

# **Śrī Vyāsa-pūjā**

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The Appearance Day of Our Beloved Spiritual Master  
His Holiness Kadamba Kānana Swami



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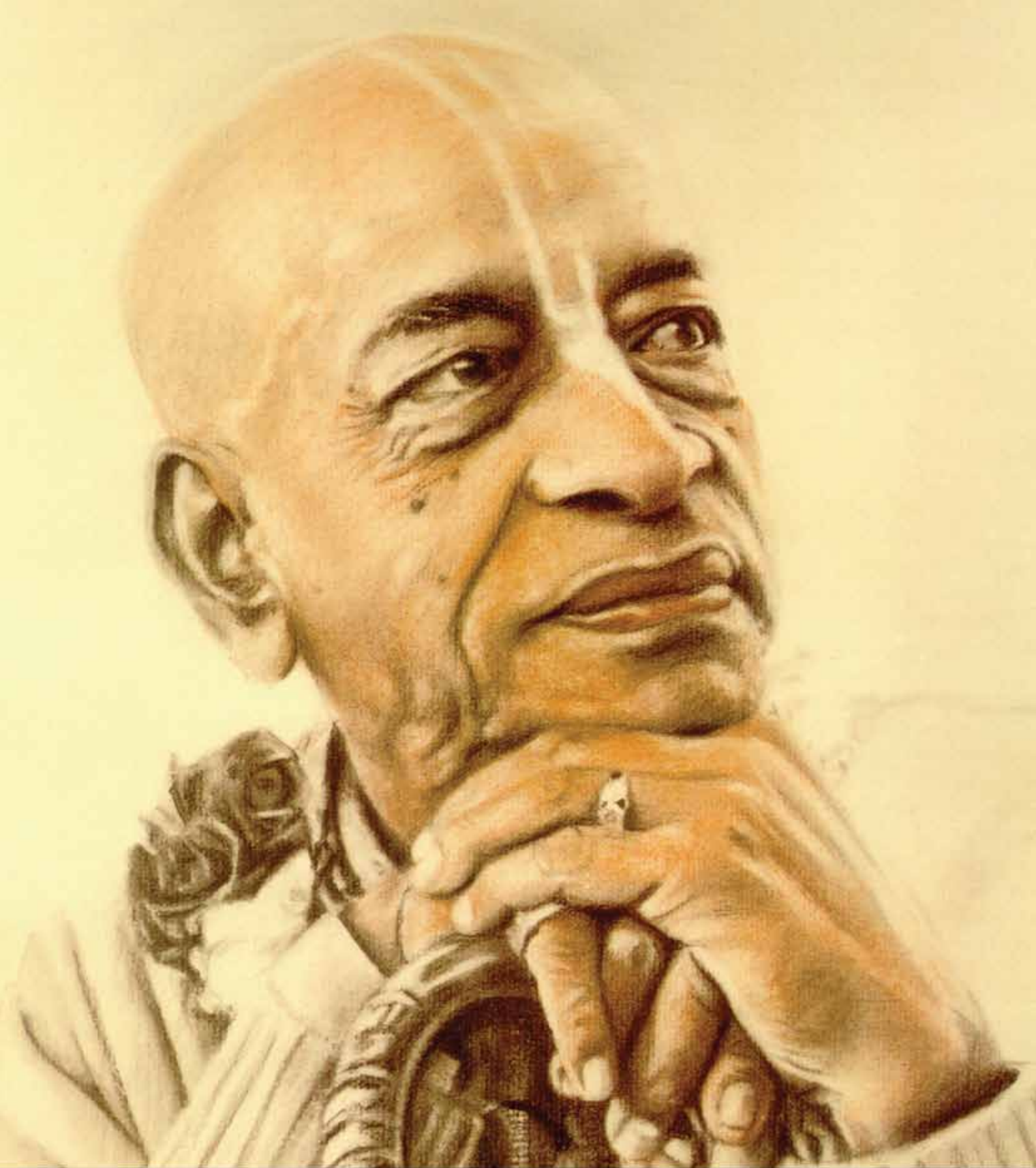
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**He lives forever by his divine instructions  
and the follower lives with him**

# “The Greatest Need of the Day”

*His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda,*

*Caitanya-Caritamrita Madhya-lila 15.41*

This is Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu’s order to all His devotees. Kṛṣṇa-bhakti, devotion to Kṛṣṇa, is open to everyone, even low-class men like caṇḍālas. One should follow this order in the disciplic succession stemming from Śrī Advaita and Nityānanda Prabhu and distribute Kṛṣṇa consciousness without discrimination throughout the world.

There are different kinds of men, beginning with the brāhmaṇa and going down to the lowest platform, known as caṇḍāla. Whatever one’s position, everyone in this Age of Kali needs to be enlightened in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. That is the greatest need of the day. Everyone is acutely feeling the pangs of material existence. Even in the ranks and files of the American Senate, the pinpricks of material existence are felt, so much so that April 30, 1974, was actually set aside as Prayer Day. Thus everyone is feeling the resultant pinpricks of Kali-yuga brought about by human society’s indulging in illicit sex, meat-eating, gambling and intoxication. Now is the time for the members of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness to distribute kṛṣṇa-bhakti all over the world and thus follow the orders of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. The Lord has ordered everyone to become a guru (Cc. Madhya 7.128): āmāra ājñāya guru hañā tāra’ ei deśa. Everyone in every town and village should be enlightened by the instructions of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Kṛṣṇa consciousness should be distributed to everyone indiscriminately. In this way, the entire world will be peaceful and happy, and everyone will glorify Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, as He desires.

The word caṇḍāla actually refers to a dog-eater, who is considered the lowest of men. Even caṇḍālas can be enlightened in Kṛṣṇa consciousness due to Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu’s benedictions. Kṛṣṇa-bhakti is not the monopoly of a certain caste. Everyone is eligible to receive this great benediction given by Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Everyone should be given a chance to receive it and be happy.

The word dāna, meaning “charity,” is also significant in this verse. Whoever engages in the distribution of Kṛṣṇa consciousness is a charitable person. Professional men recite Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam and discuss kṛṣṇa-bhakti for an exchange of money. They cannot distribute such exalted transcendental property to everyone and anyone. Only pure devotees, who have no motive other than serving Kṛṣṇa, can give such transcendently valuable benedictions out of charity.



# The Meaning of Sri Vyasa-Puja

By Sadbhuja Das

The appearance day of the spiritual master is most auspicious, giving us the opportunity to connect deeper with Krishna in the proper mindset of going through the Guruparampara, that comes down to us like a helping hand that we can hold on to. Like a manifestation of Krishna's mercy, tangible and approachable.

The spiritual master is the representative of Krishna, the one with whom we can practice the right behavior and get a direct reciprocation. To glorify the spiritual master gives us purification, realization and a lot of mercy, since we are putting ourselves again in the right position, the right understanding and attitude. Following this, Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati writes in the Chaitanya Bhagavat:

“The Worship of Guru and Vaishnavas is more important than the worship of the Supreme Lord.”

Quite a bold statement to make for a spiritual master. It shows that the relationship we have with the spiritual master shouldn't be seen on the material level. Srila Prabhupada writes in the Srimad-Bhagavatam 4.22.47:

“In the material world, a servant serves the master as long as the servant is pleased and as long as the master is pleased. The servant is pleased as long as the master pays, and the master is pleased as long as the servant renders good service. However, in the spiritual world, if the servant cannot serve under certain conditions, the master is still pleased. And if the master does not pay, the servant is also pleased. That is called Oneness, absolute.... This is a spiritual relationship. There are no cheaters and cheated in such a relationship”

In the Srimad Bhagavatam 11.5.3. Purport Vishvanath Chakravati Thakur is quoted in pointing out that:

“the original cause of offending the Lord and falling down from one's position is not learning how to properly worship a bonafide spiritual master. Without mercy of guru even religious man will gradually become atheistic, offend the Lord by foolish speculation and fall in a hellish condition of life.”

This quote is not there to scare someone or make us act out of fear, but to give an insight of the dynamics in this world and how essential the worship of Sri Guru is to our spiritual progress. We are all more than fortunate, to get the opportunity to serve and worship such a spiritual master. To share our hearts is also a wonderful way not just to connect with our spiritual master but also with all of our god sisters and brothers. In this way we can all benefit each other and get inspiration, insight and appreciation.

Thank you for all your sincere offerings of love. Thank you for sharing your innermost thoughts and feelings



# Kadamba Kanana Swami offering to Srila Prabhupada 2011

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

You brought all the wealth of the spiritual world—in your person, in the holy name, in your books, and in the form of your movement. Now I desire to go back to Godhead, and this material world looks bleak.

But you showed that preaching transforms the material into the spiritual world. Now I am excited to see Gaurāṅga touch people's lives everywhere; I want to be a better instrument of that flood of mercy. Now the world transforms into Vaiṣṇava, and we are becoming Vaiṣṇava men and women. You have turned crows into swans.

May I do something to repay you.

Your servant,  
Kadamba Kānana Swami



# Offerings



## Ādikartā Dāsa

nama om visnu-pādāya krsna presthāya bhū-tale  
srimate kadamba kánana svámin iti námine

nama om visnu-pādāya krsna-presthāya bhū-tale  
guru dasa jayadvaita svámin iti námine

nama om visnu-pādāya krsna-presthāya bhū-tale  
srimate bhaktivedānta-svámin iti námine

namas te sárasvate deve gaura-vání-pracárine  
nirvisesa-súnyavádi-pāscátya-desa-tárine

Lieber Guru Maharaja,

Nehmen Sie bitte meine achtungsvollen  
Ehrerbietungen im Staub Ihren  
Lotosfüssen an. Alle Ehre sei an Ihrer  
Heiligkeit. Alle Ehre sei an Sri  
Gauranga. Alle Ehre sei an Ihrem Guru  
Maharaja Srila Guru Dasa Jayadvaita  
Swami. Alle Ehre sei an Srila  
Prabhupáda.

Zu der äußerst glückverheißenden  
Gelegenheit Ihrer Vyasa-Puja, die  
schon bald zu der Offenbarung eilt,  
möchte Ich Ihnen ein paar Zeilen als  
Offering schreiben.

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

Der spirituelle Meister sollte verehrt  
werden, ebenso wie der Höchste Herr,  
denn er ist Sein äußerst vertraulicher

Diener. Dass nehmen alle offenbarten  
Schriften an und dem folgen alle  
Autoritäten nach. Daher neige Ich mich  
dem Lotosfüssen solches spirituellen  
Meisters, des echten Sri Haris  
(Krisnas) Repräsentanten.

O mein Meister, obwohl ich es nicht  
würdig bin, doch darf ich Tag täglich  
ganz deutlich wahrnehmen, dass Ihre  
unendliche grundlose Barmherzigkeit,  
dieses hell strahlendes Licht voller  
Transzendenz, ununterbrochen immer  
über meinem Dasein wach bleibt.

Unter diesen Umständen kann ich so  
inzwischen anderem, auch zu verstehen  
lernen, wohin alle die Gottlosigkeit,  
mit der man stets umgeben ist,  
eigentlich führen muss. Sie machen  
mir allmählich die Augen auf, so  
wie allen Lebewesen, die das Glück  
hatten, mindestens einmal, auch wenn  
sie nur ein Augenblick lang sich in  
Ihrer Nähe verhalten durften und so  
kann ich das Leben in der materiellen  
Welt als eine ständige Belehrung  
auffassen. Die materiell bedingte Seele  
in der modernen Gesellschaft, dank  
ihr weiterhin zunehmenden Vergessen  
der Höchsten Persönlichkeit Gottes,  
verfällt immer mehr den allmöglichen  
wahnsinnigen Taten. Wie kann man der  
Meinung sein, das all der Unsinn zu  
einer ewigen Glückseligkeit führen  
mag. Viel mehr, durch seine sinnlose  
Tätigkeiten, verursacht das bedingte  
Lebewesen ein reines Unglück nicht  
nur sich selbst, aber auch den allen  
anderem. Das ist ein weiterer Grund  
dazu, am aufrichtigsten wie möglich,

mein Leben weiter zu führen. Die professionellen Betrüger laden stets auch die ganze Gesellschaft auf ihre Schiffe ein, die manchmal ein ähnlichen Namen tragen kennen wie Titanic. Das Ergebnis so einer „Glückreißer“ ist immer dasselbe. Durch Ihre grundlose Güte Sind Sie immer bereit ein jeden auf den Weg, der über den Ozean des materiellen Daseins führt, einzuladen. Ihr Schiff wird unter keinen Umständen einer Zerstörung ausgestellt, trotz manchmal riesigen Wellen und Stürmen der Gewässer des Meeres des materiellen Unglücks. Als Echtem Vertreter des Höchsten Herren wird Ihnen keinesfalls Ihre Anführung solches transzendentalen Wasserfahrzeuges verloren gehen und ein Jeder, der durch Ihre grundlose Gnade, im Schatten Ihren Lotusfüßen die Zuflucht suchen darf, wird sicher den Ozean der materiellen Existenz überqueren zu kennen.

yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo  
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto ,pi  
dhyāyan stuvāṁs tasya yaśas tri-sandhyam  
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam

Durch die Barmherzigkeit des spirituellen Meisters gewinnt man Krisnas Segnung. Ohne seine Gnade gibt es keine Möglichkeit ein Fortschritt zu bestehen. Daher sollte man sich stets im Gedanken bei ihm verhalten, ihn lobpreisen und mindestens drei mal täglich sich ehrfürchtig seinem Lotusfüßen verneigen.

Mit größter Dankbarkeit und äußerst

demütigtest möchte ich Ihre Lotosfüße, die Lotosfüße eines echten spirituellen Meisters ununterbrochen verehren und daher neige ich mich Ihnen stets erneut und auch bringe Ihnen meine achtungsvollen Ehrerbietungen dar.

In Ihrem Dienst Ihr ewiger Schuldner  
und unansehnlicher Schüller

Ādikartā Dāsa

## Arjuna Dāsa

Hare Krishna lieber Guru Maharaja,

bitte akzeptiere meine demütigen Ehrerbietungen. Alle Ehre sei Srila Prabhupada und H.H. Jayadvaita Maharaja.

Ich möchte Dir hiermit dafür danken, daß Du mich als dein Schüler angenommen hast. Du hast mir damit sehr viele Segnungen gegeben. Ich fühle mich Dir gegenüber verpflichtet, aber ich bin leider zurzeit nicht in der Lage Deinen Anweisungen 100% zu folgen. Ich würde Dich gern zufrieden stellen, aber es fällt mir nicht leicht. Ich chante täglich 16 Runden und esse kein Fleisch, kein Fisch und keine Eier. Ich rauche aber Zigaretten, manchmal trinke ich Bier und manchmal unerlaubte Sexualität mit meiner Freundin. Ich habe immer ein schlechtes Gewissen. Ich weiß, daß diese Dinge mir nicht gut tun, aber ich bin wie gefangen.

*"Without the Bhagavatam you cannot live; without the Bhagavatam you are dead; without the Bhagavatam you are a ghost. It's like that, because the Bhagavatam is the very foundation of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's movement!"*



Ich würde mir wünschen, mit Dir in Kontakt zu bleiben und bin auf deine Hilfe angewiesen. Danke für alles.

Dein Diener

Arjuna dasa

## Arundhatī Devi Dāsī

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeissances to your lotus feet. All Glories to Jayadvata Swami! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Yet another year has passed by and when I look back, what can I mention? Still I am doing my best to support the mission. But is this enough? Still I can observe that I am doing my service mainly mechanically and so often I forget that I should serve for your pleasure and for the pleasure of the Lord, not for my own benefit and enjoyment!!!

Being a devotee is not so easy as I thought in the beginning. The longer I live a Krishna-conscious life the more I realize how important it is for me to have a deep contact with you, with Srila Prabhupada and with all the devotees. Now the time has come for me to inspire others, new beginners and to make deep relationships with devotees, care for them and live as a good example. Here in Götteborg, we are not so many devotees and few spiritual masters are passing by. Thus I realize that I really have to root myself in the process so that I can give it out to others and in this way help to build up an inspiring community here.

Whenever I have the possibility to meet you I feel so much inspired to go on in my devotional life. Observing how enthusiastically you lead kirtans, listening to your very deep seminars and lectures and seeing how nice contact you have with the devotees, I am so happy and thankful that you accepted me as your disciple. I know I am not worth it, it is just your causless mercy that you have me sheltered at your lotus-feet. And honestly speaking I feel very spiritually protected by you.

I, myself, cannot find in my heart the real inspiration for serving the LORDSHIPS, I have to ask you for your blessings that something deep can start growing in me so that others can be inspired by my sincere attempts to serve. Oh my spiritual master, please help me that I can serve you and the mission with my full heart. And please bless me with spiritual realizations and preaching shakti.

Your disciple,

Arundhatī Devi Dāsī

## Bahulāśva Dāsa

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami.

nama om visnu-pādāya kṛṣṇa presthāya bhū-tale  
srimate kadamba kānana svāmin iti nāmine

nama om visnu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-presthāya bhū-tale  
guru dasa jayadvaita svāmin iti nāmine

Please accept my humble obeisances  
All glories to Shrila Prabhupad  
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami  
All glories to Kadamba Kanana Swami

Shrila Prabhupada gave us Krishna as a person with all his unbelievable qualities. Before I didn't know anything about God, at least I didn't know anything about the personality Krishna.

Prabhupad awakened my interest for a God as a person, and to whom I could interact with. I could never have developed that attraction for Krishna and his associates without Prabhupads books. And the amazing thing is that it's still very available because of the hard work that all his followers are doing.

Prabhupad also show by his example how a disciple always wants to please his guru. His followers was so transformed by his association that many just take up Krishna consciousness from one day to another. Some just come to the Temple and mowed in the other day. And by your presents in my life I also have been transformed, not the quick way that that they did, but still the process is working.

Shrila Prabhupada gave such an enormous task of truly welfare work to all living beings, to his disciples and you Maharaj and your Guru Jayadvaita Swami are just continuing this great task. You are always thinking of how to engage yourself and your disciples in this service. And also how we can continue as devotees, and make progress as devotees, and purify our self as devotees.

By your example I get so much inspiration and encouragement to become a devotee and to play same part in this wonderful mission. Without S.P who took Chaitanyas sankirtan mission to the rest of the world, we would have been totally lost here in maya, without any hope. Of course there is always this anxiety, am I doing enough, how much more do I have to improve, will I be serious enough .Do I want to surrender completely?

So I have this hope, because I have a little attraction for Krishna, and there is also this little attraction for association with the devotees. This is my hope that I always will stay in the association with the great devotees of this ISKCON community. Their great qualities will hopefully also in due course of time spill over on me. I always won't to develop this attraction and remembrance on Krishna and his associates. Maharaj , you give me this opportunity ,you invite to this association. Maybe I don't take full advantages of it because of my ignorance. And I am slow in my nature but I always want to be your disciple, no matter what happens. I beg you to not forget me and to always be my guru

Your servant,

Bahulāśva Dāsa

## **Bali Mardan Dāsa**

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada  
All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja

Maharaj my life has been ups and downs, often feeling down and depressed, but by listening to your classes I feel great hope and light at the end of the tunnel. I feel that I am not alone but that you are always there with me, giving me faith.

I go to town to do books most days, and they are generally the good days due to your blessings and the books are going out. I am trying to make friends and give Krishna to the people I meet. I am also trying to serve devotees to the best of my ability.

You travel around the world without any consideration of personal comfort, preaching the mission of Lord Caitanya and the message of Srila Prabhupada. Anything good in my Krishna Consciousness is happening due to your causeless mercy. When you came to Leicester I had an opportunity to cook for you and try to serve you as best as I could. Please forgive me for any mistakes in my services to you.

I feel I am eternally indebted to you for your kindness.

Your servant,

Bali Mardan Dāsa

## **Bhakta Danca & Family**

Hare Krishna Dear Maharaja,

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

May you enlighten with your torch the path leading back home for more and more souls. May your lectures always so wonderfully help all to remember forgotten knowledge. May your nectarean kirtans flare up the flame of love of Krishna.

With humility and gratitude for all,

Hopefully someday your disciple,

Bhakta Danca with family, (Czech Republic)

## **Bhakta Frank**

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami,

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

The following words are meant for Your glorification but because I am very much fallen and a complete dumb, it will not be able to reach even a tinge of Your glories. Please forgive me all my offenses and shortcomings that I've committed against Your lotus feet and please accept what I tried to express.

Sure enough I'd now sit as a drunkard under other drunkards after work while eating fast food meat and ogling the waitress into their dicolletī making jokes at her expenses. I would suffer really strongly!

But by Your divine mercy I'm now tasting the higher taste of life - devotional life. I'm now relieved of this big pain not to know how to spend my time properly.

Like You are setting the example also Your disciples are travelling around in order to make new Devotees. One picked me up in my dark hellish well and gave me the glimpse of Your lotus feet. These lotus feet are able to lead the path back the the spiritual realm. Leading the path to the bright shining pasture grounds of Vrindavan.

This material world consists mainly of distress and the mirage of happiness. Nothing and no one is really reliable and knows more than "going further and further" in trying to enjoy what is not at all relishable. I almost had given up the idea that I'll find a person who really knows more about life. Who

can teach me things which I'm not able to learn on my own way anyway. Interested in a medicine to cure the worlds disease, I almost had given up hope.

Normally, in the materialistic way of life people are offering so many different possibilities how they would change the world. But there is no practical evidence, not even in their life-style, that they're actually knowing "something more".

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

As I met You, I could see that You are very much different in this regard. You are obviously living what You are preaching. You are kind, You are affectionate, You are forgiving, You know how to deal with the people in this humble way that everyone is pleased even with straight answers. It is very easy for me to see that what You are proposing as solutions for ones problems is founding in the honest and deep wish for the relieve of suffering and improvement in devotional life of Your protigī. You are giving all You have. What is really revolutionary - in my experience no one gives, everyone just takes, like me.

You are a tattva-darsinah, You see the truth, You've fully realized that Krishna is our only hope. As a living example of having faith in the guru You are following his footsteps strictly and without any compromises. You yourself say that you are "proud of believing that Your guru is a pure devotee". I very much like this, because it hits exactly what I am hankering for.

But as I am in the very beginning of my spiritual life,

I cannot really conceive what this dimension of faith in guru means in practice, besides the fact that I'm sure not being there myself.

As a part of the Gaudiya-Madhva Sampradaya and therefore a representative of Krishna, You are giving a zombie like me the causeless mercy also being linked to this "stairway to heaven".

Therefore I'm thankful, and try to serve You, well knowing that this is just a joke in comparison to what You are giving to me. Fully astounded and deeply moved I fall down for paying my humble obeisances to You.

Finally I would like to express my hope that the blamable service that I try to render unto Your lotus feet is enough to deepen our relationship. Please bless me, so that I can always remain in the association of Your disciples to relish their glorifications of Your divine wisdom and having the opportunity to serve them.

Your servant,

Bhakta Frank

## **Bhakta Ondrej**

Dear Gurumaharaj!

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to HDG Srila Prabhupada!  
All glories to HH Jayadvaita Swami!  
All glories to You!

On this auspicious day let me express my deepest gratitude for the mercy you bestow on us. I rather

don't imagine where I would be without your kind guidance. Your lectures are my daily guide, support and inspiration. I greatly appreciate the valuable opportunity you kindly gave me during your last visit in Czech, when I was allowed to serve you personally a little. Then I could see very closely how demanding and physically exhausting your daily service is. Still you persistently continue with powerful preaching and constant travelling around the world in order to assist Lord Caitanya in delivering us fallen souls. Your day to day activities are amazing and for common man truly unfeasible. Your life is the proof of how the desire to please the spiritual master and Srila Prabhupada empowers one to perform unbelievable deeds. You follow unshakeably in their footsteps and thus set the perfect example for us to become the same staunch followers of our spiritual master as you. At my present level it is just wishful thinking. Please bless me to have at least one hundredth of your enthusiasm and dedication, so that I can become useful and helpful to you in pursuing your mission within Srila Prabhupada's ISKCON. I cannot thank you enough for giving me shelter in this wonderful transcendental society.

Your aspiring servant,

Bhakta Ondrej

## **Bhakta Rory**

I offer my humble obeisances  
at Your Lotus Feet  
For giving me a chance  
to escape births repeat  
For showing me how to live  
and be free from sin  
For giving me what I've always needed

a clean, fresh new begin

I offer my obeisances to the  
words from Your Lotus Mouth  
Which destroys my maya ad ignorance  
and dispels all my doubts  
Which increases my love devotion  
and service mentality  
You are my Lord birth after birth  
for all eternity

I offer my humble obeisances  
at Your Lotus Eyes  
Which purifies and encourages me  
and causes ahankaras demise  
Its loving chastisement are perfect  
in every single way  
It says so much more  
then I'll ever be able to say

nama om visnu-pádāya kṛṣṇa presthāya bhū-tale  
śrimate kadamba kánana svāmin iti nāmine

Bhakta Rory

## **Bharadvāja Dāsa**

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami,

Please accept my low obeisance at the dust of Your lotus feet.

All glories to Your divine grace.

All glories to Your spiritual master Jay Advaita Swami.

All glories to the most merciful Srila Prabhupada.  
All glories to the Sankirtan mission of the Lord Caitanya.

Allow me, that I should also this very auspicious

and fortunate day on occasion of Your Vyasapuja, to add my expression of thanks for all You have done and still tirelessly do for our rescue and that You mercifully tolerate our deficits. I want to thank You for Your mercy that I certainly can't never pay back. Without You and Your inspiration I should surely eternally drown in never-ending ocean of material energy constantly attacked by three modes of material nature. So I at least have a chance. Although we can sometimes experience hard times even so I'd like to be permanently engaged in activity that pleases You, because that is the only way how to get Krishna's mercy. Thank You with all heart that You show me the way and give my life a sense. Please give me Your blessings I should never leave the association of devotees and I could always serve Your lotus feet. Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami, a lot of strong constitution, good fortune and infinite mercy wish

You a servant of Your servant,

Bharadvāja Dāsa

## **Caittya-Guru Dāsa**

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami,

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

I amongst others had the opportunity to accompany you on your recent Bangladesh pilgrimage. It was an excellent spiritual experience. I could witness your strong determination to serve for the pleasure of your spiritual masters and Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and your surrender to the service of the Vaishnavas.

Every day we had great experiences like meeting

the devotees and Bengali mamas in Narsingdi who received us so very personal with much affection and care. The ecstatic motorcycle-kirtan and the welcome-party in Shylet with limit breaking kirtans. In Pundarik Dham at Vasudev and Mukunda dattas bhajan kutir there were hundreds or thousands of birds gathering in the trees, who just continued chirping and singing in ecstasy when your joyful kirtan and our dancing had already ended. Every day made a deep impression and offered a taste of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's magic.

In every place where we met local Vaishnavas you asked the assembly to bless us and to kindly bestow upon us from their spiritual merit. Giving yourself to them in powerful, long and sweet kirtan and sincere reciprocation and addresses in Bengali surprised and bound your audience. In this way you opened door after door for us.

We gained so much! The spiritual Master is the owner of the wealth of the disciple. May I be able to grow and offer back whatever possible by spreading it. May I eventually become a preaching tool!

I think my strongest enemy is pride. My heart is steel and I suffer in separation. I think I am special, having a superior taste and maturity. I see myself as a master, and think anyone would be benefitted asking me for direction. I only play humility and friendliness to be accepted by you and the society and to have my senses safely gratified. My mind has grown big and old with pride. When will I say no! to pride?

I noticed that by the influence of your presence it is natural for me to gradually give up my fear of being not accepted and not loved. I trust that you have no personal motive. I want to overcome my impurities,

I depend on your association!

In Kirtan you are grave, determined to sure enough reach out to the storehouse of love of god. Single-mindedly you pull forward with great strength while others like me though sitting by are sleeping, hardly able to follow with the melody.

Contemplating I see I need to change a lot, far away am I from being a reliable servant. Far away from the oasis that is Nishta, where the road goes downhill and is beautified with true Krishna Consciousness. I must increase my reading to a steady, sound level. Otherwise also my chanting can not become deep and clear. Maharaja, please note my prayer to be changed. Please allow me to have your association again.

Your servant,

Caitya-Guru Dāsa

### **Campakalatā Devi Dāsī**

Hare Krishna Swami Kadamba ,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Do hope you will accept my humble offering, just to tell you, how happy I am you accepted me as your disciple, and have always given me inspiration, and courage to continue the beautiful and sometimes lonely roads of Krishna Concience.

Thank You, thank you, thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!

Hare Krishna,

Campakalatā Devi Dāsī

### **Dahani Devi Dāsī**

AN OCEAN OF NECTAR

There is an ocean of nectar  
Which I have found recently  
On the shores of Srila Prabhupada's continent.  
Its waves are moving to and fro  
In the rythm of constant chanting.  
That magnificent ocean is You.

Those who relish  
Just a drop of that ocean  
Become immediately infected  
With desire to serve, chant  
And sing from their hearts.

Such is the mercy of the Lord –  
He connected us, the most fortunate thirsty ones,  
With You, with that ocean,  
Thus blessing us with divine association  
And granting us such a joy.

Thank you for cleansing our hearts  
With Your divine waters.  
All glories to You!

Dahani Devi Dāsī

### **Darpan**

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami

Please accept my humble obeisances

The day I was brought to Krishna Consciousness I was under shelter, because your classes and kirtans are great. You are kind, humble and respectful. I

*"Sometimes they say that in this movement, 90% of the people do 10% of the work and 10% of the people do 90% of the work. We can decide who we want to be with. We fly our own plane – it's between us and Krsna. We've got that mercy and it's up to us to be serious"*



had an amazing time when you came to Leicester.  
Please come again, you are the dearest in the world,  
and I would like to be your youngest disciple,

Your servant,

Darpan (Leicester, UK)

## **Dharmānanda Dāsa**

Hare Krishna Your Holiness Kadamba Kanana  
Swami,

Please accept my humble obeisances

To my father, I wish you all the best on your vyas  
puja day. Love and Haribol from your loving son,

Dharmānanda Dāsa (Adelaide, Australia)

## **Doyāl Govinda Dāsa**

Hare Krishna dear Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada, all glories to  
Jayadvaita Maharaja.

I was just reading last years offering and similar to  
the year 2011, again I feel happy writing for You an  
offering for that wonderful event.

On the one hand time is flying and there is a  
constant flow of energy and always changes. On  
the other hand with my very very limited view I  
cannot see changes especially in my behaviour,  
my false attachments to this material world, my  
shortcomings and changes in my preaching field.

It seems that people are less and less interested  
in spiritual life and in Krsna-consciousness. At  
Heidelberg we are still in the same area with the  
same apartment with almost the same guests and  
devotees.

The wonderful thing is that there is at least the  
possibility of preaching the message of the Lord  
and due to Your mercy we can continue and my  
wife and myself find the strength to be there and  
celebrate a Sunday feast every week. Looking  
at Your travel plan I can only speak out my deep  
respect for You and Your dedication. Being so much  
indebted to You it is also our duty to represent You  
in our area and preach Krsna-consciousness, but I  
do not want to perform it as an act of duty, I like to  
do it as an act of appreciation and love for You. In  
the 6th chapter of the Nectar of Devotion the 3rd  
point is to obey the orders of the spiritual master  
and have faith in those. I do not obey Your orders,  
ok we do have another Ratha Yatra this year, but  
the outreach preaching is still far away, so only due  
to Your kindness I am able to continue my service  
and I can meditate on my future tasks that finally I  
can obey Your orders one day. Anyway I still ask:"  
Dear guru maharaja, how can I serve You? What  
can I do for You? What can I do more for You?" My  
plan is to get more and more involved in preaching  
activities and dedicating my life to the mission. I am  
a person who plans a lot and as an advantage I have  
made the framework for my future looking well  
ahead. I pray that I can inspire my wife and child,  
my community and many people I will meet. There  
is a nice prayer which says:" My dear Lord please  
let me radiate spiritual love and peace to the whole  
world."

Another prayer addressing Lord Caitanya says: "I am  
a fallen soul and You are the savior of the fallen, on

the strength of this relationship I am begging from  
You the nectar of the Holy Name.”

Only by Your blessings and mercy I am able to  
maintain my dedication, You are also the savior of  
the fallen and on the strength of our relationship I  
am begging from You to become Your servant.

Please see below 27 names describing Your divine  
qualities:

mahaprabhu – You are also Mahaprabhu, the  
greatest master of all living entities  
sudhakara – the source of all nectar  
natabara – the best of all dancers  
namananda – You become restless and blissful upon  
hearing the Holy Names of Lord Hari  
capala balaka – in Your boyhood pastimes You are  
swift and agile  
tarki – You are the greatest logician  
kautukanurakta – You are greatly fond of joking and  
playing pranks  
tairthika-sarvasva – You are the cynosure of all  
philosophers  
bhumi-desa-hara – during Your travels You remove  
all the distress of mother earth  
arya-dharma-pala – You are the preserver of  
sanatana-dharma  
jayadvaita-sisya – You accepted Jayadvaita Maharaja  
as Your spiritual master  
madhvacarya-sampradaya-pata – You are the  
protector and maintainer of the Brahma-Madhva-  
Gaudiya sampradaya  
krsna-namonmatta – You become madly intoxicated  
by tasting the nectar of the Holy Name of Krsna  
krsna-tattva-adhyapaka – You are the ultimate  
professor of the science of Krsna consciousness  
jagai-madhai-adi durvritta-tarana – You are the  
deliverer of all sorts of rogues and rascals like Jagai

and Madhai  
nagara-kirtana-simha – You are the lion of  
congregational chanting  
suddha-nama-pracaraka – the topmost preacher of  
the pure Holy Name  
krpa-sindhu – an ocean of mercy  
parivraja-siromani – You are Himself the crest-jewel  
of all wandering renunciates  
bauddha-jain-mayavadi-kutarka-khandana - the  
refuter of the atheistic arguments of the Buddhists,  
Jains and Mayavadis  
rathagra-nartaka – You danced exuberantly in front  
of the Jagannatha cart during Ratha Yatra  
vrndavananda-murti – You are the personification  
of the bliss of the transcendental realm of Vrindavan  
prema-data – You are the bestower of love of God  
markata-vairagi-dandi – the chastiser of the false  
renunciates  
a-candala-trata – You are the savior of everyone  
down to the lowest class of men.  
vrindavana-bhava-vibhava – You constantly remain  
overwhelmed with the ecstatic moods of Vrindavana  
kali-yuga-pavana – the supreme purifier of the  
degraded age of Kali.

Your servant,  
Doyāl Govinda Dāsa

## **Dvarkadiśa Dāsa**

Dear Srimad Kadamba Kanana Swami Gurumaharaja

All glories to Srila Prabhupada, Jayadvaita Swami and  
to You

Please forgive my inability to properly glorify You  
and even trying is a challenge for me – grasping the  
size of the ocean is difficult for a fool with a puddle-  
like ken. On the other side it gives me so much

pleasure to meditate about Your personality that I thank You again for engaging me as Your disciple.

In midst the stormy weather the people flee and hide. They try to get relieve and move the heavy weight from one shoulder to the other. Even the saints and sages are eager to escape the tribulations of this world, still they are selfish and their endeavor is troublesome and fruitless – only the devotee who fully surrenders his existence unto the lotus feet of Krishna is safe and unshaken. You are such a dedicated servant, wholeheartedly available, so for me, You are the saving umbrella. Storms may blow – I hold on to You. Huge bodies of water may fall from all sides – Your vani extends to a breath that safe me from getting wet. When the burning sun arises - Your example is spending shade. If dangerous arguments attack – Your words unfold a security shield - and most enlivening – Your deep personality as a kindhearted master is an umbrella which I hold on to and fly with the wind of inspiration .....and relish devotional service as an adventurous breeze – how far will it go...

To remember Your glories I learned this nice sloka:

tad-vijñānārthaṁ sa gurum evābhigacchet  
samt-pāṇiḥ śrotriyaṁ brahma-niṣṭham

Unlimited are Your glories in sacrificing everything for Kṛṣṇa, the devotees and embarrassing enough even to the one who try's but fail even in the simple task to collect the fuel. My strong desire is to contribute to Your preaching and looking for people helping nourish that fire.

This it was stands out for me – even in times of trouble, hours of lamentation and moments of doubt – the gift of a relationship to You, Your

master and Srila Prabhupada is the Rock in my life: Heavy - Not a heavy burden, instead a fixed solution, a strong backup, a shelter - a saving grace.

So in my life every step is a decision and although old habits try to force me, never is there a chance to avoid the responsibility. Please reprimand and plaster me with service and be assured that I try to serve You with heart and soul.

Your eternal servant,

Dvarkadiśa Dāsa

## Eurika

Hare Krishna,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to our Savior Srila Prabhupada!

All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj

I am sitting here, listening to the secrets of the rain, trying to put down on paper the thoughts of my heart. Is it even possible to put down what I am feeling? I am stuck. But then I remember, what is it that Maharaj is teaching me, over and over again. Firm faith. Think of Krishna, never forget our sweet lord. Take shelter. Hence, I apply your teachings, and off course, the attempt to honor you begins.

So as I sit here, the rain not even wanting to subside, I listen carefully and then I realize. Your mercy, your mercy is like the rain. As the rain purifies and washes away the dust on barren land, it brings with it the energy for new growth to flourish. As such, your mercy, your words, inspiration, and your

instructions, they all wash away my misgivings and as I continue on this journey, your guidance spurts renewed growth of love of God in this wretched old soul.

I remember hearing a voice a long time ago at a Rath Yathra. I was drawn to the voice, but I could not see who the speaker was. In my ignorance, I pushed the search aside, and continued with material endeavors. Years later, I heard the very same voice and it carried my spirit, and at last, I felt at ease. With a renewed determination, the search to find this speaker began in earnest. It was off course my most dear Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj, and I breathed a sigh of relief. I finally found my place on this plane. I remember just by hearing your kirtan, your lectures and reading the transcripts, I already felt deeply indebted to you. I felt and still feel that there will never be a way to repay you for your guidance. But, what I can do is be thankful, and try. I can try to practice the teachings diligently, I can try to chant attentively and I can try to be a devotee, all under your guidance and mercy.

As I sit here listening to the rain, it makes me remember that not only is your inspiration and guidance toward me that is nourishing me, but its the constancy. Every day, every class, every moment, every utterance from Maharaj is about our sweet Lord and eternal savior, Srila Prabhupada.

Nothing else matters. Only Krishna. Only Prabhupada.

That is a lesson I will always carry with me, wherever I may go. Never forget! Try harder! The higher taste is calling!

Thank you for taking time to encourage, inspire, instruct and guide me. Your mercy has no bounds, and I know I am an unworthy recipient. Every step I have taken forward in Krishna Consciousness, I have taken with your mercy, and as I grow, it will be by your blessings.

Maharaj, on this Vyasa puja celebration, I wish you well and excellent health, and I hope to one day serve you.

Your fallen and insignificant servant,

Eurika

## Ganna

Hare Krishna dear Guruji,

Thank You so much for everything that You do! Your lectures are great support in spiritual and everyday life, they always pick me up whenever I feel sad or tired. Your nectar bhajans and extatic kirtans are my constant companion during the day – they play when I wake up, do exercises, cook or drive. Pure voice touches the heart and transcendental knowledge changes mind. Some ideas from Your lectures have become my “life keys”: “Karma can never overcome Bhakti”, “Krishna Consciousness is so simple that we might even miss it (and that is we who make it difficult)”, “Purity and Naturalness are qualities that have to be married”..

Thank You Maharaja for Your wonderful service, thanks Krishna for all that mercy, thanks your parents that You exists, thanks your Guru for the science of self-realization, thanks Srila Prabhupada...

Kadamba Kanana Swami ki Jay!!

With love.

Your Servant,

Ganna

## **Gauravāṇī Dāsī**

Hare Krishna dearest Guru Maharaj

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to His Hollines Jayadvaita Maharaj.

All glories to you.

In the beginning I would like to thank you that you are...

I am so thankful to Krishna and Srila Prabhupada because They are always so kind to us.

I have to apologize , that I am not a good disciple. I am rascal as you said to me so many times... and now after few years my false ego finally agree. I am sorry that everything is taking me so long time, but you are staying always next to me, you are always so patient with me.

You are amazing how you are taking care and holding a protective hand above me. And you give me perfect advices - even if they are sometimes too much for my false ego, but I know that's just because you want to give me the strenght to follow the right way . And I have to say I love that. I can't imagine life without all of that.

You are always as my best spiritual master, as the

best father, as the best friend... you can just take any role and play anytime perfectly. I am bowing down with full respect to your lotus feet.

I don't want to ask for any blessings in this auspicious day , because you are showering us with full stream of blessings and love of God all the time.

I just hope at the corner of my stony heart that one day I will be a real devotee of the Lord ... and servant of the servant of the all Vaisnavas and my heart would melt with glorifying and hearing about Krishna , His Holy name and pastimes.

And I know that I don't need that much, I am sure it can happen if I would just start really listen your great instructions.

I can just say Thank you for everything...

With hope, your rascal daughter

Gauravāṇī Dāsī

## **Girivaradhārī Dāsa and Prema Mayī Devi Dāsī and kids**

nama om visnu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-presthāya bhū-tale  
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vānī-pracārīne  
nirvīṣesa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-ḍeśa-tārīne

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

On this most auspicious day of your appearance, we offer You our humble obeisances. We are so fortunate to have you as our spiritual master. It was your utmost mercy to accept us as your disciples and lead us in the right direction toward Krishna

Consciousness.

Through many rough times, you have always given us the courage to overcome them and motivate us. Srila Prabhupada has given us the powerful Maha-mantra which helps us in tremendous ways in our spiritual growth and stay connected to Lord Krishna.

We would like to thank you once again. All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to Jai Advaitaya Swami ! All glories to Srila Kadamba Kanana Swami !!

Your humble servants,

Girivaradhārī Dāsa and Prema Mayī Devi Dāsī and kids (Pretoria, South Africa)

## **Gisela Mohanlal**

Hare Krishna dear Maharaja,

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

How fortunate I am, that I have had the honour to meet you. All because of Krishna's mercy. Meeting you in September last year at the Kirtan Mela in Germany has definitely changed my life. Your presence, words and instructions inspire me deeply in continuing my journey back to Godhead. I humbly thank you so much for having the patience with me to guide me back home. May you allow me to take shelter at your lotus feet and may I serve you with sincere intentions.

Dear Maharaja most of all Congratulations, I wish you a happy birthday on this auspicious day. You are really the Best!

Your servant,

Gisela Mohanlal

## **Gopālī Dāsī**

Dear Guru Maharaj,

please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to Jayadvaita Swami! All glories to You!!!

I want to write a nice offering to you but unfortunately I have no proper words. Actually this is at least my 300th offering to you as since last VP I literally think every day what would I write to you, how to glorify you properly, how to please you... And still my advancement is so poor that I cannot see much of your glory. Still I am crippled and blind, stupid and stubborn, proud and independent and so unfortunate that I cannot see fully how wonderful you are. Yet, in spite of all these shortcomings of mine I know you are the best, most advanced, most wonderful person I have ever got to know and along with Krsna my most-concerned well-wisher.

Yes, life is not easy for anybody. So many complaints all around.

Everybody is suffering in this material world. And I am not an exception. Most of the time I feel like the train just ran over me. But despite that I am happy because I found refuge in Krsna consciousness and because at one point you came into my life. And I am not going to give up. Sometimes with genuine and sometimes with artificial smile I keep carrying my karma and trying my best to fix my sight towards Krsna and his blissful companions.

And gradually with the miraculous touch of your presence and teachings more and more light and realizations come into my life and change me in a better person.

The way how you are giving everything, all your life and energy to preaching, keeping nothing for you, recruiting other jivas for Kṛṣṇa's service and trying to bring them to His lotus feet, is breath-taking. It is stunning to see how you can make people so charmed by you that they are progressively offering major part of their lives. You are full of life, you are shining, everybody wants to be close to you, to get this pleasant feeling of peace and bliss emanating from your personality.

Unfortunately I did not have enough credit to receive male form of life that would enable me to serve you more intimately and personally. My female body enables only limited services, but it forces me to focus on your vani, on fulfilling your instruction and trying to please you.

Last time you were visiting us I realized that vani really works. Usually we get many senior devotees and I get the chance to talk to them and receive a lot of nice advice which I try to apply in my life. But repeatedly I noticed that when you visit, some other dimension comes into action. Even though I do not talk to you much and receive almost none of personal instructions I observe change of my consciousness and feel a change in my heart. I feel something is melting there and I realize many important things about my life, my behaviour, my service etc. Even though you do not give me personal instruction I get the instruction from inside of my heart. And those realisations are not small things, for me they are the major steps on my path. So my conclusion is that if one sincerely tries to

serve spiritual master then instructions are somehow revealed.

I can say thousands of times that I am your servant. But can it be taken seriously unless it is proven by action? As real love is shown in the fire of separation it can be demonstrated by how much one is willing to give and how much one is willing to give up. There is not a day when I do not contemplate on your words and instruction. Every day I am taxing my brain - what can I do today to fulfill GM's instruction. What prey, what gift can I bring to His feet today? And every night when I am laying down I am questioning myself - did I do enough? Only to find the same answer day after day - my service is mediocre at best.

I would like to finish my offering by thanking you for everything you have done for me, Paramesvara and Kadambini. I cannot stop thanking you for accepting me in your family. There is no limit to my gratitude for your leading me back home. I cannot find the means how to repay you, I think it is not possible. After all, what can a beggar give? I am a sold animal. Please use me in your service and in service to Kṛṣṇa. All I can do is that I will try to repay at least part of my debt by helping other jivas come close to Kṛṣṇa and come close to you.

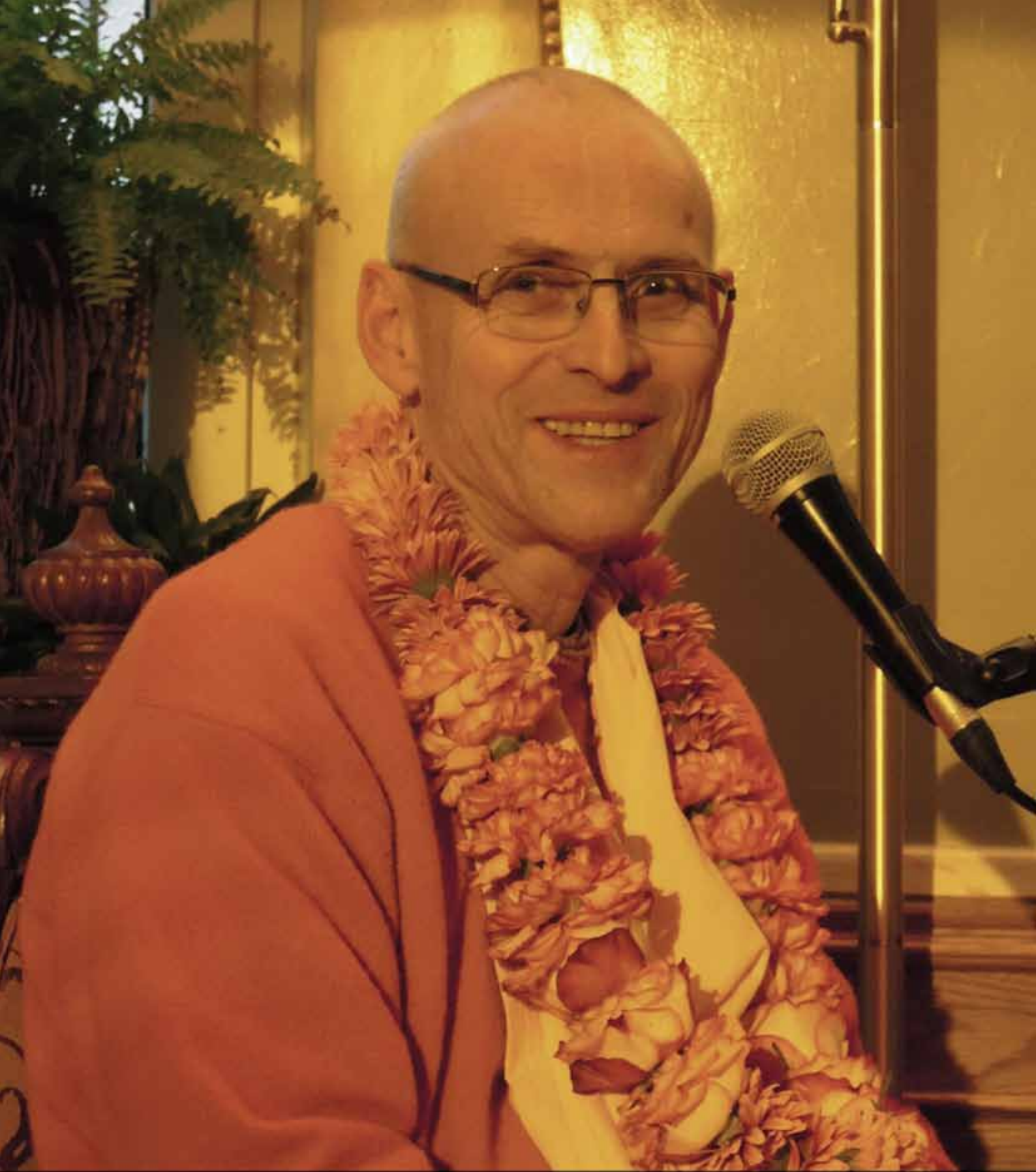
Your servant,

Gopālī Dāsī

**Gour Mohan Dāsa**

Dear Guru-Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances  
All Glories to Srīla Prabhupada



*"A vaisnava has to be someone with a heart. Not just someone who chants so many rounds or someone who chants so many slokas or one who is getting up really early when the whole world still sleeps - that's wonderful - but if that person, despite all these wonderful things doesn't have a heart, then he's not a complete vaisnava because a vaisnava has a heart"*

All Glories to Jayadvaita Swami  
All Glories to You, honored Master

### Declarance of Dependence

This year I didn't go to India with the other brahmacharis in order to become more absorbed in my humble service of Book Distribution. The first few days being on my own were full of success. I had more time to read; I got more and more taste for the SERVICE of Book Distribution and had throughout the day a very nice meditation. These were some of the results attaining from going deep into my service for you. It was a welcomed challenge to stand on my own feet. Though little by little, the strength of my focus became weaker and weaker and my mind began to drift away from my service. The very fact that I actually was not as strongly rooted in Krishna Consciousness as assumed shocked me. It made me humble and aware of my dependence of the most auspicious association of Vaisnavas.

In that auspicious association I will observe very carefully how every Vaisnava performs his service to the Lord. And by observing and analyzing I will try to adapt their methods and attitudes by following in their most auspicious footsteps. One problem will tough arise: the Vaisnavas are so humble that they will not very easily reveal their most inner secrets to a fool like me. My strategy therefore is that I will serve them in such an excellent way I that they will become somehow pleased with me and reveal their inner most secrets of their devotional service. Staying thus humble and meek at their lotus feet I will beg them to please give me entrance to the transcendental service of Shri Krishna.

Thus I learn to be respectful towards the devotees

of the lord and stay humble by being aware of my dependence of these great souls.

The first dimension of association with these great personalities is attained in physical association in everyday life. The second dimension of this holy association is attained through the study of the devotees mentioned in the holy books; foremost of all is the Shri Caitanya Caritamrita. Therefore my plan is to study this wonderful book thoroughly, like my spiritual master HH. Kadamba Kanana Swami.

Diving deep into the relationships of these vaisnavas is like an ocean of nectar. In this ocean there are no dangers, because if we even drown new worlds full of ecstasies are revealed to us. And every little drop tastes like an explosion of nectar. My wish is that I may drown in this genuine ocean and will never have to leave it in this life or the next.

The other part of my transcendental plan consists praising their sublime qualities. Maybe I will be thus able to adobt some of their great qualities.

Sincerely grasping the lotusfeet of you vaisnavas, especially yours Maharaj, I beg you again and again to please please please be mercyfull to me by always keeping me in your association. I will serve you as your dog and you may command me around as you so desire. Whatever obstacles arise on this path I will face them with determination and patience.

Praying at your Lotusfeet my honored Guru-Maharaj I hope that you may never reject me of your shelter. Please empower me to share the nectar you are giving me, which you are distributing like intoxicated Lord Nityananda, not concerning who is qualified and who is not. Like Lord Nityananda you are

partaking in the transcendental Lila of Gouranga Mahaprabhu and relishing it's nectar. Please give me a glimpse of that nectar, so that I may give it to others! My very life and soul is dependend on Your causeless MERCY.

At your command,

Gour Mohan Dāsa

## **Gurudāsa**

Dearest Guru Maharaja

Please accept my respectful obeisances.

One point is becoming more and more obvious as time passes.

This one point is: The personal instructions you have given me are the most precious gifts I have ever ever received.

Every time you gave me personal instructions, as an actor, a fake, a rat, a snake I simply imitated a humble disciple nodding my head agreeing with folded hands. At the time I took these instructions with a pinch of salt, not appreciating the value, having no real intention to follow and thinking I know better.

As newer and newer problems stare me in the face, the facts hit me in my heart:

"I am thinking this now but he had mentioned this already"

"He knew about this and that's why he advised me like that"

Again and again I find myself thinking:

"He is always one step ahead, how did he know?!"

"Oh yeah, he said this and yes it really works"

"I should have done what he told me ages ago"

"I should simply do what he says, maybe he is a genius and I will never have a problem again!"

....like this my steel framed heart is becoming defeated by realising your super excellent dealings with me. Your instructions are special specific gems that eradicate the complex darkness of my heart. You patiently wait for me to follow the instructions.

Like this you conquer the hearts of thousands and give them exact medicine to soothe their pain and cure their incurable disease. I am sure that one day I will hold your photo to my heart and breakdown in tears with mixed emotions of appreciation, lamentation and ecstasy thinking about your gift of personal instructions to me.

Please do not give up on me yet. Please bless me that I can follow your instructions. Your instructions make up the real pure pathway to the Lotus Feet of Godhead.

Thank You For Everything

Your servant,

Gurudāsa

## **Haṁsa Avatar Dāsa**

Dear Gurumaharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisance at the dust of Your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, all glories to His Divine Grace Jay Advaita Swami, all glories to You and Your mercyfull service. All glories to all Vaisnavas devotees of the Lord Sri Krishna.

tarko 'pratisthah śrutayo vibhinnā  
nāsāv risir yasya matam na bhinnam  
dharmasya tattvam nihitam guhāyām  
mahājano yena gatah sa panthāh

‘Dry arguments are inconclusive. A great personality whose opinion does not differ from others is not considered a great sage. Simply by studying the Vedas, which are variegated, one cannot come to the right path by which religious principles are understood. The solid truth of religious principles is hidden in the heart of an unadulterated, self-realized person. Consequently, as the sastras confirm, one should accept whatever progressive path the mahajanas advocate.’

This beautiful day of Your Vyasapuja I'd like to thank You for opening a coffin of Your heart so we can take a part of enjoying the glance of the most valuable jewels of love of God. Thus fulfill the sense of human life and dive in this transcendental bliss.

That is what all the beings miss in this fearful world. Throughout eternity all the living entities are trying to find this goal personal relation between a soul and Lord Sri Krishna. By grace of the Vaisnavas we can know that the sweetest mellow is hidden in Vedas. Unfortunately as the conditioned souls we are attended to search for money so don't want to taste that honey. At best after very long rest trying a bitter taste look for something sweet what soul really needs searching for some sweets. So we get the bottle of that pure nectar and go home lock the door and taste alone. But still trying to fulfill inner desire trying to lick outside of the bottle but can't find anything big.

By Your causeless mercy without any hesitations

You just kindly say “My dear, open here and taste don't waste your valuable lifetime.”

Thank You very much that You are such a kind and patient with me chronic ignorant patient.

My dear Gurumaharaj, thank You so for eternal bliss and knowledge for a way to the eternal goal devotional service to the Supreme Lord and His consort.

Wish You eternal association of the pure devotees and a lot of strength to spread that treasure of love of God everywhere. Wish You good health and the most wealth for Your service.

THANK YOU,  
Your trying to be servant,

Harīsa Avatar Dāsa

## **Hemāṅga Caitanya Dāsa & Smita Kṛṣṇa Devi Dāsī**

nama om visnu-pādāya kṛṣṇa presthāya bhū-tale  
śrimate kadamba kānana svāmin iti nāmine

nama om visnu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-presthāya bhū-tale  
guru dasa jayadvaita svāmin iti nāmine

nama om visnu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-presthāya bhū-tale  
śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all the Vaisnavas

Today, it was a very auspicious day for myself and for whole Sydney – It was Rath Yatra here and Lord Jagannath went out riding on his magnificent chariot in the downtown Sydney, giving out His mercy to everyone without any discrimination or any consideration. While devotees were jumping up and down in ecstasy, kirtan was on its top end, I was looking at Lord Jagannath and His big wide eyes and I was remembering you. Last year (2011), you were personally present here and were leading all of us with Lord Jagannath on a higher realm. I was thinking, as Lord Jagannath doesn't discriminate in giving His mercy, you also never fail to give mercy to the conditioned souls; despite your bad health, bad facilities or opposite circumstances, u never stop spreading the message of Lord Caitanya. Always trying to reach more and more conditioned souls and trying to give them the Holy name of Krishna. Your recent Bangladesh tour was another example of the same - very inspiring – although externally tough situation –you very nicely brought these glorious places of Lord and His devotee's pastimes, in front of us and made them available to all of us - although I wasn't physically present in that tour but I did hear all the lectures and with your vani- I could see those glorious places little bit and could appreciate those exalted personalities little bit more, who displayed their lila with Caitanya mahaprabhu.

Whether you are physically with us or sitting thousands of miles away (in Europe, Africa etc etc), you are always giving us Krishna and by your mercy only, we are able to live our life- little bit though- in a Krishna Conscious way. With your personal example, you are always inspiring us to choose Krishna not maya, which we usually go towards. The more we read about you, your activities and your messages, the more we feel inspired to come closer to Krishna and His devotees. I thank to Krishna for

giving us shelter at the lotus feet of such an exalted devotee of the Lord and pray to Lord to give us enough intelligence to follow your footsteps without getting distracted and always serve you in very humble mood.

His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj, Srila Gurudev Ki Jay.

His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj, Vyas puja Mahamahotsav Ki Jay.

Srila Prabhupad Ki Jay.

Your unworthy servants,

Hemāṅga Caitanya Dāsa & Smita Kṛṣṇa Devi Dāsi

## Hina

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisance.

All glories to your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I endlessly bow down to your lotus feet again and again. You have been placed here on hell to take us all back home with you to the Vaikuntha planet where we can serve Krishna to our heart's content!

The Vyasa Puja is always a very special day since it is a day to glorify you, show appreciation, gratefulness and gratitude towards you and all of the kind things that you have done for us all. You have given us all endless mercy, with humour and serious points to take on board.

It was a great honour to serve you in February this year. My daughter and I were very excited about

it and we become ecstatic whenever we recall these precious moments with you! Thank you for tolerating my cooking, since it's not exactly first class, but you were very kind and humble about it! Although you are always busy I really do appreciate the fact that you took the time out to talk to me. Overall, I am very grateful for all that you have done for me and I found your advice and instructions as being most valuable. I duly will remember to continue to carry out the services required as much as my capabilities will allow me to do so in order to fulfil your desires. You are forever merciful and a well wisher!

I have always seen you as my Siksa Guru alongside Srila Prabhupada, and cannot wait for you to become my Diksa Guru! To me you are the topmost yogi:

‘yoginām api sarvesām  
mad-gatenāntar-ātmanā  
śraddhāvān bhajate yo mām  
sa me yuktatamo matah,’ (Bg, 6.47).

My spiritual life would not be complete without you. You are one of the main reasons as to why I am still in Krishna Consciousness! You are my future father from whom I will render service to with kindness, attention and great love. Confidently knowing that I will never feel alone in this so called ‘hellish planet’, just as long as I have Krishna, Srila Prabhupada and you within my heart, and hence there is no room within this heart for anything else!

Your aspiring servant,

Hina (Leicester, UK)

## Ikṣvāku Dāsa

om ajnana –timirandhasya jnananjana-śalakaya  
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah

nama om visnu-pādāya kṛṣṇa presthāya bhū-tale  
srimate kadamba kānana svāmin iti nāmine

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

Dear Guru Maharaja.

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

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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

Guru Maharaja, what can I offer to your lotus feet on this auspicious day. Whatever little material possessions or spiritual values I have is nothing but manifestation of your mercy

Just like we can take some water from Ganges and offer that back to Ganges. Similarly I have nothing that I can call mine, everything in my life progresses due to your causeless mercy.

I was drowning in an ocean of material suffering. You compassionately picked me up and gave me shelter at our lotus feet. Your words cut through my illusions and entered my heart. There you planted the seed of creeper of devotional service. You gave me the most precious gift which can never be repaid. You have given me opportunities to serve you. How fortunate I am to receive such care. Although I have done nothing to deserve it. I can only beg for more. Please remove the stubborn pride which stains my heart. Upon examining your mercy I am unable to

calculate its full extent, I am unable to adequately glorify you. My only hope is that by following your instructions I may be able to do something to please you.

I pray that I may always feel your presence. In this way I may become fearless to assist you in your service to Srila Prabhupada in the sankirtan mission of Lord Chaitanya.

Begging to remain your servant always,

Ikṣvāku Dāsa

## Irma

Dear Gurumaharaj

Please accept my humble obeisance,  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

There are so many things to say, but no words to describe it. Since I met devotees, on some way I'm aware of Kṛṣṇa. I know that He is always there to protect me, to give me a shelter, helping me to pass some bad phases. Unfortunately, I had a period when I was ignoring it. I was ashamed because my mother was Hare Kṛṣṇa, but more ashamed because I also believe in it.

Years have passed and I have realized how ignorant I was. That "switch" just came and showed me the real value of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. I figure out that this is my chance and I need to use it. But, I can't come to Kṛṣṇa just like that. I see it as a pyramid, where at the bottom are all living beings, then on second place are devotees and above devotees is guru. On the top of that pyramid is of course Supreme Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa. So, to have relationship or

better say to serve Kṛṣṇa, first of all I need to learn how to serve devotees and my guru.

That's why I'm writing this to You. I need Your mercy and your guidance, Your funny lectures that come straight to my heart, I need your kirtaans in which I can't stop to dance. I need You, to help me in this material world. To make it easier or harder, it doesn't matter, if I will reach the spiritual world.

Dear Gurumaharaj, thank You for Your determination and perseverance, which is pushing us further and inspire us. Thank You for the chance to serve You.

Your humble servant (in an attempt)

Irma

## Janamajaya Dāsa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

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

The year has passed like water and again there is that time when I am writing my offering and looking forward to Vyasa-pūjā and Queen's day. When we are going through the city of Amsterdam with so many devotees singing the Holy Name of the Lord, at that moment I realize how powerful sankirtana really is and I am thankful that I can be part of it and help in some way.

When I listen to your lectures I am glad that I have such a guru; not only do they give me faith which allows me to overcome obstacles - I also more easily understand topics of Bhagavad Gita and when I listen to you I am closer to our dear Srila

Prabhupada and I am so much thankful to you for this!

Dear Guru Maharaja, I pray to you with following prayer from Srila Bhaktivinod Thakura and I beg you to help me becoming a worthy servant of yours.

ohe! vaisnaba thākura, doyāra sāgara,  
e dāse koruṇā kori'  
diyā pada-chāyā, śodho he āmāya,  
tomāra caraṇa dhori

(1) O venerable Vaisnava. O ocean of mercy, be merciful unto your servant. Give me the shade of your lotus feet and purify me. I hold on to your lotus feet.

chaya bega domi', chaya dosa śodhi',  
chaya guṇa deho' dāse  
chaya sat-saṅga, deho' he āmāre,  
bosechi saṅgera āše

(2) Teach me to control my six passions; rectify my six faults, bestow upon me the six qualities, and offer unto me the six kinds of holy association

ekākī āmāra, nāhi pāya bala,  
hari-nāma-saṅkīrtane  
tumi kṛpā kori', śraddhā-bindu diyā,  
deho' kṛṣṇa-nāma-dhane

(3) I do not find the strength to carry on alone the sankirtana of the holy name of Hari. Please bless me by giving me just one drop of faith with which to obtain the great treasure of the holy name of Kṛṣṇa.

kṛṣṇa se tomāra, kṛṣṇa dīte pāro,  
tomāra śakati āche  
āmi to' kāṅgāla, ,kṛṣṇa' ,kṛṣṇa' boli',

dhāi tava pāche pāche

(4) Kṛṣṇa is yours. You have the power to give Him to me. I am simply your servant running behind you shouting, „Kṛṣṇa! Kṛṣṇa!“

I pray to Kṛṣṇa for the ability to serve you and I hope the time will come when you will be satisfied with my service.

Servant of your servant,

Janamajaya Dāsa

## Jananivāsa Dāsa

Dear Gurumaharaja

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, all glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja and all glories to you!

We were sitting in the 'Matchless Gifts' store front, just coming from a walk in Tompston Square Park and discussing the Caitanya Caritamrita. It was mainly you and Vasudeva speaking and I had a whole lot of things to do. So at one point I thought: "Maybe I should go..." We were sitting there for quite an amount of time but just exactly at that moment you looked at me and asked: "So, you want to go?" Baffled I said: "Ah, yes Maharaja... actually yes." So I left and on my way back to the Bhakti Centre I was meditating on one thought: 'Who are you?'

In Sydney you had a bad arthritis attack. Your whole knee got swollen and you could hardly walk. Your body really was in a bad condition but a program was to start. So you were somehow making your

*"Let us be conscious of the need of spiritual nourishment. Let us not think that we can go on automatic pilot in spiritual life, but let us make a conscious effort to be well nourished, and let us nourish others, by becoming vaisnavas of noble character, and then I guarantee you that the path back to Godhead will be successful!"*



way down to the temple room, reaching the Vyasasana and starting kirtana... It was one of the most amazing kirtanas I ever experienced, and what followed was a very special and ecstatic talk on the Caitanya Caritamrita... Where did the pain go? Where was the fatigue? Once again the thought: 'Who are you?'

Another time in New York I had this very question on my mind while being in your room and watching you sitting on the sofa. You were just silently sitting, looking at the wall, while I was staring at you. You caught my glance and said: "You are checking me out. I can see, you do it often. You are checking me out... I am chanting. Sometimes Kirtana sometimes Japa but in my mind I am always chanting..." Who are you?

I am checking you out, rascal that I am, but never do you fall short in giving me the picture of a devotee purely dedicated to the service of Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga. Day in day out I see you fixed and absorbed in Krsna consciousness. You are a saint, a prophet. You are very strictly anchored in the process, yet your dealings with devotees are on such a smooth level. I see you joking and laughing with your disciples and friends. One time in South Africa you were with Tota Gopinatha teaching him to speak French: "It's easy: Just say 'ooohh! ooohh! I – ooohh speak - ooohh French - ooohh!'" It was just so nice to witness.

What didn't you do for this movement? What didn't you do to please Jayadvaita Maharaja and Srila Prabhupada? Who are you to have such incredible strength in your devotional dedication?

Whoever you are, you are my spiritual master, the pure connection to Prabhupada and Krsna. You have

my full faith and following you sincerely my life will become perfected. I hope you will always take me with you, wherever that may be... "I guess I would come back... I am crazy enough to do it. They would get me. Krsna would come like: 'Oh, it's just for a hundred years... no problem...'"

I pray that one day I will be of some use for your service to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga.

Hare Krsna

Trying to be your servant,

Jananivāsa Dāsa

## Jay Keśava Dāsa

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

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

mūkaṁ karoti vācālaṁ  
paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim  
yat-kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande  
çré-guruà déna-tāraëam

„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.“

vande ,haṁ śrī-guroḥ śrī-yuta-pada-kamalaṁ śrī-  
gurūn vaiṣṇavāṁś ca  
śrī-rūpaṁ sāgrajātaṁ saha-gaṇa-raghunāthānvitaṁ

taṁ sa-jīvaṁ  
 sādvaītaṁ sāvadhūtaṁ parijana-sahitaṁ kṛṣṇa-  
 caitanya-devaṁ  
 śrī-rādhā-kṛṣṇa-pādān saha-gaṇa-lalitā-śrī-  
 viśākhānvitāṁś ca

„I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master and of all the other preceptors on the path of devotional service. I offer my respectful obeisances unto all the Vaisnavas and unto the six Gosvamis including Srīla Rupa Gosvāmī, Srīla Sanātana Gosvāmī, Raghunātha Dāsa Gosvāmī, Jīva Gosvāmī, and their associates. I offer my respectful obeisances unto Śrī Advaita Acārya Prabhu, Śrī Nityānanda Prabhu, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, and all His devotees, headed by Srīvaṣa Thākura. I then offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of Lord Kṛṣṇa,”

### Words of previous acryas are the best:

(1)  
 saṁsāra-dāvānala-liḍha-loka-  
 trāṇāya kārūṇya-ghanāghanatvam  
 prāptasya kalyāṇa-guṇārṇavasya  
 vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam

The spiritual master is receiving benediction from the ocean of mercy. Just as a cloud pours water on a forest fire to extinguish it, so the spiritual master delivers the materially afflicted world by extinguishing the blazing fire of material existence. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is an ocean of auspicious qualities.

(2)  
 mahāprabhoḥ kīrtana-nṛtya-gīta-  
 vāditra-māḍyan-manaso rasena

romāñca -kampāśru-taraṅga-bhājo  
 vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam

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

(3)  
 śrī-vigrahārādhana-nitya-nānā-  
 śṛṅgāra-tan-mandira-mārjanāḍau  
 yuktasya bhaktāṁś ca niyuñjato ,pi  
 vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam

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

(4)  
 catur-vidha-śrī-bhagavat-prasāda-  
 svādv-anna-tṛptān hari-bhakta-saṅghān  
 kṛtvaiḥ tṛptiṁ bhajataḥ sadaiva  
 vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam

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

a spiritual master.

(5)

śrī-rādhikā-mādhavayor apāra-  
mādhurya-līlā guṇa-rūpa-nāmnām  
prati-kṣaṇāsvādana-lolupasya  
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam

The spiritual master is always eager to hear and chant about the unlimited conjugal pastimes of Rādhikā and Mādhava, and Their qualities, names, and forms. The spiritual master aspires to relish these at every moment. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.

(6)

nikuṅja-yūno rati-keli-siddhyai  
yā yālibhir yuktir apekṣaṇīyā  
tatrāti-dākṣyād ati-vallabhasya  
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam

The spiritual master is very dear, because he is expert in assisting the gopīs, who at different times make different tasteful arrangements for the perfection of Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa's conjugal loving affairs within the groves of Vṛndāvana. I offer my most humble obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.

(7)

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

The spiritual master is to be honored as much as the Supreme Lord, because he is the most confidential servitor of the Lord. This is acknowledged in all

revealed scriptures and followed by all authorities. Therefore I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is a bona fide representative of Śrī Hari [Kṛṣṇa].

(8)

yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo  
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto ,pi  
dhyāyan stuvamś tasya yaśas tri-sandhyam  
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam

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

This song is perfect. He is opposite, because speaks about glories of spiritual master and about his noble qualities and privileged position in process of devotional service. This song is manual how we can make spiritual advancement and acquire his mercy. Thank you very much for your mercy and my service. I need your mercy. Without your mercy my life be lost. If i have your mercy i can make some spiritual advancement. Please accept my respectful obeisances unto your lotus feet. Aspirant of on the servant of servants,

Jay Keśava Dāsa

**Jai Nītāi Dāsa**

Dear Gurumaharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.



All glories to Srila Prabhupada, all glories to Jayadvaita Swami. All glories to You.

What can I speak, unqualified as I am, contaminated with lust, greed and anger, the doors to hell are wide open for me. What valuable words can come from my mouth being connected to my polluted mind. Therefore because I'm not used to glorify others I have to learn a lot.

On the other hand having a great master as You are I am hopeful. Profiting from Your association I can learn what bhakti is and I can see and experience the glorious qualifications of a pure devotee.

You fan our spark of devotion with patience and You have great faith that some day it will enflame to a big fire. You shower Your blessings constantly and we can overcome our conditioned nature, because You are there to guide us and Your faith in our spiritual nature is stronger than our temporary material consciousness. Therefore it is elevating to be in Your association. One easily can find access to Krishna consciousness being in your presence.

Your meditation in life is to serve Krishna and the Guru-parampara and to deliver the fallen souls. Always thinking of how to spread the mercy of Lord Chaitanyas sankirtan movement, taking many inconveniences and austerities, You make a great sacrifice. Still You are blissful. I cannot understand how You do this. It must be, because You are totally surrendered to Krishnas plan and follow the example of Srila Prabhupada. Many times You show us that You are transcendental to bodily limits. Please continue to bless us with Your teachings and presence. I pray to serve You somehow in Your mission that more people can find shelter in the Holy Name. That is what I am longing for. My life

is useless and the only way it gains some value is through Your blessings. Please continue to engage me in Your Service.

I have to praise Your wonderful explanations of philosophy, tattvas and lilas every year, because it inspires me many times and deepens my attraction to Krishna. To hear You speak about Krishna, his associates, Lord Chaitanya and the Acaryas is always nectar. Your answers on philosophical questions clear all doubts and show how deep and broad your understanding is. Many Vaisnavas like to hear Your explanations. The way You speak and explain, the way You answer questions is most pleasing to the ear.

Even though I'm not able to follow Your instructions there is so much mercy emanating from You. Krishna is revealing through You and Your instructions, and I hope, that some day I might be ready to accept all the mercy which is raining from Your lotus feet, even though it will never be possible, because Your mercy is unlimited.

All glories to You, Gurumaharaja,  
Your most insignificant servant,

Jai Nitāi Dāsa

## **Kalāvatī Devi Dāsī**

Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaja!

Please accept my most humble obeisances, all glories to You, Jay Advaita Maharaj, all glories to Srila Prabhupada!

In fact everything we need for attaining the goal of life we have in the scriptures. Srila Rupa Goswami

mentions 10 main principles of devotional service in the Nectar of Devotion. First three are: (1) surrender under the shelter of the lotus feet of a bona fide spiritual master, (2) receive initiation from spiritual master and learn from him how to perform devotional service, (3) follow the instructions of spiritual master with faith and devotion. These points belong to the preliminary points necessary for the beginning of devotional service according to regulative principles.

If a neophyte devotee follows at the beginning the above mentioned principles, he will progress quickly in Krishna consciousness. So it is only up to us if we give these principles a real form in our lives. And not just at the time of a festival or writing an offering. Being aware of these principles and applying them in practice should be incessant. We should always keep in mind that the spiritual master is the representative of the Supreme Personality of Godhead and Paramatma and a perfect personification of devotional service.

Dear Guru Maharaj, the key for success is to serve You, but what can I do by my own effort? With all those dull instruments – uncontrolled senses, disturbed mind, weak intelligence and big false ego? Fortunately, Your mercy is causeless, so I'm getting more than I deserve. But with this my indebtedness also increases. The debt is already enormous and I don't like debts at all, but still I am praying for more of Your causeless mercy, because this feeling of gratitude forces me to make an endeavor to serve You more.

yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo  
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto ,pi  
dhyāyan stuvaṁś 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.“

Thank you for everything

Your servant,

Kalāvati Devi Dāsī

## **Kasturī mañjarī Devi Dāsī**

Dearest Gurumaharaj!

Please accept my humble obeisances at Your lotus feet! All glories to Srila  
Jayadvaita Maharaj! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

“O Suta, 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.” (SB 1.1.15)

“The spiritual master, by his words, can penetrate into the heart of the suffering person and inject knowledge transcendental, which alone can extinguish the fire of material existence.” (SB 1.7.22., purport)

In my pitiful condition of materialistic life, I see that my only hope and only treasure is the fact that I have You as my spiritual father and guide. That's really my only hope. It is wonderful to be a dull dog

at the feet of a glorious master. The master can kick me or pat me, but both are just manifestations of his mercy.

I am lazy to endeavor even for my own spiritual benefit, but You are never tired to endeavor hard for the sake of thousands of ignorant conditioned souls. Somewhere far in the mist of my blurred mind, I can perceive that You are carrying a message so infinitely deep, sublime and blissful...it is indeed something beyond my vision, but by Your mercy, I can see and follow at least one particle of that endless beauty and I have full faith in Your capacity to deliver it to me all with time. Because You are the perfect empowered representative of that highest glittering truth, directly coming from the sphere of pure transcendence. If only I was always able to remember this, not only at the time of writing an offering to You...

My dear Gurudev, I pray that I would be able to please You and be a useful part of this pure Krishna consciousness movement.

Your always neophyte servant,

Kasturī mañjarī Devi Dāsī

## Keśava Mādhava Dāsa

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami, please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to you!

In German language the word “Beziehung”, can be understood literally as receiving something. What I receive from you is inspiration to chant the Holy Name. That is certainly the most precious thing one can receive. I see you being truly a vessel for the

Holy Name that always outpours nectar constantly, but at the same time remains always full. Caitanya Mahaprabhu gave the formula by which one can become such a vessel.

ṭṛṇād api sunīcena  
taror api sahiṣṇunā  
amāninā mānadena  
kīrtanīyaḥ sadā hariḥ

“One who is humbler than a blade of grass, more forbearing than a tree who gives due honor to others without desiring honor for himself is qualified to always chant the Holy Name of Krishna.”

So you did apply this formula very well and thus became a true kirtaniyah. Me, at the other end of the relationship, can certainly only reciprocate properly by sincerely trying to become a vessel for the Holy Name as well. Thus I beg you humbly to bless me with a few drops of nectar, so that I can become as qualified as you are, and be a kirtanyiah, who serves Caitanya Mahaprabhu’s mission in a powerful way.

Your servant,

Keśava Mādhava Dāsa

## Kṛṣṇa Balarām Dāsa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

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

Now it has been two years since you pulled my sikha and lifted my from the ocean of nescience,

material miseries, and gave me never-ending, eternal seafaring onboard your ship built from your mercy, understanding, and compassionate love.

Now we sail on the ship where you are the captain – a captain full of strength, inspiration, and motivating force for his crew, who somehow try to fulfill your orders on your ship, whose destination is not any place other than Goloka Vrindavan, the headquarters of our admiral svayam bhagavan vrajendra nandana Krsna. Krsna gives his captains who decide to sail from one shore to another with the goal to save from the ocean of nescience many misguided jīvas directions with infallible love. Without His guidance, the journey would be impossible.

The day after you saved me and give me harinama initiation, you invited me for breakfast to the boat's prasada hall. I came with a plate for you and tried to serve you the best I could according to my condition and my etiquette toward you. I wasn't very sober because it was only my first day on the ship and I didn't know how to approach the captain. It was too early to even approach you because not even twenty-four hours before I was drowning in the ocean. Then I was, by your mercy, in front of you. I felt ashamed that I came in such a condition. I was ashamed that the admiral had to send his precious captain to save me because I had misused my free will.

I put the plate of prasada in front of you, and you just smiled. Even if you saw that my bhakti was mixed and impure and full of dirt, you looked through my eyes to my soul. This was the most precious second of my life. You saw not the body or impure mind but the core of myself, my soul. It was what you were looking at.

You said, "Sit down and honor prasada with me." I looked at your smile and could not say anything else than "It will be my honor and pleasure to take prasada with Your Holiness." You gave me a few basic instructions about moral motivations and about being on the boat.

One thing you told me I remember especially: Don't be too ambitious, but ambition has to be there. Just not too much. At the time, I didn't understand what you meant, but after some time I realized that what you said was a very deep instruction. Only with the mentality you prescribed can one progress humbly and easily in Krsna consciousness.

Whatever one achieves on the path of purification, he should not become puffed up. Rather, he should always keep a humble attitude, because whatever he does is no one else's fame or glory than yours and our admiral, svayam bhagavan vrajendra nandana Krsna.

I remember I had a question and I asked it of you: You gave me the name Krsna Balaram Das. Does it mean I am a servant of Krsna Balaram? You smiled and said devotees get different names, but all of them mean they are servants of the holy name. I was a little sad that I might not actually be a servant of Krsna Balaram, but now I know that I'm not only a servant of Krsna and Balaram but Srimati Radhika and Lord Ramacandra. All these names are chanted in the Hare Krsna mantra.

My understanding has taken time, but you gave me time because you are compassionate to this rascal who doesn't have the proper understanding.

After I stood up you left. I felt sad because I realize

how dear you became to me just through this short breakfast at the prasada table. During the time when you were leaving I was begging you in my mind, “Please, dear Guru Maharaja, whatever happens, whatever difficulty I have to go through in my life or in my future, please never let me jump back into the ocean of nescience. This world is really a place of suffering without any hope for a better life in the future.

Your fallen servant,

Kṛṣṇa Balarām Dāsa

## Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Dāsa

Dear Gurumaharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances all glories to You, all glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja, all glories to Srila Prabhupada!

You’re distributing medicine of Krishnas names,  
You’re extinguishing all material flames,  
You’re taking risks for Guru’s pleasure,  
You’re working without any leisure,  
You’re serving with devotion steady,  
You’re helping devotees, anytime ready,  
You’re shining like the effulgent sun,  
You’re never thinking, You’re done,  
You’re a transcendental desire-tree,  
You’re a nectar-hunting bumble-bee,  
You’re indeed my life and soul,  
You’re delivering so many to the supreme goal!

There is no end for me to say,  
from my fallen heart I pray,  
that I may remember You, day by day,  
and not go again astray.

After many lifetimes, hassle and troubles,  
You’ve rescued me atop the ocean bubbles,  
from a dark place so far from home,  
poisoned by illusory foam.

When I read my little rhyme,  
I realize: I’ve got no time!  
Better I surrender now and be clever,  
only pleasing you, eternally and forever!

Your servant,

Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Dāsa

## Kṛṣṇa Kīrtan Dāsa

Dearest Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, Srila Jayadvaita Swami, and your kind self! All glories to all the Vaishnavas of Gauranga Mahaprabhu!

The Vyasa-puja homage is not an exercise of simply putting pen to paper. Rather, it is an opportunity to offer a gift from the heart: from the heart of the disciple to the heart of the beloved spiritual master. What is in a gift? Many agree it is ‘the thought that counts,’ not merely the object itself. Indeed, Sri Krishna confirms this: “If one offers Me with love and devotion a leaf, a flower, fruit or water, I will accept it” (B.G. 9.25). One need not worry much about the gift wrapping, as it is the motive and meditation behind the contents that pleases the recipient the most. So if you are kind enough to this immature son of yours, please accept my offering.

One can please Krishna by pleasing the spiritual

master, as Srila Visvanatha Cakravati Thakura explains in his prayers to the spiritual master. And how does one please the spiritual master? By actions? Or by sentiments? Srila Prabhupada has nicely explained to us it is by bhakti that we can please the spiritual master. Srila Prabhupada has translated bhakti as devotional service, not just devotion. So we need to serve (act) with pure intentions and motives to satisfy guru and Krishna.

Today marks my birthday anniversary, and as I reflect on my bhakti creeper I see a void in my attitude to service. You recently wrote me a letter instructing:

Kṛṣṇa consciousness means that we worship our spiritual master every day and that we are always thinking that whatever we do is an offering to him, and sometimes we wonder: 'Would he give his blessings for what I am doing now?'

Usually, my motivation or attitude to a service is not pure, often being very superficial and selfish. Srila Rupa Goswami has given us the golden standard for pure bhakti in Bhakti Rasamrita Sindhu. But I wonder how I will get to such a platform being myself a lowly sinful wretch. Purity is the force. Purity comes from brahminical culture and the mode of goodness, which includes strict adherence to the four regulative principles and sincerely chanting a minimum of sixteen rounds daily. Lacking this purity I sometime look ahead to the uphill struggle on this slippery path of bhakti-yoga and feel bewildered or depressed.

Srila Prabhupada once told his disciples that he had created their pious credits, or qualification to be Krishna conscious. I also feel that you are my qualification to become an instrument of service

in Srila Prabhupada's mission. Now on a day that celebrates your compassion and nobility, let me not burden you with another immature cry for causeless help. Let me stand on my own two feet, held up on this slippery path of purification by the stick of mercy of the Vaishnavas, your empowered blessings, and your steadfast, exemplary devotional character. Let my strength come from absorption in hearing from you and the scriptures and by nama-seva.

I ask for one blessing today: enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is an expression of one's love. I am neither very patient nor determined, but I enjoy being enthusiastic to the serve the devotees. So please bless my continued maturing and pure enthusiasm to develop the proper attitude to serve your orders.

Begging to remain in your service and association,  
Your humble servant,

Kṛṣṇa Kīrtan Dāsa

## **Kṛṣṇasmarāṇaṁ Dāsa**

Dear Gurumaharaja

Please accept my sincere dandavats...

We must cultivate Krishna consciousness under the guidance and order of Krishna's devotee. The daughter of Vṛṣabhanu is most favorable to Krishna. Another name for Sri Radha is anukulyena or favorable. The spiritual masters are the dearest companions of the daughter of Vṛṣabhanu. We Gaudiya Vaisnavas worship Sri Radha-Krishna. Actually Gaudiya Vaisnavas are more partial to Radha than Krishna. The spiritual master is nondifferent from Sri Radha (Sri Gaurāṅga).

Cultivation of Krishna consciousness is done under Sri Radha's guidance and in subordination to Her. If we fail subordinate ourselves to Her representative, the spiritual master, we will not be able to cultivate Krishna consciousness or even please Krishna. Rather, we will only dance wildly for our own happiness. By renouncing such adverse mentality, such pride, and by serving Krishna under our guru's order, we will be benefited.

This is my meditation for yours vyasapuja day.

Your aspirant for real servant,

Kṛṣṇasmarāṇaṁ Dāsa

## Loka Sākṣī Dāsa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

No words could express the gratitude I feel to you.

You mercifully offered the treasure of chanting the Holy Names to me and thus you showed me the way back to Godhead.

By your mercy I can now live with association of devotees and participate slightly on the service to your unique mission.

Again and again I thank you for this boundless mercy. Again and again I offer deep obeisances to your lotus feet.

Your eternal servant,

Loka Sākṣī Dāsa

## Madhukānta Dāsa

Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaja!

Please accept my most humble obeisances, all glories to Srila Prabhupada, all glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja, all glories to you!

There are innumerable living entities. They are eternal, full of knowledge and bliss, which are the qualities of the unlimited source, the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna they are coming from. Still some of them are under the influence of the illusory energy and are forgetting their position as eternal servants of the Lord. Service to the Supreme Lord is natural for the living being and is a source of its happiness, but in the state of bewilderment by the illusory energy it is trying to find happiness by satisfying its material senses and in this way gets entangled more and more in the net of actions and reactions of the three modes of material nature. He, Sri Krishna, is Adi Guru, the original spiritual master who out of compassion for the conditioned living beings sends His representative to guide them on the way back home, back to Godhead.

It is a great fortune to get the mercy of the Supreme Lord who on the path of spiritual realization gives guidance through the spiritual master, because the majority of beings in the material world prefers fulfillment of their dreams of happiness. I am exactly this kind of fool, I am like a child, who is carried away by his uncontrolled mind towards different games with the illusory energy and I don't even know how it is possible that Krishna put me under your care.

I pray to come to my senses and in the same way how a child grows out from his childish games take

seriously your instructions about the importance of engagement in devotional service to the Supreme Personality of Godhead. You are an example for me by your determination to be absorbed 100% in sravanam, kirtanam, in the process of devotional service and in spreading the mission of Srila Prabhupada. I thank the Supreme Lord that I can perceive in your personality a perfect self realized soul about whom Srila Prabhupada is talking in his books.

Your humble servant,

Madhukānta Dāsa

## **Madhu Pandit Dāsa**

My Dearest Guru maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisance. All glory to Srila Prabhupada. All glory to Jayadvaita Maharaj. All glory to your holiness.

From the heart I would like to thank you for all that you are doing for me. Every day I hear, read, or remember your instruction, which help me to be Krishna consciousness. It is due to you, that I try to be Krishna consciousness as much as I could. You once opened my blind eyes by the torch of spiritual knowledge, and are you doing it again and again. Exactly as sing Srila Vishvanatha Chakravarti Thakura. So thank you very much for that makes my life really lucky.

It is clear that I could never pay you back this debt, so I honestly thank you very much and trying to fulfill your instruction in my life. Again, I hear your voice: "Trying is not enough, you must do it!" Yes, you are right. I promise, that I will do it to that

extend as I will be capable.

Your forever indebted servant,

Madhu Pandit Dāsa

## **Mahājana Dāsa**

Lieber Gurumaharaja,

Bitte akzeptiere meine demütigen Ehrerbietungen, Jaya Jadvaita Swami, Jaya Srila Prabhupada.

Ich wünsche dir alles liebe und gute, sowie viel Gesundheit, auf das du weiterhin so viel Dienst für Krishna machen kannst.

Im Srimad Bhagavatam 7.15.25 steht:

rajas tamaś ca sattvena  
sattvaṁ copaśmena ca  
etat sarvaṁ gurau bhaktyā  
puruṣo hy añjasā jayet

Man muss die Erscheinungsweisen der Leidenschaft und der Unwissenheit bezwingen, indem man die Erscheinungsweisen der Tugend entwickelt, und daraufhin muss man sich von der Erscheinungsweise der Tugend lösen, indem man sich auf die Ebene von suddha-sattva erhebt. All dies kann automatisch erreicht werden, wenn man dem spirituellen Meister mit Vertrauen und Hingabe dient. Auf diese Weise kann man den Einfluss der Erscheinungsweisen der Natur überwinden.

Ich kann nur versuchen dir mit vertrauen zu folgen, und durch deine Gnade vom Einfluss der Erscheinungsweisen befreit zu werden, weil du selbst ein Strikter Nachfolger deines Eigenen spirituellen Meisters bist und dieser Ebenfalls seinem Spirituellen Meister Nachfolgt. Das bedeutet, durch dein Beispielhaftes Verhalten hältst du die Schülernachfolge intakt und ermöglichst es deinen Schülern ebenfalls mit Krishna in Kontakt zu kommen.

Immer wenn ich dich reden höre bemerke ich wie sehr du das Chaitanya Caritmarita und spiele sri Caitanya Mahaprabhus liebst und wie begeistert du davon erzählst und die tiefe Weisheit versuchst uns verständlich zu machen. Du hast ganz offenbar die lehren sri Caitanya Mahaprabhus tief verwirklicht, denn du bist immer damit beschäftigt, den Heiligen Namen überall auf der Welt zu glorifizieren und zu singen. Dafür nimmst du alle möglichen Schwierigkeiten und Unannehmlichkeiten auf dich und dennoch bist du Herr über deine Sinne, ich habe dich noch nie Zornig gesehen, es sei denn jemand hat Devotees bedrängt. Das bedeutet natürlich auch das du den Angriffen von Lust Widerstehen kannst, da Zorn aus Lust entsteht. Und auch Gier kann ich in deinem Charakter nicht entdecken.

Darüber hinaus bist du äußerst demütig und lebst sehr einfach. Du bist

immer in irgendeiner Weise in den Dienst Krishnas beschäftigt und gibst so ein lebendes Beispiel, wie man Krishnabewusstsein Praktizieren soll um den gewünschten Erfolg zu erreichen.

Du bist sehr Barmherzig zu deinem Schülern, wünschst ihnen nur das Beste und versuchst immer ihnen auf irgendeine weiße zu helfen sich in Krishnas dienst zu beschäftigen.

All diese Eigenschaften, machen dich zu einem Perfekten Spirituellen Meister, der alle Anforderungen erfüllt, die in den Sastras gegeben werden folgst und ich werde weiterhin versuchen dir mit Enthusiasmus zu folgen,

Dein ewiger Diener

Mahajana Dasa

## **Manadāyinī Devī Dāsī**

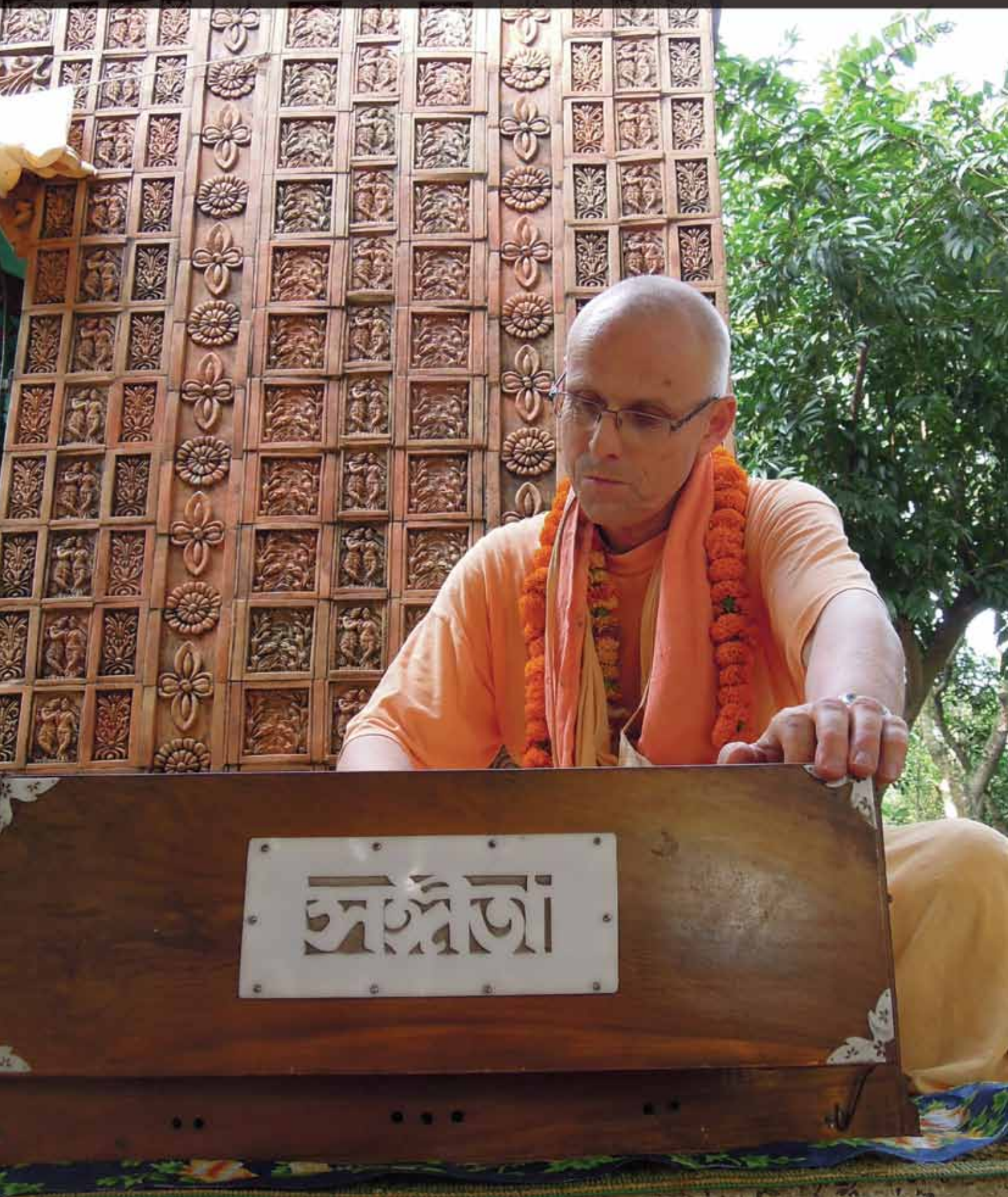
My dearest Guru Maharaja

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

All glories to your lotus feet for taking the mission of Lord Caitanya and the heartdeap desire of Srila Prabhupada as your life and soul - namely to spread Krishna consciousness world wide.

Often times here in Mayapur I meet visiting devotees from different parts of the world and it seems they all know you and they all appreciate you with nice words.

*"Preaching doesn't just mean to run out of the door with flapping cloth to deliver as many conditioned souls as possible but preaching also means to go in depth. One needs to be deep then one's preaching is more potent"*



Maybe it is because I am your disciple for long time now and a disciple takes up her Gurus mood and direction, that I myself have become fire for Hari Nama Sankirtana, for being an active part in Lord Caitanyas mission.

We are now a very small team in Mayapur taking the first steps. As I am just the beggar asking for mercy - I beg you Guru Maharaja and ask you to please shower your mercy again and again upon this insignificant servant of yours.

Hare Krishna. With deepest gratitude and appreciation

Your humble servant,

Manadāyini Devi Dāsī

## **Maṇi Kuṇḍala Devi Dāsī**

Hare Krishna dear Gurumaharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.

By the mercy of Lord Caitanya we received such a happiness, that we can participate in chanting and spreading the Holy Names of Lord. And you, as surrendered pure soul in the mood of servant of servant of the other servant, you have initiated us into this transcendental sound vibration - Maha-mantra. That who even once hear or chant the Hare Krishna maha mantra could save himself from the circle of birth, old age, diseases and death, rescue from the material world and become the eternal servant of Krishna in the spiritual world.

Gradually I more and more see how special soul you are. You have great preaching mission in South Africa, you constantly travel all around the world and you catch the new little souls which call for a help. Still you lovingly come back to your present disciples and you motivate us to stay by Krishna's lotus feet, to deepen our Krishna consciousness and to have the hard fight with Maya under control. You're our spiritual father who provide their children with shelter and advices. I thank you many times for your personal care, which you give to me but also to the others. To give so much care to all the disciples is surely exhausting and tiring. That only proves how sincere and realised soul you are. You took this formidable task on your shoulders and you obliged yourself by the vow, that you take us to Krishna. I pray to Krishna to always protect you during your missionary activity and to help you to fulfill this formidable task. Also I pray to don't be an encumbrance to you and to only please you by my service and to be always obedient to your instructions and to don't disappoint you by any bad act.

I'm unspeakably grateful and obliged to serve you countless of lifetimes by your lotus feet.

Your servant,

Maṇi Kuṇḍala Devi Dāsī

## **Manu Dāsa and family**

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami,

This is Your Vyasapuja day and we like to bow down in Your Lotus feet and pray Your mercy. I wish You remember Your insignificant servants.

You have come here to material world to save conditioned souls so that they will not suffer so much here and could understand their position as a spiritual being. I wish that we could also understand that and tell that message to other people.

When You sing the glories of Krishna, You give people so much inspiration and faith in Krishna consciousness. I wish we can hear Your singing every day and feel the ecstasy.

You are a spiritual master coming down from disciplic succession and You are a representative of Krishna. I wish some day we understand that You are a manifestation of Krishna.

Chanting the names of God is the essential method of self-realisation in this age. I hope that by Your mercy we can also realise that. We can not try to approach by our own efforts Lord Krishna. One has to serve a servant of Him. I wish that we no longer have 'self-made men's' mentality.

You are the only shelter that help us when we suffer and struggle here in the material world. I wish we can more and more surrender at Your lotus feet.

It is so sweet to have Your personal association. I hope that we can feel it every day although we can not be with You personally so often.

Your unqualified servants,

Manu Dāsa and family

## **Manukanyā Devī Dāsī**

Dear Guru Maharaj

Please accept my obeisances at your lotus feet. All

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

Where do I start that's the big question? What do I say? The story starts when I was 13 years old. I wrote you a letter asking you to be your disciple and to my surprise you said yes then you gave me your CD and on the cover you wrote me a message "May Kṛṣṇa and Prabhupada bless you to remain their devotee forever. I was so excited to see the message but I did not know what it really meant and I cannot say that I do now. This message stuck with me throughout the years of struggles in my devotional life. I now look back and it has been almost 15 years. Looking back now it looks unbelievable that I have made it this far.

The trip was a bit bumpy and hard, it did not seem that I will get this far but because I had a driver who reassured me that even though the road is bumpy and hard I will still make it to my destination. I am still on the road. I still have a long way to go but I know that my driver will get me there safe and sound. I do not pray to Kṛṣṇa to make the road smooth but I pray to him not to take away my driver. For you are an expert driver.

I have gone crazy and got out of control throughout the journey. However, you have managed to always keep me calm and peaceful. It is not easy for me to be calm and peace but nothing can defeat your love, care and commitment. Your appearance day mark a very important day in my life.

This day marks the beginning of a bright future with lots of love, care, and happiness. I could say thank for all this but that is not good enough. I wish fully surrender my life at your feet but there is difficulty with a mind like mine. Therefore I am asking you on this journey to please pray that my mind becomes

the servant of you lotus feet.

Your servant,

Manukanyā Devi Dāsī

## Marina Walter

Hare Krishna

Just like a Devotee could inspired me for Krishna in the first moment soon, that I knew: That is it! I was also enthusiastic about Kadamba Kanana Swami in the first moment.

At first I liked his smile how he could happy with other. He smiled and I thought: This Swami is O.K. and I will listen too if he says something.

His voice was the reason that I was looking for him in Internet. And all what I founded where was nice for me. Sometimes it is sad for me that I have no ask for him.- All clear like water from spring, if he explain some things.

Than I saw his book "The public hermit" I had to buy it. My feeling said: You have to read this book. And I have enjoyed it. Perhaps crazy, but I have written every word in my pc. Reason for it: I want translate it for other, because we have people that can't understand English. But I have to admit, the words in English are standing there, but I haven't begun to write the translation.

Since a short time a make meetings at my home and I know I have to such for more courage to do it. I like to take the book from kadamba kanana swami, because it is full of wise with his own humour, which I like. It is nice to read and translate from it for other.

To every time of my life was it my principle NEVER I will go down on my knee in front of politic or other things- only for god. You have to learn to knee in front of devotees and of course swamis that told me a devotee from Irland. Never can I do that! I thought.

O.K. I'm slow with that. But in front of Kadamba Kanana Swami all my feeling and heard was right with it. Just like my feeling want say: You have found what you are looking for.

Krishna has helped me to find Him and I want to go on this way. I've been hoping with help from you, Kadamba Kanana Swami.

Thank you Krishna, that you have helped me to find this way.

Hare Krishna

Marina Walter from Erfurt, Germany

## Marko

Dear Śrīla Gurudeva,

Kindly accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to you.

In the Bhagavad-gītā As It Is the following verse could be found:

kārpaṇya-doṣopahata-svabhāvaḥ  
prcchāmi tvām dharma-sammūḍha-cetāḥ  
yac chreyaḥ syān niścitaṁ brūhi tan me  
çīñyas te ,haà çādhi mää tvää prapannam

It is with those words that Arjuna surrendered

to Kṛṣṇa. At that time Arjuna was emotional. Grief stricken, confused and lost. He said he was kārpaṇya-doṣopahat, afflicted by some miserly weakness, and dharma-sammūḍha-cetāḥ, his otherwise fully dutybound and dharmic consciousness has now become bewildered and he can find no means to drive away his emotions. No material wealth, Arjuna said, could ever be able to help me and I understand that it is You alone who can tell me what is best. Yat śreyaḥ syāt, Arjuna asked, what the all good may be, tell me in confidence, just instruct me, because śiṣyas te 'haṁ, I am now your disciple, mām tvāṁ prapannam, surrendered unto You. In his purport to the next verse Śrīla Prabhupāda wrote: "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 be given only by a spiritual master like Kṛṣṇa."

Śāstra explained very nicely that spiritual master is as good as Kṛṣṇa because he is the form of Kṛṣṇa which is visible, perceived, and therefore suitable for worship. Spiritual master is sevaka-bhagavān, the servitor Personality of Godhead and Kṛṣṇa is sevya-bhagavān, the Supreme Personality of Godhead who is to be worshiped. Śrī Guru is kṛṣṇa-priya-jana, a very dear associate of Kṛṣṇa.

I have understood that the Bhagavad-gītā As It Is continues to manifest its glories whenever there is a bewildered jīva genuinely desiring to follow the ideal set by Arjuna to surrender fully, inquire submissively and serve Kṛṣṇa Himself through the form of sevaka-bhagavān. Wherever such soul is about to

acquire such qualities, by Kṛṣṇa's mercy there will also manifest a person representing the eternal principle of guru-tattva, prepared to unselfishly give his whole existence to the service of Bhagavān. And then, by focusing on your lotus feet who are readily reciprocating to whoever approaches even an inch, one shall find out that Kṛṣṇa is so wonderful that He will help by encouraging guru-bhakti in sadhaka - the force which attracts and bounds one to the qualities of Himself as manifested in yourself. There is a verse in Sri Caitanya-caritamrita to confirm this: kṛṣṇa-śakti vinā nahe tāra pravartana - without being empowered by Kṛṣṇa, no one can preach the holy name of the Lord.

Once not so long ago you have explained how this guru-bhakti works. You have explained that in the guru-disciple relationship Kṛṣṇa is manifesting in the pure consciousness of the spiritual master. And this consciousness is coming down through the spiritual master to disciple and by the gradual process the knowledge - consciousness - received by the disciple becomes ripened. Generally, you said, it's given in the form of a seed which will gradually sprout and grow and produce its fruit. In this way the spiritual master's consciousness is changing the consciousness of the disciple. Actually, you said, it's all about an instruction, but the instruction comes from the consciousness and the consciousness which is behind the instruction gives the meaning because the spiritual master lives it. And the disciple is able to see that. Yes, the disciple exclaims, my Guru is the embodiment of this instruction, and thus the disciple has full faith in both the spiritual master and his instruction. And then he can take it and really dedicate his life to it.

Your instruction is Prabhupāda's, because your consciousness is Prabhupāda:

prabhupāda haite pāpa-saṁsāra-nāśana  
citta-śuddhi, sarva-bhakti-sādhana-udgama

Yes, the original word there is saṁkīrtana, but because there is no qualitative difference between Prabhupāda, saṁkīrtana and you, so there is no fault in using any of those synonyms. It is my conclusion that either one of you personalities has the same remarkable influence on disciple's consciousness.

So Krishna has undoubtedly done His part. But the main question is, what is my part! Arjuna paved the path and showed the correct attitude. There are many others who did the same, and included among them are the kings imprisoned by Jarasandha. In the Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam we find the description of their unlimited glory and fortune. Right after Kṛṣṇa killed their warder, what they actually said was, karma-khānda jñāna-khānda kevala biṣera bhānda! "Never again will we hanker for a miragelike kingdom." "Please tell us how we may constantly remember Your lotus feet, though we continue in the cycle of birth and death in this world."

I should learn from the kings and follow in their footsteps as they did the exact same thing Arjuna did. They prayed not for liberation, not for enjoyment, not even for kṛṣṇa-prema. Not even for that! Kṛṣṇa offered liberation, but no, out of their genuine humility - they declined. My dear lord and master, i don't want that either. Please instruct me! Following in the footsteps of Arjuna and the saintly kings, this is what i want. Your instruction! I want sādhana. I want the blissful, rewarding process which leads to the divine consciousness, the ability to attract Kṛṣṇa. Not only the mere brahma-bhūta platform, but relationship with Him as He is, the Bhagavān. That is the essence of guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde

pāya bhakti-latā-bīja, as i have understood. The essence of guru-kṛpā.

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

It is confirmed in revealed scriptures that spiritual master is the form of Kṛṣṇa and thus we sing, janme janme prabhu sei. As we are about to make it formal by performing saṁskāra, i am fortunate to accept the fact that our relationship will not be finished after this life. It is eternal. The guru-śiṣya relationship is there, life after life.

The book bhāgavata says that the devotees of the Lord are peacefully fixed in absolute knowledge and they are just like a strong boat that comes to rescue persons who are at the point of drowning. "Talks between the master and the disciple are serious, and now Arjuna wants to talk very seriously before the recognized spiritual master."

I pray for your instruction, for bhakti-latā-bīja.

I have nothing to give in return except some allegedly respectful and humble obeisances. Please do accept them, if you'd like...

Your aspiring servant,

Marko (Zagreb)

## Merudevi Dāsī

Hare Krisna my dear Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Jayadvaita Swami, all glories, all glories to You dear Gurumaharaja.

*"People who are hesitating about making spiritual commitment do not progress very much. When they're around they get the mercy. They keep on coming and undoubtedly they get the mercy, but they are really slow at progressing. A commitment has to be made"*



kibā vipra, kibā nyāsī, śūdra kene naya  
yei kṛṣṇa-tattva-vettā, sei ,guru' haya  
(C.C. Madhya Lila 8.128)

„Whether one is brāhmana, a sannyāsī or a śūdra-  
regardless of what he is-he can become a spiritual  
master if he knows the science of Kṛṣṇa.“

Śrīla Prabhupāda says in his commentary: This  
verse is very important to the Kṛṣṇa consciousness  
movement. Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu informed  
Rāmānanda Rāya that knowledge of Kṛṣṇa  
consciousness is more important than caste. And  
why? Because knowledge in Kṛṣṇa consciousness is  
on the platform of the spirit soul.

You, dear Gurudeva, are one of these unadulterated  
vaisnavas. You constantly spread glory of holy  
name throughout all planetary systems. That is the  
greatest and the highest beneficence. Only because  
of your unflinching following in the footsteps of  
great Mahājānas, we can also taste nectar from the  
ocean of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I received holy name  
from you. Thus I'm your debtor.

Dear Gurudeva I will try to repay it.

Your eternal servant

Merudevi Dāsī

## Nāma-rūpa Devi Dāsī

Dear Guru Maharaj

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to Srila  
Jayadvaita Swami!

Another year has passed and I have to admit that it  
felt like being in some kind of bubble... It was a test  
and the opportunity and a clear sign that Krishna  
and you are taking care of me and protecting me.  
Test in form of seeing what I am actually made of.  
Opportunity to prove that I really choose to be your  
disciple in all the circumstances.

You have been speaking about Holy Name being our  
friend who follows us anywhere. That idea was my  
grounding point, my center wherever I went during  
my last year. Many places that I did not consider  
my home became quickly home my chanting and  
cooking for you and my Sri Sri Nitai-NimaiSundara.  
Reading Srimad Bhagavatam was another activity  
that kept me connected...

I did try to do some preaching as instructed, and  
as I understood at the end, just being in India and  
belonging to ISKCON was preaching in itself. All my  
actions were observed by working colleges, even  
people I never met would study my appearance  
and my conduct. So I was forced to represent  
Srila Prabhupada and you even if I was not up to  
standard on the inside... that reminded me of your  
words before I left for India " India is the land of  
Bharata, there is no place like it on the planet...  
India is place with a lot of spirituality..." well, to say  
in short it was very unique and intense experience  
and made me hopefully a better devotee.

Throughout all of my time there I could see that you  
and Krishna were guiding me and protecting me. I  
was guided to associate and serve with some of the  
most wonderful devotees, and I am very grateful for  
that. And I was protected for all kinds of harmful  
circumstances. It was not all the dance on rose  
petals, but it was very educational and I hope not to

forget any of it. One thing is sure, I really hope this would be my last birth!

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to grow in spite of my obstinate nature!

Dear Guru Maharaja, you know my heart and you know my conditioning, I beg you kindly keep me super-glued to your lotus feet and compassionately accept me again and again in all my attempts to serve you.

Your servant and your mercy case

Nāma-rūpa Devī Dāsī

## Navadvīpa Dāsa

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to Jayadvaita Swami.

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śālākayā  
cakṣur unmilitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

HH Giridhārī Swami speaks about seven failures: (1) not chanting the holy name without offense; (2) not taking enough time to study and teach the books of Śrīla Prabhupāda; (3) not seeking the association and guidance of advanced Godbrothers; (4) not taking every opportunity to preach to the devotees and those not yet devotees; (5) not caring for the devotees as much as possible; (6) not developing projects that are within our reach; and (7) not doing everything to improve ISKCON locally and globally.

Similarly, I feel very ashamed to even stand before you, but maybe this admission of failure will be the

first step toward success.

I remember one of yours Bhakti-śāstri lectures in Māyāpur, when you mentioned how His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda (in His lecture [BG 6.40-43]) deals with failure: „But Kṛṣṇa says that this failure is not, I mean to say, unsuccessful. As we have sometimes the proverb, that ‚Failure is the pillar of success,‘ so especially in the spiritual life, this failure is not discouraging. This failure is not discouraging.“

So with head bowed and palms joined, I come before you on this day of your Vyāsa-pūjā to admit my failings, to repent, and to beg you for the strength to become a surrendered disciple at your lotus feet.

Vyāsa-pūjā is one day, set aside each year, to show our love for Śrīla Vyāsadeva, the śaktyāveśa-avatāra who compiled much of the Vedic literature, and the disciplic succession coming from him.

I am very pleased that you have taken up this mission of spreading the Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement all over the world. This is the wish of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, that: yāre dekha, tāre kaha kṛṣṇa-upadeśa: everyone you see or meet, tell him about Kṛṣṇa; āmāra ājñāya guru hañā tāra ei deśa: and by My command you become a guru and save this land. [Cc. Madhya 7.128]

It is said in [BG 4.34]: „Just try to learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. Inquire from him submissively and render service unto him. The self-realized souls can impart knowledge unto you because they have seen the truth.“

To receive the transcendental knowledge we must

completely surrender ourselves to the real bona fide spiritual master in a spirit of ardent inquiry and service. Actual performance of service to the Supreme Absolute Personality of Godhead under the guidance of the bona fide spiritual master is the only vehicle by which we can assimilate the transcendental knowledge.

Today's meeting for offering our humble services and homage to your lotus feet will enable us to be favored with the capacity of assimilating the transcendental knowledge so kindly transmitted by you to all persons without distinction.

Therefore, on this auspicious day of Śrī Vyāsa-pūjā, we humbly pray for your blessings that we may always be able to hear your teachings, even though we may not fully understand them, and that we may have the opportunity to always render service to your lotus feet, even though we are not qualified to do so.

Therefore, I fall at Your feet, offer all obeisances unto You and pray to become a perfect instrument in Your service.

Your humble servant,  
Navadvipa dāsa

## **Pāda-paṅkaja Dāsa**

Hare Kṛṣṇa Dear Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to Srīla Prabhupada and to Lord Balarama.

One who wants to become the servant of Kṛṣṇa must first become the servant of Balarama. Lord Balarama teaches us how to be servant, because

He is Supreme Lord's first servant. Eventhough He is the Lord Kṛṣṇa Himself, he's playing the role of a servant. Kṛṣṇa is very merciful to us, conditioned servants, since He's giving us the chance to serve Lord Balarama in His form as spiritual master. It's certainly a great good luck to get the opportunity to become the servant at the lotus feet of such spiritual master.

Dear Gurudeva,

I am not a devotee who travels with his Guru all around the world. I was not even able to learn english to be able to relish and use your association better. I don't even accept any special austerity as many of my brothers and sisters who surely please you so much. But still you are present in each and every day of my life. If you weren't there, Lord Balarama and Lord Kṛṣṇa wouldn't be there either. Through the mercy of spiritual master, the material life may become non material, valuable and nice. The material life we had lived so many times already. But the mentality is to take and to exploit. What good does this mentality or consciousness bring? The spiritual life means to serve Gouranga and to teach others to serve Gouranga. All glories to you Gurudeva, because you are giving God consciousness to others. You are giving me knowledge, inspiration and determination to do at least that little service I can do. I bow down with respect at your lotus feet hundred and thousand times in whatever day time and I do so consciously not out of a ritual.

Thanks and glories to you my spiritual master at this auspicious day of your appearance.

Your insignificant servant,  
Pāda-paṅkaja Dāsa

## Palikā Devī Dāsī and Pada Kamala

Hare Kṛṣṇa dear Guru Maharaja!

All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami!  
All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada!

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

Kṛṣṇa is the origin of everything, both material and spiritual existence. He is within us and all around us. Nothing exists without Kṛṣṇa and Kṛṣṇa is everything. The perfection of life is to gain pure love of Him and pure devotees always think about Him and whatever they do they devote only to His service.

A lot of living entities are wandering throughout the whole universe and only a few have the fortune of meeting with a pure devotee and get the opportunity of knowing devotional service.

A child is first born to a mother and father and then it is born again to a spiritual master and Vedas. In this way the spiritual master is a second father. But for me He is the only one - even if He is considered to be the second.

yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo  
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto ,pi

By pleasing the spiritual master one can get extraordinary power especially for spiritual progress. Blessing of the spiritual master is more powerful than our own endeavour to achieve this progress.

Narotama Das Thakur therefore says: guru-mukha-  
padma-vākya, cittete koriyā aikya, āṛ nā koriho

mane āśā

One who desires spiritual progress must follow the authorised orders of the spiritual master.

Thank You very much, Your servant,

Palikā Devī Dāsī and Pada Kamala

## Parama karuṇa Dāsa

Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaja

I pay my respectful obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Maharaja.

All Glories to you.

It is almost ten years since you have accepted me as a disciple and gave me the shelter of your lotus feet. On the occasion of your Vyasapuja I would like to thank you for doing so. Thank you for saving this foolish rascal who deserves nothing but shame.

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. I understand that anything auspicious comes to me is just because of your mercy.

You are always engaged in Harinam Sankirtan. Always busy with spreading message of Krishna consciousness. Like Narada Muni you are always traveling and bringing the mercy of the Lord to the conditioned souls.

You are always absorbed in hearing and chanting about Krishna. With your enthusiastic kirtans and

deeply absorbed and realized Krishna-katha you always enthuse all the devotees in a very distinctive way. You tirelessly distribute Krishna's mercy without taking care of your own convenience.

You are always strict to yourself and very broadminded to others. Showing no interest in material affairs you are always engaged with activities of pure devotional service. You are always giving the best example of a proper Vaishnava behavior to all.

The only way how to make my life successful is to develop an attachment to your lotus feet, to your instructions and to service for you. I can perfectly purify myself just by immersing myself in attentive listening of your words. You are my best friend, my master and my ever well-wisher.

Thank you for all you are and thank you for accepting me as your servant.

I beg for opportunity to stay in the shade of your lotus feet and serve you eternally.

That service is the only valuable thing in my life and in fact it is the only thing I have at all.

I pay my obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet again and again.

Your insignificant servant,

Parama karuṇa Dāsa

## **Parameśvara Dāsa**

Dear Guru Maharaja,

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

I live in more and more active times. Responsibilities are growing (spiritual and material too) and push on my head. Will I be a good carrier? I pray that under the burden of life I can find refuge in your instructions, in your lectures and in your glorifying of Sri Kṛṣṇa more and more. As I told you once that it seems to me you never leave the passenger seat next to me in my car (where I often got highly valuable instructions from you), similarly I pray that I never act in that way that my deeds force you to leave my heart.

Exactly opposite, I will try my best to serve you in such way that my personal egoistic desires go in background (at best completely vanish) and that your desire to spread message of Lord Caitanya all over the world is fulfilled also with my small and tiny help.

Your servant,

Parameśvara Dāsa

## **Pārijāta Devī Dāsī**

Hare Kṛṣṇa our dear Gurumaharaja,

Our dear spiritual father,

Please accept my most humble obeisances,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada, all glories to Jayadvaita swami, all glories all glories to You

All this world is one family and You - through the mercy of Lord Gaurāṅga and Srimatī Rādhārāṇī, who is empowered to take care of living beings - You are trying to remind and to wake up the sleeping souls



*"We have to make our spiritual life 'amṛta keli' - make it more thick and we have to boil it down even more. First the quantity, such as - more time with the devotees, more service, more chanting, more kīrtan. Then improve the quality - try to become a real servant! Try and really bow down to the dust of the feet of the vaiṣṇavas! In that way we can gradually get the taste - that's the trick. So it's not cheap!"*

which are very dear to our Lord and to bring them back to Him.

Our dearest spiritual father, with the touch of your mercy everyone gets more beautiful and they are awakened and prepared to go back home. And because Kṛṣṇa has send You and he allowed us to love You this way, He give us the possibility to love Him self too.

I thank You so much, I do not even know how to express how much... thank You endlessly for this love, I wish for it to only grow and grow and to completely fulfill my soul.

It is so beautiful to see You all the time in the loving mood of our dear Lord Gaurāṅga, the most merciful savior of the most fallen ones and simultaneously to see You in this endlessly loving mood of separation from our dear Lord in the mood of our dear Srimatī Rādhārāṇī. C.C.Madhya 1, text 58:

yaḥ kaumāra-haraḥ sa eva hi varas tā eva caitra-  
kṣapās  
te conmilita-mālatī-surabhayaḥ prauḍhāḥ  
kadambānilāḥ  
sā caivāsmi tathāpi tatra surata-vyāpāra-līlā-vidhau  
revā-rodhasi vetasī-taru-tale cetaḥ samutkaṇṭhate

„That very personality who stole away my heart during my youth is now again my master. These are the same moonlit nights of the month of Caitra. The same fragrance of malati flowers is there, and the same sweet breezes are blowing from the kadamba forest. In our intimate relationship, I am also the same lover, yet still my mind is not happy here. I am eager to go back to that place on the bank of the Reva under the Vetasi tree. That is my desire.“

Always You are immersed in love to our dear Lord

in love of separation from His beautiful dhama Sri Vrindavan. I thank You so much for it Gurumaharaja. It is so elevating to feel it in Your company. I thank You for it. It fulfills us all with the same love and protect us from oblivion of our dear Lord. I thank Lord Kṛṣṇa so much, that You came into my heart and placed Your lotus feet for me to worship them forever and to protect this love to our dear Lord and You.

Thank You ever so much!

Your humble servant,

Pārijāta Devī Dāsī

## **Premalātā Devī Dāsī**

Hare Krishna Dear Gurumaharaja!

Please accept my most humble obeisances. All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gourāṅga. All glories to Srīla Prabhupāda, all glories to his invincible follower Srīla Jayadvaita Maharaja. All glories to you, faithful servant of Guru-paramparā and affectionate and potent saviour and leader of those who lost their true identity.

Recently I read in the book of your quotations „Nothing but the Holy Name“ very nice thing:

„That transcendental flute player, Kṛṣṇa, is now present in His holy name and I am having the good fortune that I’m allowed to chant.“

Every day I thank to Krishna because although I’m not qualified He gave me books of Srīla Prabhupāda, association of ISKCON devotees, and You, my Spiritual Master. Fearless personality full

of compassion and tolerance, who is distributing the jeweler of Holy Name to all the Kali-yuga Jagai's and Madhai's just like Lord Nityananda did. Thank you my Dear Gurumaharaja for being the Torchlight in the darkness of doubts and worries born from the ignorance. Day by day I understand more how much you had change my life. The orders you are telling us in the classes and personal advices which you are giving us on darshans are an infinite treasury of transcendental knowledge.

Once you told me, „Srimad Bhagavatam we should read on and on like chanting our japa, from the beginning till the end and then start again. And with time more knowledge and more understanding we will get from the same transcendental text.“ Same I realize by hearing your classes. Even while I listen the oldest classes which I think I know backwards still deeper and better understanding or sometimes new orders I'm getting from it.

Another thing I really value on you, that by having deep relationship with Srila Prabhupada you are always absorbed in his words and pastimes and when you are sharing it with us I can feel Srila Prabhupada, his sense of humor, his fatherly love and all his amazing qualities present before me, and I can better relate to him.

Because of your unlimited compassion and loving affection Krishna gives you ability to be shelter for many spirit souls which are seeking how to get out from everlasting circle of suffering in this material world. You are not giving only spiritual shelter but if some of your disciples need material support you help them without hesitation. You are a mystical artist, under your sensitive hands from unfortunate bewildered madmen grow up nice enthusiastic sincere devotees

who you are happily engaging in Srila Prabhupada's mission. I'm very grateful to be part of this „KKS family“ and cannot wait for that moment I will be purified enough to be used as Krishna's instrument according to your will.

Because you told me, „My blessings you already have..“ I'm not asking for that but I promise you dear Gurumaharaja, I will honestly try my best to become better disciple so you can use me in your service to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

Jananivas Prabhu said once in his lecture, that we should pray to Lord Nrsimhadeva for 3 things:

Protection of ISKCON,  
Protection of our Spiritual Master and  
Protection of our own spiritual life

So now I am praying for it everyday while being in Sridham Mayapur! Thank you!

Your insignificant humble servant,

Premalatā Devi Dāsī

## **Puruṣottama-kṣetra Dāsa**

Gurudeva!

My dearest daddy, why nobody likes me? When will my offenses end? When will I get a taste for the Holy Name by the mercy of Kṛṣṇa?

Lord Kṛṣṇa told Asvatthama: „You will have to endure the fruits of your sinful acts. For three thousand years you will wander the earth, afflicted by disease and completely alone, unable to speak to anyone. Wretched and foul-smelling, you will dwell

in deep forests and dreary wastelands. At the end of this period, purified at last of your sins, you will ascend to the higher regions.”

Asvatthama, as an example for us, was exiled and suffering from others's disregard as we do in this dangerous worldly existence. Bad character traits have no place in devotional service. When the sun of Krsna comes, senseless dreams end. Sometimes I'm in the mood of Kuruksetra battle but to accept correction or assistance from the authority, devotees and to be open is very difficult. In my ignorance I adored this material world, living like a gorilla Dvida and eventually all my efforts were good for nothing. While in womb I promised - I'll certainly worship you, O son of Nanda Maharaja - but soon after entering this world I forgot about You. To experience physical suffering is unnatural for us. You, Gurudeva, gave me the greatest blessing, the meaning of life, and life in devotion is very precious. Guru Maharaja, you're my only hope, you give me strength to succeed in all tests.

Now I can no longer endure the pain of ignorance and repeated birth and death. The picture of our spiritual master is a witness of all our activities and because we do not die, the relationship with our Guru Maharaja continues eternally. To you we offer results of all our activities. In this service is attractive its joy we get. Devotional service attracts Krsna's attention and because devotees envy no one, they have all Lord's blessings. We searched out a guru to stop the cycle of birth and death. We humbly accept service, even if we don't feel like that. It's a constant challenge to make spiritual progress so let's not throw this chance away.

After six years from my rebirth, from my initiation by you, I can thanks to your mercy, Gurudeva,

perform a variety of small activities. From the Czech farm I take part in distributing Nitai-Gauranga mahaprasadam, helping Sastra Dana, helping with agriculture and gardening, serving as a joiner, preparing firewood for winter. I can have darsans of beautiful Deities in the temple, remember Them, you, devotees, service, study, write, sing Krsna's Holy Name and honor Bhagavat prasadam. I thank you many times that I'm happy in my service.

This movement of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu allows us to free ourselves from material existence, engaging in devotional service and thus to get rid of false pride. Krsna continually teaches us from our heart, you, Guru Maharaja, by instructions from lectures and by example, Srimad Bhagavatam by many examples of saints and devotees and by associating with devotees we learn to become servants. Deities give us Their mercy and people on the street their experience which we ourselves can avoid. Let's be aware of the world we live in, of what we do, for whom we give up results of our activities and enjoy our purification. Let's not be too detached in service ('as it breaks, it breaks'). Not that 'Krsna is very nice but now I have another problems'. Our first obligation is the service to our guru. How could I leave this service? Krsna should be everything to us - husband, father, mother, son, boss, superior Lord. Are we unselfish?

Guru inspires his disciples to make advancement. Let's not look for errors in others, otherwise we develop them ourselves. Are we ready to change our life for spiritual progress? Not that 'better times already passed'.

Let's surrender to our beloved Guru Maharaja, Kadamba Kanana Swami, here and now.

Kadamba Kanana Swami ki jaya!  
Gurudasa Jayadvaita Swami ki jaya!  
His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada ki jaya!

In the serving mood wrote an unworthy shadow of  
a disciple,

Puruṣottama-kṣetra Dāsa

## Rādhā-kānta Dāsa

nama om visnu-pādāya kṛṣṇa presthāya bhū-tale  
śrimate kadamba kānana svāmin iti nāmine

Dear gurumaharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your  
lotus feet. All glories to His Divine Grace Srila  
Prabhupada! All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita  
maharaja! All glories to you!

How is it possible that Lord Kṛṣṇa is still keeping me  
in association of His devotees? How is it that I'm still  
able to do some small service for Him?

I usually don't speak like this, but:

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

Seeing You before myself, my eyes can see the  
reality of things:

You gave me mercy  
You brought me up  
You showed me the way  
You are teaching me  
You are protecting me  
You are tolerating me

You are keeping Your eye on me

Only few moments of your association can heal the  
most deadly wounds of offenses I constantly commit  
and just remembering you is giving me hope.

Srila Prabhupada writes in purport to the verse 220  
of Caitanya Caritamṛta, Antya-līla:

„One will thus find that the devotees of Sri Caitanya  
Mahāprabhu are not at all attached to any kind of  
material enjoyment. They have completely given up  
sense enjoyment to engage fully in the service of  
Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa and dedicate their lives and souls to  
serving Kṛṣṇa without material desires. Because their  
devotional service is free from material desires, it is  
unimpeded by material circumstances.“

Dear gurumaharaja, for Lord's service You were  
all those years overcoming all the impediments  
and You continue with great enthusiasm saving  
the conditioned souls. You can ignite the fire of  
devotional service, which is present in the hearts of  
all living beings.

Thank you for everything.

Your insignificant servant,

Rādhā-kānta Dāsa

## Rājaśekhara Dāsa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to  
Srila Prabhupada, all glories to HH Jayadvaita Swami  
Maharaja, All glories to Your Divine Grace, on this  
most auspicious day of Your appearance.

By some causeless mercy, I was fortunate in this lifetime to have You as my Spiritual Master. You are expertly, step-by-step helping me become Krishna Conscious. As a true well-wisher, You are always tolerating my ignorance and immaturity, and engaging me in devotional service according to my ability.

You have wholeheartedly accepted the instructions of Srila Prabhupada and Your beloved Spiritual Master, and dedicated Your life to Lord Caitanya's Sankirtan mission. And in the mood of Lord Caitanya, You are freely giving Krishna Consciousness to everyone who comes into contact with Your Divine Grace.

You are always helping us go deeper in our Krishna Consciousness, by sharing so many of Your experiences with us, encouraging us to develop a taste for devotional activities, and leading by perfect example.

I pray, on this auspicious day, that I may eternally remain under Your divine shelter, and that I may be of some assistance in Your divine mission.

Your servant,

Rājasekhara Dāsa (Durban, South Africa)

## **Revatī Devī Dāsī**

Hare Kṛṣṇa, my dear Guru-Maharaja

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Jayadvaita Maharaja. All glories to You.

sri guru caran kamal bhaja mana,  
guru kṛpa bina nahim koi sadhana-bala  
bhaja mana bhaja anuksana

„Oh mind, just worship the lotus feet of the bonafide spiritual master. Without receiving the mercy of the pure devotee, one will not have the potency to execute regulative spiritual practices. Therefore, o my dear mind, I urge you to worship him at every moment.“

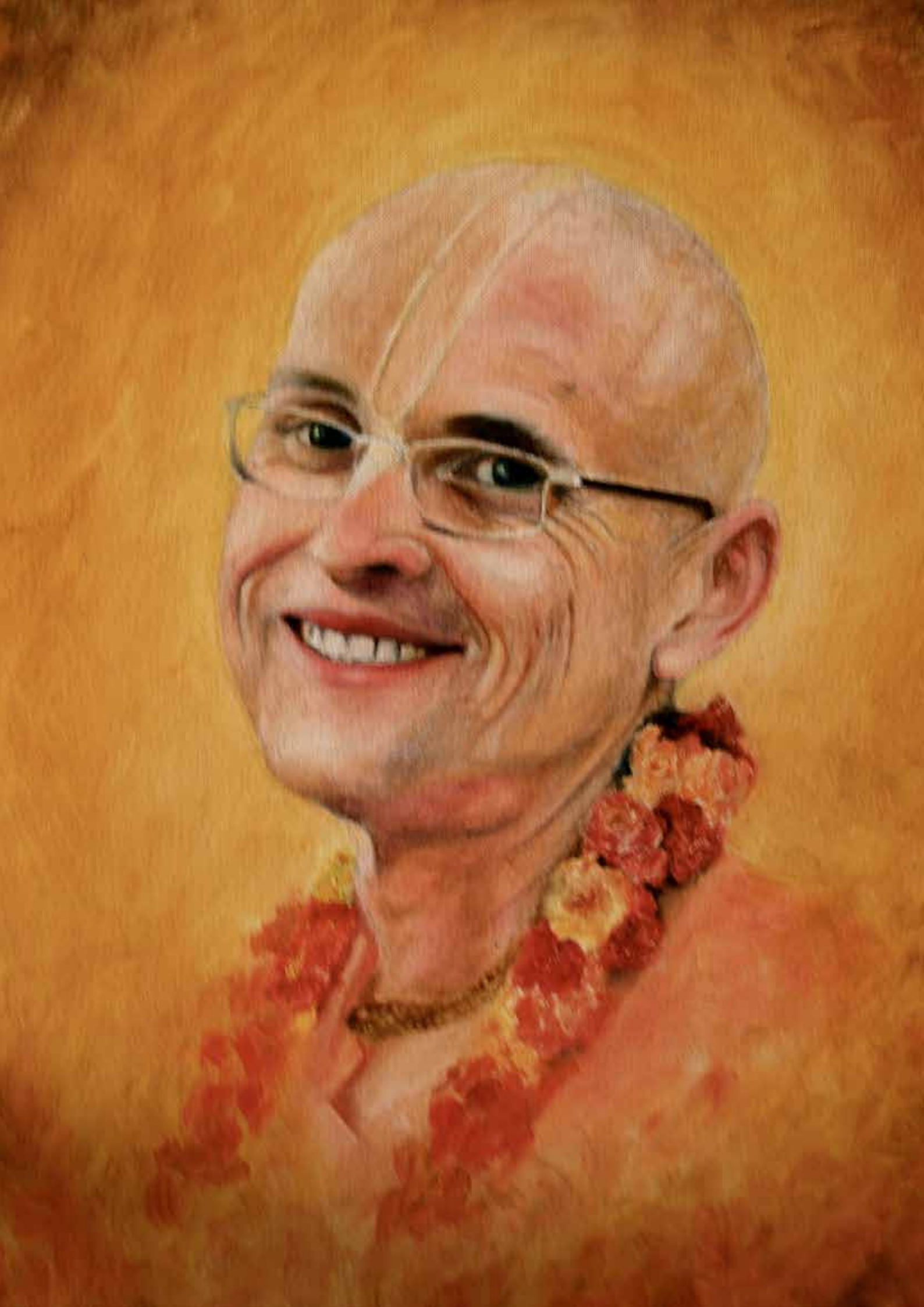
This is the refrain of a traditional Hindi song which is nicely describing the position of our Spiritual Master and how we should be always absorbed in His worship. And I would add: Even if sometimes we fail to understand Him.

„It is said, that a saintly person is so pure that he acts like a spotless mirror. When we come in the presence of such a mirror-like soul, we can see both - the beauty and the ugliness of our inner life. Our faith and doubts, virtues and sins, strengths and weaknesses are revealed. It is both a joyfull and painfull experience.“

When i read this in the autobiography from Srila Radhanath Swami my mind immediately went to You and my experiences with your presence throughout the last years.

Yes it's very obvious - you are such a saintly person. Usually some days, or even hours in your presence are changing so much, everything becomes clear. It's true, we have to develop our „own“ strength (is it ever OUR strength?) But at the same time we are not independent.

You are so gracious with us, with me. Usually you will not object to plans and ideas. And that's not,



because the ideas are so great, but just because you have so much faith in the process of Devotional Service and the chanting of the Holy Name.

Like somehow i read or heard in one of your classes that even if our chanting is „poor“ Krsna will appreciate it, thinking : „Oh, how nice, this devotee is so weak, struggles so much and still continues.“ This was giving some hope to me. Hope, that one day Krsna may listen to my poor chanting and bestow His literally causeless mercy upon me.

What else can i do but relay on this hope. Often You are talking about „hope against hope“ and that’s nice again. Because as the years are passing by the body becomes weaker and the idea of eternally playing the role of a „hero“ becomes quite ridiculous for me. And the questions arise: „ What have i done for Krsna? Shouldn’t i do more?“

Some strength is there, but still most of all i am strong in my conviction that i will never be able to really spiritually survive without you! Please protect me, please instruct me! Sometimes it seems to be impossible to follow Your advices and instructions and and the same time deal with external circumstances and needs. In this moments i would be so happy to be able to just ask You for advice.

„Just surrender unto me!“ - Krsna says, but so often i fail to understand what Krsna wants from me. Finally it came to my mind He wants me to give up all this anxiety about „what to do now?“ and to just faithfully wait what will happen, what He will arrange. To do my best however the situation may be, to be ready for anything and to let Him arrange for the rest.

It looks like at least once a year i have to be in such

a situation - perhaps just to learn this lesson. Again some changes will take place. Soon i will know, but while writing this i don’t know yet what will be the final result. Please rest assured that i am doing my best not to act in a mental or sentimental way. But circumstances (or Krsna?!) will bring some changes.

So please, be mercyfull with me, help me to understand Krsna’s desires on a deeper level. Even if (sometimes ?) my questions seem to be about external matters - that’s not my intention, but just because of my „practical“ nature. And because in Your presence i am always talking and acting like a fool. In other words: i realize my position.

But more than anything else i want to take advantage of this unique opportunity to „do it in this lifetime“. And i am convinced: I can’t be successfull without YOU! And if only sometimes, for a few moments, You think of me in a benevolent way and if Your blessings are with me, then finally Krsna will be mercyfull.

Your eternal servant,

Revatī Devi Dāsī

## Ṣaḍbhuja Dāsa

Dear Guru Maharaja

Please accept my humble obeisances  
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada, Jayadvaita Maharaja and You

Once again it’s time to get to the essence of life, to realize, what’s my real position, to stand naked, ok at least in kaupin, fool that I am.

This year I was asked to write an Introduction for the Vyasapuja book and from the quotes found on the topic I once more realized what an importance our tradition gives to the glorification of the spiritual master.

One nice quote I found is in Srimad Bhagavatam 3.6.36, Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport:

“This glorification of the Lord is not a product of research, but the result of hearing submissively from the authority of the spiritual master. It is also not possible to repeat all that one has heard from his spiritual master, but one can narrate as far as possible by one’s honest endeavor. It does not matter whether the Lord’s glories are fully explained or not.”

As Nityanandas representative, you are the moon on the sky of my life. I can’t see the sun of Krishna, can’t perceive it directly, since I’m still, after all this years, living in the darkness of ignorance. But You, by reflecting the sun, being a transparent via media of Krishna and Srila Prabhupada shed light in my life. I can find my way through the intricacies of life’s situations and decisions. The cooling rays of your mercy and patience make all my shortcomings and mistakes tolerable. My mind can find shelter and my faith gets nourished.

I’m a sinful beggar and you are the embodiment of eternal spiritual principles, which I have fallen from.

I’m a dwarf trying to catching the moon - seemingly so close, since you are so personal, but on the other hand further away than I can even perceive. Although I’m unfit, a desire to receive your mercy has awakened in my mind.

You told me ones that you would have changed

my name in sadhu bushana dasa and since then I’m meditating about developing the qualities of a sadhu, but so much to go, or in the words of one devotee, I still have to grow into that pair of shoes.

It’s not easy to change ones nature, to get rid of the demonic tendencies, old habits and ways of thinking.

Your practical instructions and example remain, You can see, what is needed, what I’m lacking, or is too much.

What you say carries weight and reveals a deeper vision, than I can come up with.

Thank You for support and guidance, besides all my shortcomings. May I always find shelter under your lotus feet, may I always listen to your good advice and may I honestly please you more and more with the years passing.

Your humble servant,

Ṣaḍbhujā Dāsa

## **Samira en Raimond**

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharadja

All glories to you, Kadamba Kanana Maharadja

Please accept our humble obeisances

Dear Maharaja,

We want to wish you a very auspicious and a happy appearance day.

You are a great inspiration to us because you are so fixed in Krishna consciousness twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. You are able to touch our hearts every time. The way you're living your Krishna consciousness life is an example to us. You make us forget about our miseries. Thank you for all your causeless mercy.

We did not meet each other often the past year and partly that has to do with our mindstate. We are so polluted by the material world but we hope to never forget Sri Krishna and the devotees.

We hope to see you more the coming years.  
We found out that our biggest problem in life is to surrender.  
We hope that you will be amongst us for many years to come.  
To express our feelings, we will end our little offering to you in Dutch:

Wij zullen proberen niet als slap deeg achter te blijven  
maar mee te gaan met de broodjes  
Anders gaan straks de broodjes naar Krishna  
en blijven wij als slap deeg achter

Het recept is daar maar het afbakken wil nog niet lukken.

Je dienaren in wording,

Samira en Raimond

## **Sanātani Devī Dāsī**

My dear Maharaja.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

There are not enough words to describe how grateful I am that you have given me shelter.  
If I may only please you and follow your instructions, then I am fully satisfied. I am eternally in debt to you.

Thank you for guiding me closer to Krishna, giving me spiritual advice so I can be a better devotee, and marital advice so I can be a better wife and mother.

Somehow you are always there for me, and I hope that I can please you with spreading Srila Prabhupada's mission in Oslo.

One year ago I took shelter from you, and since that day my life changed. Thank you.

Your eternally aspiring servant

Sanātani Devī Dāsī

## **Sevā-kuñja Devī Dāsī**

Dear gurudeva!

Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of Your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, all glories to my gurumaharaja.

I am thinking what to write you at the opportunity of your Vyasapuja. I am not such self-realized and advanced that I could appreciate your value. So please forgive me that I do not feel such depth of appreciation in my heart as you deserve.

Thank you for understanding my life and your deep compassion.

Thanks for knowledge that you so slowly and patiently teach me.

Thanks for your hope and strong faith that you carry in your heart. Your dedication to preaching in spite of exhaustion and physical discomfort is so valuable. Still more and more I realize how much I need you - pure devotee is not different from KRSNA.

I wish I were blessed in your thoughts so I could make spiritual advancement and serve you, dear eternal gurumaharaj.

Your eternal servant,

Sevā-kuñja Devī Dāsī

## **Smita Kṛṣṇa Devī Dāsī**

nama om visnu-pādāya kṛṣṇa presthāya bhū-tale  
śrimate kadamba kānana svāmin iti nāmine

Dear Gurumaharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all the Vaisnavas

On this auspicious day, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you very happy appearance day.

It is all auspicious because Gurumaharaj is mentioned as shaksad haritven, as good as supreme personality of godhead, and this day is giving us opportunity to express our gratitude and to glorify you.

You are very dear servant of His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami and Srila Prabhupada and through you; we are connected to the parampara.

We remember how we were with you in Radhadesh last year, and you just came from busy South Africa tour but still you were making effort to see and talk to every one of us. Its your tireless effort to bring each and everyone to the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada, that has purchased us. I recall when we had Sydney Rath Yatra and you were sick but you still decided to go and led enthusiastic kirtan.

The year before, on the way back from the Sydney Rathyatra, I forgot where we parked our car. So I and my husband were looking for the car and it was raining also. When my husband went to look for the car leaving all of us behind, I was very lost and confused, but then I saw you, how you immediately took the beads and started chanting, you did not waste your moment nor you appeared lost like me, you were completely at ease and you did not laugh at my embarrassing moment. That impression is still there in my mind and I am thinking will I also be able to pick up the beads and start chanting when the bewildering situation will come. I guess I want to prepare for those moments.

On next Ratha Yatra, when I stayed back to prepare lunch, my husband gave me beautiful garland of yours. One of the name of Krishna is Acuyta meaning that he never fails to notice service of his devotees, in a similar way, you also appreciated very little service of mine.

From your regular visits to Sydney Australia, we continue to derive strength for our spiritual life. Srila Gour Govinda maharaj is mentioning in one of the lecture that:

“When good fortune arises the jiva meets sad-guru, Sri Guru. The life in which the darsana of Sri Guru takes place is a very, very successful life. That is good fortune. Seeing Gurudeva, having the darsana of Gurudeva means to receive the mercy of Gurudeva. We may see Gurudeva with these eyes, but if Gurudeva casts his merciful glance on us then it should be understood that we are very fortunate.”

So it is our supreme good fortune to see you in our hometown twice a year, every year. When we were leaving Radhadesh last year, you told me to put the tape on while doing some house work. You said it always works with women; you were so true, now when I cook, I put your lecture on and it immediately connects me to your vani. From the Kitchen, it lifts me in to temple room and feels like you are sitting on vyasasana and giving Bhagavatam class and we are hearing. This is all possible I guess because Jananivas prabhu, regularly uploads your classes on your website and we eagerly download them all. All glories to your servant.

Srimad Bhagavatam 1.1.15 says that

yat-pāda-saṁśrayāḥ sūta  
munayaḥ praśamāyanāḥ  
sadyaḥ punanty upaspr̥ṣṭāḥ  
svardhuny-āpo ,nusevayā

„O Suta, 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.”

So like that we come in touch with your vani and get purified, Prabhupada writes in the purport that

such devotees of the lord are honoured equally with the Lord. May I pray to your Lotus feet that in our spiritual life whatever is important to you may also become important to us.

Gurumaharaj, Thank you for this day, of your nice relationship of servant and master that we have with u, thank you for connecting us to Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for tolerating our meagre offering.

All glories to you. Srila Prabhupad Ki Jay.

Your insignificant servant,

Smita Kṛṣṇa Devi Dāsī

## **Sukhayanti Devi Dāsī**

Dear guru maharaja,

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

Another year has passed. And a lot has happened in this year. New beginnings, new places, a lot of changes, but all through it you were always with me. I by now already have learned that it is not your personal presence, not the emails (even though they are both important and very much needed) that I feel your presence and guidance in my life, but it is through your instruction, and my desire and effort to follow them and to please you that you are always with me.

Last meeting we had you again showed me how extremely personal you are in your dealings with your disciples. It seems to me that you don't desire to have artificial relationships of awe and reverence



*"Physical proximity is not the real way to get close, because even then people remain strangers to each other. The place where we can really meet is at Srila Prabhupada's lotus feet, because there people become genuinely situated in their constitutional position, instead of playing a role on the stage of the material world"*

but rather real, personal, deep and meaningful relationships between two individuals. I sometimes feel that you, just like a loving father, already know me without me having to explain. You have already figured me out. And all I have to do is faithfully follow while you carry me, or more accurately drag me back to Krishna...

I don't want to make false promises of conquering the world or even just Toronto, nor of becoming the purest of the pure. I don't want to promise the world on the Vyasa Puja day, just for the sake of promising, because it is the standard.

I do hope, however, that I can somehow or other be allowed to be engaged in Krishna's service, always. I hope that I will be allowed to help even one soul find his way back to Krishna, or help make that journey easier. I just pray to always remain in Krishna's service no matter what happens in life or how difficult and challenging it may become, and I pray that the faith in you and love that I have for you today, as my spiritual guide and father, will never decrease but only increase. Please accept whatever service I am able to do, and always engage me in more.

Your servant,

Sukhayanti Devi Dāsī

## **Sukumārī Devi Dāsī**

Hare Krishna dear Gurumaharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at Your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.  
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami Maharaja.

orṁ ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā  
cakṣur unmilitaṁ 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.“

The last year was full of challenges - health, relationships, service. On the way I got off track, but due to Your mercy and even direct involvement things are gradually getting set in line again. Thus, I can find myself in a more peaceful and stable situation, which helps me to once again work on improving my sadhana and service, especially in quality. The many precious instructions You gave to me the last year remain with me on my way and give me strength and direction - like stars in the sky that always provide direction whenever I might get lost. However, oftentimes I find myself struggling to properly follow them, even though the desire to do so is there. I wish I could be more determined and fixed as to please You - with my activities, attitude, words.

I pray to You for Your mercy knowing that it works wonders. It reminds me of BG 7.7: „O conqueror of wealth, there is no truth superior to Me. Everything rests upon Me, as pearls are strung on a thread.“ Your mercy is the cause of all my good fortune. Whenever I meet with good fortune I know that this is definitely only because of Your causeless mercy. There is no other reason. Thus, arrangements are being made that bring me closer and closer to Krishna.

Please always keep me close to Your lotus feet.  
Your aspiring servant,  
Sukumārī Devi Dāsī (Radhadesh)

## Sutapā Dāsa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances,  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

In your lectures, conversations, correspondence and life example, you keep hammering home key instructions. Today I am taking some time to remember those jewel-like instructions, and rededicating myself to making them my lifetime project.

“Live a life of sacrifice...”

A vaisnava’s life is a life of service. Working for the benefit of Guru, Gauranga and all living entities, a true vaisnava finds himself by forgetting about himself. They are always in the spirit of giving. The vaisnava doesn’t take the easy, comfortable or safe options – they take the option that will be most pleasing to Krishna. You are that vaisnava.

“Dive deeper into the ocean of Bhakti...”

A vaisnava’s life is fully engaged in hearing and chanting the glories of Krishna. They study the books with great relish, always deriving fresh realisations and sharing that wisdom in a way which transforms people’s hearts. The vaisnava goes deep like a shark. The Bhagavatam is their constant companion. You are that vaisnava.

“It’s not about what you do, it’s about who you are...”

A vaisnava is fully decorated with saintly qualities – nobility, compassion, tolerance, magnanimity.

The vaisnava is a kind friend to all, and conquers people through genuine concern, love and affection. They are rooted in the spiritual realm, but endear themselves to the world by having a human side. You are that vaisnava.

You have bestowed tonnes of mercy upon me. Your inspiration, conviction and words of encouragement are my support, and I am trying to become the vaisnava that you want me to be. I took the guru-disciple relationship casually, now I am realising how heavy it is. Everyday it becomes more clear how much I depend on you. Thank you for everything,

I beg to remain,

At your transcendental disposal,

Sutapā Dāsa

## Svayam Bhagavān Dāsa

Dear Maharaj,

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

Maharaj, please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Maharaj. All glories unto You.

In Caitanya Caritamrita (Madhya lila 2.49) it is mentioned that,

śuddha-prema-sukha-sindhu,  
pāi tāra eka bindu, sei bindu jagat ḍubāya

“Unalloyed love of Kṛṣṇa is like an ocean of happiness. If someone gets one drop of it, the

whole world can drown in that drop.”

Maharaj, You have unlimited love for Krishna and it is simply charming our heart and creating unlimited happiness in our heart. This is the experience felt by everyone whether young, old, educated, uneducated, cultured, uncultured and so on.

dhīrādhīra-jana-priyau priya-karau nirmatsarau pūjītau

“Six Goswamis are just like the ocean of love of God, and they are popular both with the gentle and with the ruffians, because they are not envious of anyone.”

Maharaj whenever I asked guidance about youth preaching You always said, “As a preacher expecting standards from new devotees is important but the most important is kind heartedness towards them. This is Mahaprabhu’s movement, there is a place for everyone”.

Maharaj, only Your kind heartedness is keeping me alive in Krishna Consciousness, otherwise I am struggling and failing in every step. Maharaj, please save me.

Your servant,

Svayam Bhagavān Dāsa

## **Ter Kadamba Dāsa**

Dearest Guru Maharaja,

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

One year has passed since we last celebrated your

Vyasa Puja day. And one year has passed since my initiation into the family of your disciples. I have gotten to know quite a few of them since then, and all of them, in their own way, remind me of my good fortune of having been accepted as a disciple of yours.

You have said we should make our spiritual lives thick like amṛta keli – heavily condensed sweet rice. The thickness of our spiritual lives depend on our relationships to guru, sadhu and of course Gaurāṅga. We express the importance of relationships through activities, and I know nobody as active as you. You are constantly engaged in transcendental activities for the pleasure of Caitanya Mahaprabhu and His associates. This was very obvious on our trip to Bangladesh last year. Wherever we went, everybody wanted a piece of you. And nobody was left disappointed. I lost count of how many programs we did and how many holy places we visited. That trip was such an amazing experience for me.

In January I had the opportunity to go to Ter Kadamba forest. I met Ter Kadamba baba there, and when I told him my name, his eyes lit up and he exclaimed something to the extent of: “wooop bub bub Haree Krishna!” in a high pitched voice. He then proceeded to dress me up in a blue silk chaddar and tied a yellow ribbon around my head. He handed me a small mirror and enthusiastically asked me if I could see how I looked like Krishna (very sweet of him since, in reality, I looked very silly and not at all like Krishna). I smiled in ecstatic nervousness and bowed my head with folded hands. He then fed me sweet rice and pastry. I effectively left the material world, while he enacted pastimes of Sri Sri Radha and Krishna, Balarama and the Gopis. My meditation is, how unlimitedly powerful guru kṛpā is. If not for you none of this could happen.

I am writing about these events because I consider them yours. You are the beginning, middle and end of my spiritual life. I am a fool and a rascal, devoid of good qualities. These are facts. I take solace in the fact however, that no matter how fallen I am, still I am rightly situated simply because you have accepted me.

I pray for your blessings, that I may remain in your service.

Your most thankful servant,

Ter Kadamba Dāsa

## Thirushnee Melissa Govender

nama om visnu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-presthāya bhū-tale  
śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vānī-pracārine  
nirvīṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tārine

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami

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

It is most difficult to express in words, all that you have given to the devotees of ISKCON but in my meager attempt these are just a few that comes to mind.

Thank you for the ocean of mercy that you have bestowed upon the devotees, especially here in South Africa. In every African township and village, every soul that hears your jubilant kīrtan sounding out through the streets will certainly obtain immense

spiritual benefit. Maharaj, you are a brilliant example of a preacher in Lord Caitanya's movement.

One of your countless good qualities is the ease with which the younger devotees (and the young at heart) of ISKCON can relate to you. Personally, I find it more encouraging to learn from your own experiences and light hearted humor.

I have had the great fortune of reading some lectures and other writings on your website and blog which are a great educational instrument in my spiritual life. To be able to view the photos of your captivating journeys throughout the world also helps us stay connected to you. I'm eternally grateful to you for granting us these opportunities.

Thank you for your mercy and association Maharaj. I pray that you continue to receive unlimited blessings as well as the devotional service of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, Lord Kṛṣṇa, Śrī Guru and Gaurāṅga. May you have a wonderful vyāsa puja day and years more ahead!

I hope you may forgive me for all my offences caused in this offering.

Your servant,

Thirushnee Melissa Govender (Durban, South Africa)

## Tulasī Dāsa

Hare Kṛṣṇa dear Guru-Maharaja,

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

The Spiritual Master is incarnation of Kṛṣṇa's

mercy. Without his mercy one cannot get directly the mercy of Kṛṣṇa. Only when one is ready to take subordinate position at the feet of Kṛṣṇa's representative he can advance is spiritual life.

Only by Your mercy I am on a safety ground and my life is not wasted.

I am reading CC at the moment and there page after page it is described how Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu was engaged in kīrtan almost all the time, day after day, night after night. I see in you person who continue to keep alive this mood of Mahāprabhu's movement.

I am thinking what can I offer you in exchange to all mercy and time that you gave me. I hope soon to become more mature and experience to be able to help you more. I can offer you my loyalty and try to be more steady and fixed in following your orders and performing my devotional service.

Please be merciful to me and allow me to remain your servant.

Your servant,

Tulasī Dāsa

## **Tuṣṭa Kṛṣṇa Dāsa**

Dear Srīla Gurudev,

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

When I think of writing my offering on very auspicious day of your Vyas Puja Srīla Gurudev, first

thing comes in my mind is the gift of Mercy. Last year, on a very auspicious day of Vijayadashami you showered mercy on me by initiating in the line of Brahma Gaudiya Vaishnava Sampradaya. Initially, I was thinking that I was immature to get initiated; however, as time is passing by I started realizing that you have extended mercy of Caitanya Mahāprabhu on this unworthy fallen soul. I must admit Gurudev that initiation has made me a responsible person to keep my vow, limiting anarthas, in dealing with Vaishnavas, to live in and spread Krishna consciousness.

I remember once you mentioned in your lecture here in Sydney, Australia that Prabhupada wouldn't be happy if he sees the cleaning standard in the temple. I took your words seriously and started thinking how to execute your order. Now, I am happy to tell you my Gurudev that I am in charge of the cleaning team who does the cleaning every Sunday in the temple. I am making sure that this time when you visit Sydney temple you will assure us that Prabhupada is happy by looking at the clean temple.

You also made me excited when you mentioned next day after the Faith retreat at Govinda Valley that you are looking for friends and would like to see your disciples to be as your friend. This has really helped me to get comfortable and open my heart when I am associating with you.

Gurudev on this Vyaspuja occasion I would also like to mention that with your blessings and permission I have got engaged to a humble girl and will be getting married soon. Please bless us so we can keep Krishna in the centre during our Grahastha life. I know I am trying to be greedy but I do not feel guilty while asking for blessings so that with great



*"So we have to maintain hope that in spite of our struggle, in spite of our lack of qualification, that we still somehow or other get the mercy. That hope is essential. It's true - we don't have to be super devotees, we don't have to be amazing devotees to get the mercy of Caitanya Mahaprabhu"*

faith and determination I can take advantage of the mercy and fulfil the meaning of my spiritual name.

Thank you my beloved eternal spiritual master, guide and friend.

Your eternal Servant,

Tuṣṭa Kṛṣṇa Dāsa

## Ubrie

Dearest Gurudev,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

All glories to You on this most auspicious day of Your Vyasa Puja.

Thank You dear Gurumaharaja, for helping me so much on my path back to Krishna.

Like a skilful surgeon, You cut out all my deeply rooted anarthas and help me recover from the onslaught of this material world.

I feel most fortunate to have Maharaja's association and to be able to serve You.

I feel so much protected under Your shelter.

Thank You Maharaja for teaching and showing me what the ACTUAL goal of life is.

You have always been so caring towards me and always encouraging me to be a better person... to be more Krishna Conscious.

I don't even want to think about where I would be at this moment, if it weren't for Maharaja's dedication towards my spiritual growth.

I am surely eternally indebted to Maharaja!

Sincerely, Thank You for everything dear Gurudev. There are no words that could ever describe Your wondrous glories.

Please accept this small offering from the most insignificant person.

Your aspiring servant,

Ubrie

## Vasudeva Dāsa

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupāda.

Every day I bow down multiple times and offer prayers, but mostly in a mechanical fashion.

How often do I reflect on the meaning of bowing down, which is to give up my own conceptions of what is good for me, and to take shelter of the Supreme Personality of Godhead's instructions as the only source of all good fortune.

But why is there still reluctance in my heart when I bow down? I think Srila Prabhupāda sums it up well with the words „causeless unwillingness for serving the Absolute and all souls.“ (Vyāsa-pujā lecture, 1936)

It is my rebellious, prideful, everlasting attachment to the sense that I am good (or, in the ultimate sense, I am God), and in no need to submit or serve anyone else.

Vyāsa-pujā offers a special opportunity to rectify this deeply -rooted, mistaken mentality. We not

only bow down our spiritual master, but what He represents: the Brahmā-Madhva-Gaudiya Sampradāya, and ultimately the Supreme Lord Caitanya.

yadyapi āmāra guru—caitanyera dāsa  
tathāpi jāniye āmi tāñhāra prakāśa

Although I know that my spiritual master is a servitor of Śrī Caitanya, I know Him also as a plenary manifestation of the Lord. (Ādi 1.44)

By offering our obeisances to the spiritual master, we offer obeisances to Lord Caitanya. This is the antidote to our proud and offensive mentality, as advocated by Lord Caitanya:

“I shall accept the sannyāsa order of life, for thus people will offer Me their obeisances, thinking of Me as a member of the renounced order. Offering obeisances will relieve them of all the reactions to their offenses. Then, by My grace, devotional service [bhakti] will awaken in their pure hearts. All the unfaithful rogues of this world can be delivered by this process. There is no alternative. This is the essence of the argument.” (Ādi 17.265-267)

By bowing down our hearts become purified of offenses. Our causeless unwillingness is subdued, and the auspicious inclination to serve the Supreme Lord is awakened. Then the path back to Godhead opens:

„The Ācārya’s Message is to take us back to our original home, back to God. Let me repeat, therefore, that we should hear him patiently, follow him in the measure of our conviction, and bow down at his lotus feet for releasing us from our present causeless unwillingness for serving the

Absolute and all souls.” (Vyāsa-pujā lecture given by Srila Prabhupāda in 1936)

Your life is the example of someone who has consistently bowed down to the Supreme will. By that supreme will you have taken on the sacrifice of guiding those who are causelessly unwilling, yet are somehow trying to become willing. This is a thankless task, as unwillingness is so often predominant in the conditioned souls.

As situations and people come and go in life, I am realizing more and more that, beyond being my spiritual master, you are my ever well-wishing friend. It is that personal touch which is gradually conquering my unwillingness to bow down. Therefore, more than anything else, let me bow down out of love and gratitude, and in that spirit take upon my head whatever instructions I have received from you.

Your servant,

Vasudeva Dāsa

## Vasumān Dāsa

Dear Guru Maharaja!

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet! All glories to You! All glories to Jayadvaita swami!

nama om visnu-pādāya kṛṣṇa presthāya bhū-tale  
śrimate kadamba kānana svāmin iti nāmine

nama om visnu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-presthāya bhū-tale  
guru dasa jayadvaita svāmin iti nāmine

What are you teaching me as my spiritual master?

What do you expect from me?

Am I somehow helping you with your service to spread the Prabhupada's movement?

Do I strictly follow the instructions you are giving me through your lectures full of profound transcendental knowledge?

When I think about these things my false ego and false pride start to diminish.

I can see how miserable every alternative is in comparison to trying to be your humble servant. I know that I really want to become a devotee. I have to surrender unto you, because only by your mercy I can attain the platform of devotional service.

I remember a story from this south Indian devotee brahmana who was completely illiterate. Every day he was reading from Bhagavat-Gita, although he could not understand any word. Just because he was following the instruction from his spiritual master he had become completely purified. The advancement in Kṛṣṇa consciousness does not depend on any material thing or qualification.

I have neither material nor spiritual qualification that's why I'm very grateful to you Guru Maharaja for giving me the chance to render some insignificant service to you.

I'm proud that I have the most wonderful master always radiating pure love of Godhead and always shining with transcendental happiness that is spreading all around and affecting our hearts.

Dear Guru Maharaja, I will be happy to serve you as a submissive dog, who is running after you,

asking for a particle of dust from your lotus feet.

Your insignificant servant,

Vasumān Dāsa

## **Viṣṇupriyā Devī Dāsī**

nama om visnu-pādāya kṛṣṇa presthāya bhū-tale  
śrimate kadamba kānana svāmin iti nāmine

My dearest Guru Maharaja.

The most expected Vyasa-puja is getting closer. I am looking forward to that day when I will personally see you again very much. I am looking forward that I will be able to get a lot of positive energy and wisdom that I need so much in the fight with the witch Maya. My biggest life achievement was that I got to know Kṛṣṇa and you as his representative on Earth. Thanks to your great mercy, sensitivity and love I can get some of that great nectar too.

Thank you very much for everything that you have done for me so far.

Dear Guru Maharaja, you are my great inspiration and the one who gives me great determination and strength on my path of devotion. I am very happy that I thanks to your mercy can pay my deep obeisances on your and our most beautiful day of your Vyasa puja.

With great love and respect I am paying my obeisances.

Your faithful servant,

Viṣṇupriyā Devī Dāsī

## Viśvambara Caitanya Dāsa

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami, Dear Gurumaharaj

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

Last year when I wrote you an offering I wasn't yet your initiated disciple. Yet I looking back at the offering I was impressed by my genuine attempt to please you with it. This year I feel more disconnected, even though I have received so many interactions with you. This goes to show how it is about quality and not quantity.

I want to be part of the quality amongst your disciples and not the quantity. Now I can say I have completed the first of the three instructions the following verse delineates.

tad viddhi praṇipātena  
paripraśṇena sevayā  
upadekṣyanti te jñānaṁ  
jñāninas tattva-darśinaḥ  
(4.34)

Approach a spiritual master, inquire from him submissively and render service unto him. I feel sad for having done very little towards rendering service unto you and inquiring from you submissively. I haven't even been able to keep up my monthly reports.

Yet your person, keeps me motivated. Also the daily excerpts from your lectures that are sent out from your blog to all the subscribers has become my daily lectures lately.

Since this offering serves also as communication

because of the lack of communication from my side, I wanted to confess that my approaching you as my spiritual master was also based on the fact that I feared to choose someone that would not interfere drastically with my personal desires and purify me at a faster pace than I thought I can handle, than the pace my parents set. Your respect for my father, with whom I have a rather familiar relationship, reassured me of this. Of course your fearlessness, your transcendental vision along side with some Dutch frankness remained scary to me. As you said once in a lecture, that sannyasis are of an intense breed, which they all have in common no matter what the outer coat displays. I do not regret choosing you, not the least, I repent the fear I had. I would like to tell you I surrender unto your desires with more confidence than before. I would like you to do with me what you desire. Even though I have made it so difficult for you to do so. SO many lives have I lived where fear has dictated my life's course, I would like to give this one a different twist to it.

I am aware how to please you. All that is left is to remind myself constantly and act upon it.

Your disciple,

Viśvambara Caitanya Dāsa

## Yamunā Devī Dāsī

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!  
All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja!  
All glories to you!

Last few years I was travelling wherever you were in Europa. This year is different to me. Many things changed. I couldn't travel so much. First I was said, but now is different.

I remembered what Sacinandana Maharaja said:  
„ Sometimes the weather is cold and rainy, and  
sometimes is sunny and warm.“ He said: „When the  
weather is cold and rainy I do remember that we  
should create our own weather.“ When the weather  
in my life become cold and rainy and when I feel  
separation from you, I remember that I need to  
create my own weather.

Then I see...

“... You are putting your turban on your head.  
Checking with Uddhava for the sound and looking  
if all of us are there. And few minutes later many  
thousand people get mercy from Lord Caitanya  
Mahaprabhu...”

Thank you dear Guru Maharaja for teaching us by  
example.

And I’m so happy that you are my Gurudeva.

Your servant,

Yamunā Devi Dāśī

## **Yudhiṣṭhira Dāsa**

The blessing of a name (Reflections on my initiation  
and the mercy of guru)

My dear spiritual master

Offered me

The name

Yudhisthira dasa,

“The servant of he who never tells a lie”,

And he said at my initiation that

*These names are not ordinary.*

*By receiving these names  
You also receive the blessings of  
The person.*

My dear Maharaja Yudhisthira,  
I have been wanting to write to you  
For some time.  
You are Dharma Raja,  
Forever the embodiment  
Of righteous conduct  
Based on spiritual realization.

At the Raja Suya sacrifice  
You offered the first respect  
To Lord Krishna,  
Who was present in your assembly.  
After the battle of Kuruksetra  
Having attained victory by the grace of the Lord  
And being rightfully installed  
As the emperor of the world,  
A heirloom from your father,  
Still you mourned for the death of your enemies  
And harbored thoughts  
Of shamefulness.

Following the departure of Lord Krishna  
From the earthly realm,  
Having duly coroneted  
Your nephew,  
The son of Uttara, on the throne  
For the sake of  
The spiritual welfare of the future world,  
You entered the renounced order of life,  
Leaving behind your chaste wife  
And your inseparable brothers.  
They followed you  
Without hesitation  
To the Himalayas,  
But even as they



*"The spiritual master is always looking over our shoulder, every moment, every moment our spiritual master is looking over our shoulder and will he like what he will see? Something to consider! So in this way the chaste disciple is in every situation thinking: 'what would my spiritual master think about what I'm doing now?'"*

Perished on the path behind you,  
You did not look back,  
Keeping always a steady pace,  
Your mind one pointedly focused  
On the supreme Destination.

Eventually,  
You attained  
The spiritual world  
In your selfsame body.

My dear Yudhisthira Maharaja,  
You gave me the blessing of your name,  
Extended through the medium  
Of my spiritual master.  
I do not presume  
To know your intentions,  
However,  
I honestly wish  
To imbibe  
A tiny particle of  
Your devotion and unflinching dedication  
To the Supreme Truth,  
Sri Krishna.

Unfortunately,  
I am not of any royal ancestry.  
I am not in any way important.  
Still,  
I am greatly impressed by your  
Life story  
As recounted in the scriptures.  
And having been trusted,  
By the mercy of my spiritual master,  
To take part in your Lord's sankirtan mission,  
An extension of your rule  
In this age of quarrel,  
I pray that you  
Kindly help me

Find strength  
And forbearance  
To overcome  
The cruelty of material relations,  
The enmity from asura society,  
The bondage of false identifications,  
And maybe most of all,  
The courage to choose  
The devotional path  
Above all other considerations  
*And never look back.*

Yudhiṣṭhira Dāsa















