you, Kadamba Kanana Swami,

All glories to his holiness Srila Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada,

All glories to Iskcon.

On the auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, it is my blessing to be able to glorify your service in the mission of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Caitanya.

Once his grace Vraja Krishna Prabhu was glorifying you by saying to me: “He is the most merciful of all spiritual masters.” Indeed, you are the most merciful. In difficult times, when the whole world was blocked. The crisis and the war were knocking on the doors of the materialistic civilization – probably as an arrangement by the Lord’s will to open the doors and hearts of more people towards self-realization. We see how the Lord is empowering even more of His most fearless spiritual warriors.

“Sannyāsī life is meant for distributing knowledge to the householders and others who have forgotten their real life of spiritual advancement. A sannyāsī is supposed to beg from door to door for his livelihood, but this does not mean that he is a beggar. Humility is also one of the qualifications of a transcendently situated person, and out of sheer humility the *sannyāsī* goes from door to door, not exactly for the purpose of begging, but to see the householders and awaken them to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. This is the duty of a sannyāsī.” (Bhagavad-gita, 16.1-3 purport).

In times of difficulty, when the whole world is burning, you continue traveling through the



whole Europe, following fearlessly, purely. And restlessly your duty as a vaishnava sannyasi, while giving constantly also online Zoom inspiring classes. And even more, you said something like: “My duty is to be beyond my duty.” Which you have proven by the constant traveling and visiting devotee communities, wherever you are needed, to give inspiration and strength to the devotees towards the path of pure devotional service. Proven also by your desire to continue your mission in New York.

Sri Narada Muni’s narration in Srimad Bhagavatam 1.6.26 is reminding me of you: “Thus I began chanting the holy name and fame of the Lord by repeated recitation, ignoring all the formalities of the material world. Such chanting and remembering of the transcendental pastimes of the Lord are benedictory. So doing, I travelled all over the earth, fully satisfied, humble and unenvious.”

“It is the duty of a mendicant (parivrajakācārya) to experience all varieties of God’s creation by traveling alone through all forests, hills, towns, villages, etc., to gain faith in God and strength of mind as well as to enlighten the inhabitants with the message of God. A sannyāsī is duty-bound to take all these risks without fear, and the most typical sannyāsī of the present age is Lord Caitanya, who travelled in the same manner through the central Indian jungles, enlightening even the tigers, bears, snakes, deer, elephants and many other jungle animals.” (SB 1.6.13 purport).

When will that day come again, when you will be standing again in front of Lord Jagannatha, chanting and dancing in ecstasy like Lord Caitanya used to do. When will I be able to take part again in your glorious pastimes?

Your words: “A vaishnava has to be someone with a heart.” Were recently an object for meditation for me and if you allow me to try to extend the phrase in the following way: “A vaishnava is the most dear servant of the Lord: a servant with a humble, pure and merciful, giving heart.” You gave the mercy of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Caitanya to an independent and sinful rascal like me: Yes, indeed, you are the most merciful.

Hope to be able to see you soon and serve by dancing in your ecstatic kirtans.

Your indebted servant,
Visnurata Dasa



Visvambhara Caitanya Dasa

My representative of Krsna

Your light touch has set in motion
A series of events conducive to devotion

You met me where I was at, down below
Then needed a massage, from bending so

Your patience with me is as long as your name,
Tirelessly working to increase Vraja's fame

Vrindavana, via Prabhupada, is seen
"You should go!" You say, "Especially if you haven't been."

"Just like the sun,
(the spiritual master's mercy) is here for everyone,
but we at least have to stand
in a receptive place
to get the benefit"
Says his divine grace

Friendship from me is all you ask,
But you get a disciple, who is a show bottle or flask

When all have given up on me,
you inform me about what you see
My representative of Krsna
Kadamba Kanana Swami.

Your energy seems to come from everywhere
Yet is spent at Prabhupada's feet, and only there

You say, "Start with speaking truth and humility will follow,"
And then you patiently listen to my words, still hollow

It's like there's nothing I can do,



to stop you from loving me.
My representative of Krsna
Kadamba Kanana Swami.

Kind and understanding beyond compare
You want us disciples to be known for our tender care

I want you and your instructions to become my pride
Everything else has had its turn, and now needs to move aside

Aiming for your feet, where I wish to remain,
Visvambhara Caitanya Dasa bows again and again

Vrajajana Dasa

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

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

One of the most important things for spiritual progress is to follow the instructions of the spiritual master. This is my guideline in my spiritual life. My mind sometimes wants to talk me into things that contradict these instructions and would therefore not be conducive to my spiritual life. Furthermore, I have realised that I cannot always carry out the instructions to your full satisfaction due to my conditionality.

It is admirable to me how you know your students with all their characteristics, abilities and conditionality. You also know them very well from me. I would therefore like to assure you that I will try to satisfy you to the best of my ability and with all my efforts, and at the same time I am aware that this is only possible through your mercy. I thank you that I may serve you, together with your wonderful family.

Your servant,
Vrajajana Dasa



Yadunandana Dasa & Kamalaksi Devi Dasi

Dear Gurudeva,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to your wonderful service.

Thank you for continuing to set the example this past year of what it means to show up daily in devotional service. Regardless of any worldly or personal challenge the sankirtan movement and our own practice of bhakti yoga must continue and adapt even in the face of obstacles and material uncertainty.

We may be missing your physical association here in recent times, but your instruction to stay close to devotees and to always take shelter of the holy name is ever present. Association with devotees makes everything auspicious and the holy name must be our constant refuge. Thank you for leading the way and inspiring us through your transcendental service.

Your servants,

Yadunandana Dasa & Kamalaksi Devi Dasi (New Govardhana, Australia)

Yogesvara Dasa

Dear Gurudeva,

I did not manage to develop a full-value relationship with my father in my childhood or ever at all. Therefore I nourished an idea that if I ever had children my relationship with them would have to be exactly the opposite. I desired to know their each thought, happiness or pain. During their childhood I was quite successful and our relationship developed according to my imagination. Later, thanks to Srila Prabhupada, I found out that besides a biological father I have a chance to have a spiritual father as well. I prayed to god and He led me to your lotus feet. I did not hesitate for a moment because it was clear that here in the material world one pays for any hesitation in a hard way.

When I had the opportunity to get to know you I tried to imagine how it is for a spiritual master to see an unknown person who needs and asks for his mercy and spiritual leadership.



When I tried to imagine myself in a position of a spiritual master, the thoughts came they if I were a spiritual master I would also want that my relationship to my children is full-value. To know each of their thoughts, happy or painful.

At that time I did not consider the speed or real snares of life in Kali-yuga. Now I got a bit sober regarding my projections. I see that you personally do everything possible for your relationship with your disciples and I am the one who is not acting. You do everything to make even trees dance and you reach far to make the turtles run and teach them how to spontaneously jump. I am the one stuck to the ground and in spite of your tireless and unbelievable endeavour it is hard to make me Krsna conscious. When you sometimes mention a highway with many lines towards Krsna then I feel that I am relaxing somewhere near the highway on a rest point.

I am grateful to Covid to create live meetings with you every Friday although I am connected only to Gopali's translation. And I cannot stop listening to your Caitanya Caritamrta lectures from South Africa again and again. It is like a life view and entrance into the times of Lord Caitanya. Caitanya Caritamrta is my most favourite literature of all the Krsna conscious literature. Thanks to you this attachment keeps growing. I cannot wait to see it as a book. It will be a bomb, I cannot wait for the explosion. Please bless me to be able to fulfil this relationship.

Sometimes it happens, like some time ago, that I am listening to your Caitanya Caritamrta lectures from South Africa and at the same time my mind projects an image that I am kneeling at your lotus feet and trying to give you at least some intelligent question. But instead of this I hear myself saying, "My dear Gurudeva, which car is the best for me?" "Bhakti Ratnakar." - was your immediate response. Sometimes a highly ambitious mundane father is disappointed when he finds out that his father was born without the power to achieve the desires of his father.

Your intelligence engaged in distributing the mercy of Lord Caitanya and to be his instrument does not allow you to lose time with crying over the inability of your own son. You rather search and offer the alternatives how to wake up your son out of coma so he would be able to at least his current potential no matter how small it is. Because you know that thanks to your mercy it can grow.

I wish you, dear father that you may be able to make all trees dance and all turtles run. It is a selfish desire because I wish to be a good disciple like others. But may this desire be vivid. What is important for me is to believe in your dedication to your spiritual master and to your limitless mercy. Therefore I know we will make it.

Thank you.

Your eternal servant,

Yogesvara Dasa



Zoltan Mako

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I am offering my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet on this special day of your Vyasa-puja.

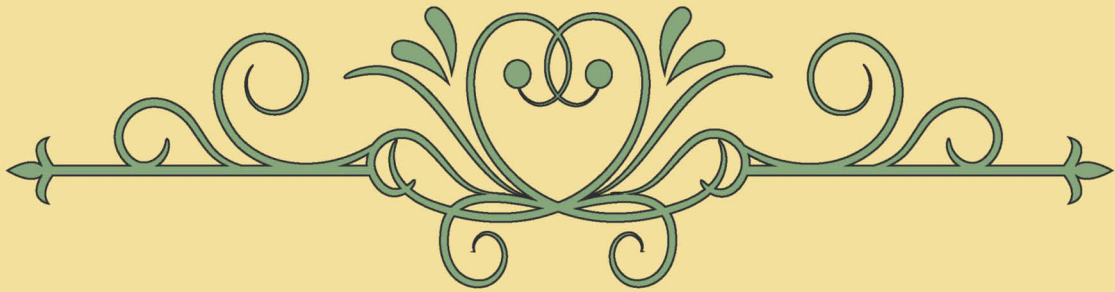
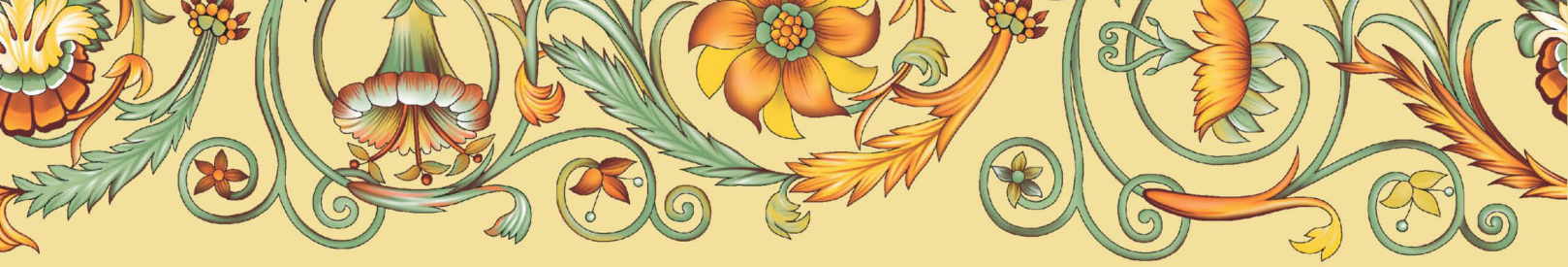
Another year just flew by and every passing year serves as a reminder that time is ticking. We have to endeavour to build a strong connection with the Holy Name and with yourself Maharaj. Your weekly Zoom sangha sessions are great pillars of this connection and without them I would struggle immensely.

The fact that you are always there for us every week makes me feel very fortunate. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your associations, time and effort to connect with us all. Challenges are coming and going. Every day is a hustle, but taking shelter at your lotus feet is the saving grace during difficulties. Your kirtans, lectures and wonderful personality is what makes you special Maharaj.

Although we have not seen each other for a long time now I am hoping to catch you in Europe somewhere this year and maybe offer my humble service to you in some ways, so you can carry on with Srila Prabhupada's mission.

I beg to remain your humble servant,

Zoltan Mako



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PRESENCE OF THE SUPERSOUL, HE APPEARS BEFORE US
AS A LIBERATED DEVOTEE. SUCH A SPIRITUAL MASTER
IS NONE OTHER THAN KRISHNA HIMSELF”

