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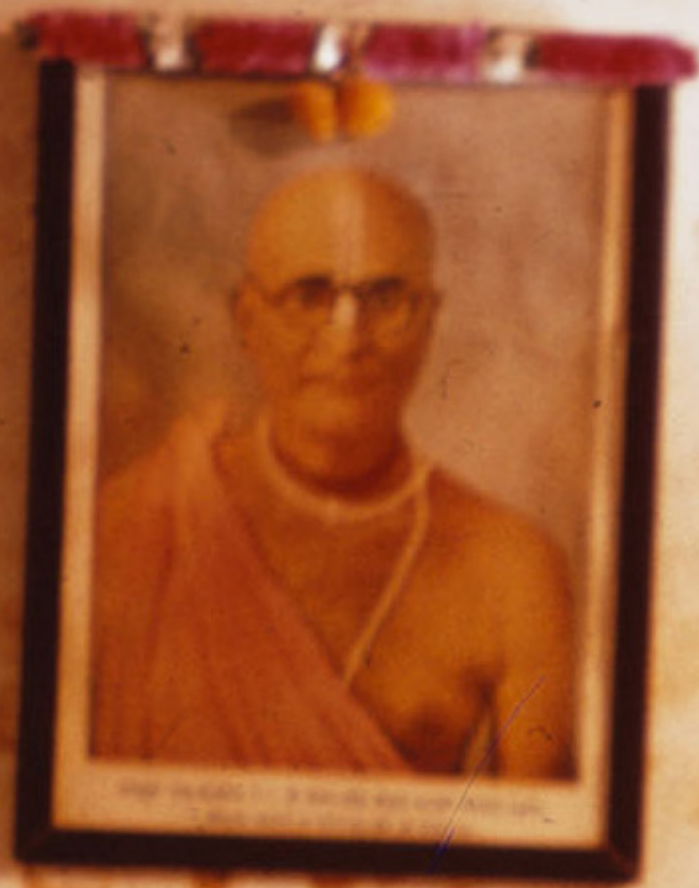
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All Glory To Sri Guru And Gouranga!





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The Meaning of Vyasa-puja

The Spiritual Master appears in this world to deliver the message of the absolute abode of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. The message that is spoken by Srila Prabhupada is non-different from the transcendental words of Srila Vyasadev, the literary incarnation of Sri Krishna.

Srila Vyasadev after compiling the Vedanta, the essence of the ocean of Vedic knowledge, foresaw the conditions that humanity would be infected by. He saw the pathetic qualities of this age of quarrel, where human religion, truthfulness, cleanliness, peacefulness, mercy, memory, bodily strength, and life span are steadily cut down until humanity is no better than the lowly beast. Realising how acute their desire for material enjoyment would be, He composed the antidote to relieve their suffering. Thus, Srila Vyasadev wrote the Srimad Bhagavatam, the natural commentary on Vedanta.

*nasta-prayesv abhadresu
nityam bhagavatam-sevaya
bhagavaty uttama-sloke
bhaktir bhavati naistiki*

By regular attendance in classes on the Bhagavatam and by rendering of service to the pure devotee, all that is troublesome to the heart is almost completely destroyed and loving service unto the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who is praised with transcendental songs, is established as an irrevocable fact.

The spiritual master, our Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada, who is intimately related to Lord Sri Krishna injects the same teachings of Srila Vyasadev into our ears to relieve us from the disease of impersonalism and materialism. Srila Prabhupada saves us from the blind well of voidism and kindly becomes a via media between the fallen souls and Lord Sri Krishna. Thus, the spiritual master is non-different from the Supreme Lord.

The joyous day that our Srila Prabhupada chose to appear in this world, Sri Vyasa Puja, is taken as a beacon of unbelievable fortune and first-hand proof of the endless mercy of Srila Prabhupada. On this most auspicious day, disciples since the time of Srila Vyasadev have gathered together with great pomp and ecstatic celebrations to worship and glorify the divine lotus feet of their spiritual master. With love and devotion disciples prepare gifts and praises in a dazzling transcendental necklace to their beloved spiritual master. Such congregational glorification of Srila Prabhupada generates a sublime atmosphere of unity, humility and love. The disciples ardently desire to aurally receive and retain every nuance of the words spoken by the lotus-like lips of Srila Prabhupada. Thus, with

great affection they re-dedicate themselves to the lotus feet of their master.

sri-guru-charana-padma

kevala-bhakti-sadma

The lotus feet of our spiritual master are the only way by which we can obtain pure devotional service.

Let us relish this wonderful opportunity to join in the celebration of the most glorious appearance day of our beloved Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada. In this way the Vaishnavas drink deep the ambrosial nectar flowing from the lotus feet of our Srila Prabhupada on Sri Vyasa Puja.

Sri Vyasa Puja Mahotsava Ki Jai!

by Nila Madhav Das

Bhaktin Abi

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to you.

This past year I am feeling so thankful to be a part of this wonderful family you have given to us. Although this began with just one person chanting in Tompkins Square park in New York, it has grown into an amazing and beautiful big family. The support and guidance I've had through your books and classes, and the association of the devotees at the temple have been invaluable. I really would have no strength without ISKCON.

So, thank you for coming to the West to give us this knowledge and this support network. I can't imagine in what kind of direction I would be going in right now if I hadn't stumbled across your books. Coming to Krishna consciousness has protected me from so much suffering.

Although I never met you in person, you can sense the glow and warmth you emanate even from seeing pictures or watching videos of you. We can also see how perfectly you exhibited Vaishnava qualities. I hope and pray that each year I can understand your mood more deeply so that I can serve you better and develop these qualities that you have. I also pray for the desire to serve with such one-pointedness and selflessness as you.

Of course, there is no way that I can repay you. Your service to this world cannot be matched. But I just want to keep trying to serve you sincerely and I hope whatever little thing I do for you that you will accept it.

Your insignificant servant,

Bhaktin Abi

Adi Ganga Devi Dasi

Dear Srila Prabhupada

*Om ajnana timirandhasya jnananjana salakaya caksur
unmilitam yena Tasmai Sri gurave namah*

I am considering what to write in my offering to you. You are the pre-eminent person in ISKCON, our founder acarya without whose endeavours my life today would not be possible. You deserve so much more than the meagre offering I can give.

I stumble along every day, bewildered by my own mind and subject to the fluctuations caused by the modes of material nature. Of course, I endeavour at every moment to stay in the mode of goodness but happenstance overcomes me. Sometimes my aches and pains and bodily ills prevent me from getting up as early as I should. Sometimes I am attracted to prajalpa and nonsense talk. Sometimes I forget to chant my Gayatri at the appropriate time. Or cook prasadam because I like it not because I think you or Krishna might want it. So many obstacles, physical and mental, so many barriers to living as a devotee should, so many blocks to loving Krishna and keeping Him at the forefront of my mind.

And yet, I am saved by your mercy. You always send an outpouring of affection from your picture on my altar. I feel your grace, your benevolence, your kindness. You accept the low level of my service such as it is and encourage me not to give up. It is for you and to please my spiritual master that I continue on despite the daily evidence of my inadequacy.

I am reading and reading. In order that I can write. I want to preach for you by writing. I am reading the materials of eminent and scholarly writers like Satsvarup Das Goswami, Vishaka Prabhu, Bhurijana Prabhu and Devaki Devi Dasi. I am over-reaching because I will never be a great writer but if one person reads the message you have given that I have strived to convey and thinks of you or Krishna, it is worth making the endeavour. I also read and discuss the Gita scrutinisingly with some dear devotees who help me find unlimited nectar in your purports every single time.

I am no longer dynamic. I am beset with slowness and health difficulties. I cannot carry out services to the same extent I used to. I have become somewhat of a hermit, satisfied with my own company and that of my husband and a small group. I have lost the inclination for Sankirtana and Harinama- (though not the taste) just because I can no longer keep pace. Yet with my small and limited and low-key efforts, I still somehow aspire to please you. I want to do more but lament that I can't. So I have to kill the habit of a lifetime and instead of diversifying my activities, I have to now focus on one or two and do them to the best of my ability.

Please don't ever abandon me. I do this for you. I have been looking for a perfect person all my life and when you appeared, I knew I could stop looking. You are an expert at everything. You are kind and merciful but stand for no nonsense. You are bold, you don't look back. You pushed this movement on powerfully and you never stopped until your last breath. I read about you through the words of your disciples and it's as if I was there myself even though you departed long before I was cognisant. I admire your tenacity and revere your efforts even though I cannot follow you at the level you would wish. And I hope you will keep a place for me in your movement despite my pitiful, paltry results.

The servant of your servant of your servant

Adi Ganga devi dasi

Adi-Guru Das

Dear Srila Prabhupada

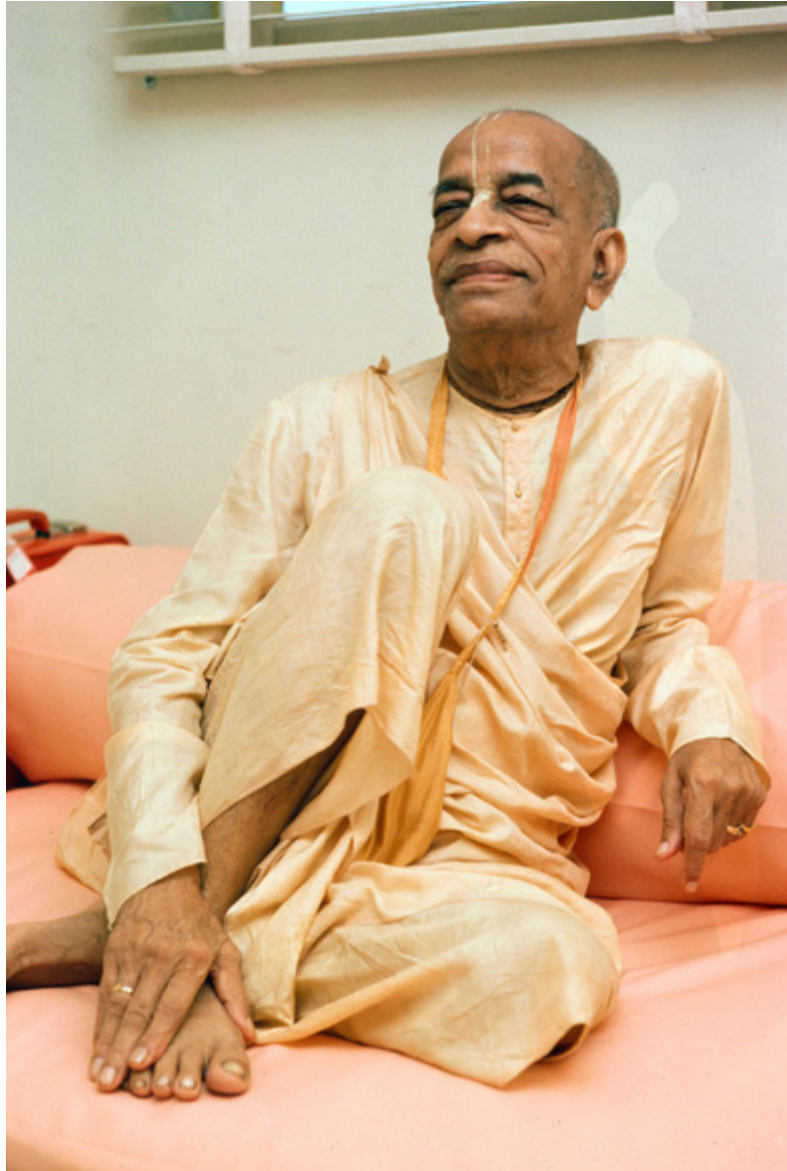
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your lotus feet.

Srila Prabhupada you are everything to me. I am helping in a tiny way to spread your movement and I pray for your mercy upon my useless soul.

I pray to never budge from hearing the transcendental knowledge you have given us and chanting the Holy Names.

My realisation is that anyone can take to this process and be elevated and benefitted. In this way we are confidently preaching on the streets of the world as that is all we really know.

I know that managing this huge society is a big burden and headache as there are so many problems big and small and we wish you were here to guide us. There is no one single leader of ISKCON who can say 'do this.'



Therefore, it is so difficult and there are so many disagreements.

In the 10th canto you write that even though the Lord showed Himself to Devaki still she was afraid of Kamsa and in the same way even though you are pushing on the movement you are still afraid of the demons of kali. In this way we can only take shelter of the Lord and surrender to Him to somehow do the inconceivable thing and save ISKCON from self-destruction. Then again even if it fails Lord Caitanya's movement can never be stopped.

Praying to your lotus feet on this day of your appearance and begging for your mercy

Your Servant

Adi-Guru dasa

Bhakta Amit & Bhaktin Fiona Tailor

*Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te saraswate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

Hare Krishna Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our respectful obeisances onto your divine lotus feet. All glories unto you on this auspicious occasion of your vyasa puja.

We don't think no words or actions can ever express our heart-felt gratitude to you on how much you have given us all by coming to the West at your tender age and sharing the Krishna Consciousness movement to us all...we are fully indebted to you - Jai Srila Prabhupada!

If it wasn't for you, the ISKCON movement and your enlightening books then we would be further entangled in our materialistic ways and the spiral of sense gratification with no ultimate goal in life. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping us attempt to break free from this cycle of birth and death.

Our deepest thank you for creating ISKCON and allowing us fallen souls the love of Godhead. We are forever indebted to you. We try to show our appreciation by reading, preaching and trying to distribute your books and we hope that we can please you by our endeavours. Please kindly bless us that by your mercy and blessings we can continue to do so and please you.

Your humble servants,

Amit & Fiona Tailor

Annanda Devi Dasi

Most Precious Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my repeated humble obeisances. Thank you for allowing me to continue to chant the Holy Names.

You are the life of our lives. When we were all in the abyss of repeated failure in illusion seeking permanent fulfilment there, you pierced our darkened hearts with songs of Nitai Gauranga's eternal love and compassion.

Your Vani and Vapu revealed to us the ecstatic realm of powerful pure devotional service. As the rising sun, you cleansed the world of all misgivings and restored the natural order of devotional happiness.

Lord Parasurama drove the errant Kshatriya kings and their heirs out of Bharat Varsha 21 times. You Srila Prabhupada recruited us all, their descendants, fatigued, and disappointed by drab lives, to serve Lord Caitanya's Movement. With your chanting, charm and prasadam you revived us and equipped us with the shakti of Nitai Gaura and the disciplic succession, coming through the purest heart of your Divine Master Srila Bhaktisiddhanta.

You brought us Back Home to Vrindavan, Mayapur and Jagganath Puri. You brought us back to your Transcendental Embassy Temples, gave us Harinam, Books and Prasadam. You fed us, clothed us and gave us a life full of adventure and transcendental friendship.

SB Canto 7 Ch.9 Text 28

*evam janam nipatitam prabhavahi-kupe
kamabhikamam anu ya prapatan prasangat
krtvamasat surarsina bhagavan grihita
so ham katham nu visrje tava bhrtya-sevam*

“My dear Lord, O Supreme Personality of Godhead, because of my association with material desires, one after another, I was gradually falling into a blind well full of snakes, following the general populace. But Your servant Narada Muni kindly accepted me as his disciple and instructed me how to achieve this transcendental position. Therefore, my first duty is to serve him. How could I leave his service?

Five decades ago almost to the day, in July 1972, this forgetful soul, steeped in the dullness of matter, met with your Divine Grace. By a compassionate oversight of providence, I was allowed by Nanda Kumar Prabhu to meet with you and you clinched my entrance to your Divine shelter forever.

This Divine Shelter is your very self and the ever expanding brilliance of your transcendental movement. What you are giving to the world cannot be hampered or contained by any material calculation. It is the life giving force, and the only hope for all living entities everywhere at all times. As such it is the only most important movement in all the worlds.

I see the brilliant reciprocations of love and service between your Divine Grace and devotees of all generations from all the planets of the universe gathered here on planet earth to serve Lord Caitanya’s firebrand movement. And yes, it is spreading like wildfire as always. This is proof that you are with us, you never left us and never will.

No one of us will ever be able to surpass your Glories in any way for anyone. For your mercy is all we are all made of. We cannot “improve” on any instruction your Divine Grace has given us. If we can accept you as you are and everything you have shared “As it Is”, then surely we will be able to gain full access to the transcendental fortunes you have placed within our reach.

It is now up to us and your followers for generations to come to ensure that we pass on your messages without any additions, subtractions or alterations. That is our topmost duty. Please give us the strength individually and collectively to fulfil it.

Your Bhaktivedanta purports shower the rain bursts of mercy directly from the Ocean of Mercy. We are all becoming healed and healthy again by drinking this nectar of immortality, and bathing repeatedly in it.

We can see how you as the Captain of our ship have always protected your devotees on the transcendental Jaladuta carrier.

Through storms or turbulent times you have kept the ship always steady and on course in spite of an often inept crew.

With a straw placed within my teeth I beg you to always engage me in the service of your servants without any hindrance.

I cannot hide the fact that I have not reciprocated a tiniest fraction of your loving care. But I pray to please give me the honesty and strength to grow in service which is genuine and pleasing to your lotus heart. Please allow my heart to become pure so that you and your Transcendental Lords will feel comfortable to manifest in it and illumine my service to you.

Your ever grateful,

Annada devi dasi

Anuradha Devi Dasi

Dear Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to You on this most wonderful occasion of Your Vyasa Puja.

As the years go past, I contemplate on how fortunate and grateful I am.

Srila Prabhupada, I can't thank you enough for all the love, priceless gifts, mercy and kindness You have undeservingly given me.

Srila Prabhupada, please continue to shower me with Your blessings so I can live a life of good sadhana and unmotivated service and therefore be of some assistance to You.

Srila Prabhupada, 1965 was a most special year; after a health risking and most unpleasant journey You took your first step on San Francisco Bay. As a result of Your endeavours, sacrifices and deep desire to illuminate the world, today we see hundreds of thousands of people of all nationalities take to Krishna Consciousness, this is due to Your profound mercy and compassion. You have certainly built a house for the whole world to live.

Srila Prabhupada, in my service I have the fortune of receiving and greeting the many guests of Bhaktivedanta Manor and it's an immense privilege to be able to introduce them to the wonderful gifts that You've shared with us.

You continue to guide us through Your books and Your Deity Form and so I've witnessed on many occasions how when I take guests to your personal quarters how their hearts are deeply touched, You see the transformation within just a few minutes of being in your divine presence.

Srila Prabhupada, I am forever thankful for all the variety of services I'm engaged in and pray I can always be of some assistance to You.

Your grateful servant

Anuradha devi dasi

Amrita Vilasini Dasi

Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you.

I feel very privileged to have this opportunity to write an offering for you. I feel very privileged to be part of ISKCON. When I want to express how much I have received from you and how much I am grateful for that, I lack words and emotional capacity.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, you have given me more than I could ever wish for. I have had and still have so many desires but your mercy excels them all.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, where would I be if not for your mercy? I dread even thinking of it.

Please forgive me that I am not doing much for you. Please, give me strength, courage and enthusiasm to serve your mission and please you in this way.

Your most fallen servant,

Amrita Vilasini dasi

Antaranga Das

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you and to your profound followers.

The Six Gosvamis themselves would meet for discussion at the Radha-Damodara mandira and plan how to spread the philosophy of Krishna consciousness throughout the whole world. You as a resident of Vrindavana and a devoted follower of the Gosvamis deeply absorbed the echo of those discussions and with determination

to this day fulfilling their plans and predictions. May the flood of divine discourses emanating from the lotus mouths of Sri Rupa and Sri Sanatana be known to every soul, so they may benefit their lives as you are their main weapon against illusion.

“...transcendental words directed toward bringing about a revolution in the impious lives of this world’s misdirected civilization” (SB 1.5.11)

With burning heart for a change we desire to participate in this revolution, we humbly beg, kindly accept us an instrument in this mission and make us fortunate.

Servant of your servants

Antaranga Das

Bhaktin Asha Bhimji

Nama Om Vishnu-Padaya Krishna-Preshthaya Bhu-Tale

Srimate Bhaktivedanta-Svamin Iti Namine

Namas Te Sarasvate Deve Gaura-Vani-Pracarine

Nirvishesha-Sunyavadi-Pascatya-Desa-Tarine

Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you on this auspicious occasion of your Vaysa Puja.

2022 has been a year of absorption, reflections and gratitude. For all these years life has always been on full power but this year I have attempted to slow down and go deeper internally, connect with devotees on a more personal level and reveal my heart, mind and struggles to my peers. Your beloved disciple Aindra prabhu said ‘first deserve then desire’. This resembles in my heart deeply as for not even a second do I deserve the mercy, association, service and guidance I am receiving whilst serving at Bhaktivedanta Manor.

I am ever so grateful to you Srila Prabhupada for providing all the facilities and resources we need to be engaged in service, your books are the only saving grace to understand how one should perform pure devotional service, your lectures which we can hear give us solace to the heart, your disciples teach us the true meaning of cooperation and compassion, your lotus feet gives us strength to face any obstacle in life.

“We may thin the milk till it becomes useless, or we may boil it until it becomes thick and sweet, so now we have got enough followers, let us train them up perfectly

in the philosophy and activities of Krishna Consciousness way of life. Unless all of my students become very much fixed up in their spiritual progress, what is the use of so many programs for expansion?” (Srila Prabhupada Letter, June 20, 1972)

Currently, I am serving with the School of Bhakti which launched during the pandemic. Your message above is something we are focusing on deeply. We have a wonderful Community Team who serve with such great enthusiasm to cultivate students who attend our courses and events within the School of Bhakti. Srila Prabhupada, please continue to be merciful to us as we try to ensure we become more personal with the devotees who we interact with and cultivate them with the philosophy and activities of Krishna Consciousness, so they can understand the true meaning of life.

I deeply pray that what is left of 2022 and the years to come, your ISKCON flourishes in the UK and School of Bhakti can be used in your plans. I also pray that I can serve you more each day by offering my respectful obeisances to you and be an instrument in service.

Your humble aspiring servant,

Asha Bhimji

Bhaktavatara Das

Dear Srila Prabhupada

Thank you for all your wonderful kindness and generosity to this fallen soul. Without you I would continue to rotate through countless species of life, trying desperately to satisfy the endless demands of my uncontrolled mind and senses. But you have brought the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu to the Western countries, you have shone light into the darkest recesses of this miserable material world and a little of that light has illuminated my stone-like heart. Dear Srila Prabhupada, you have exhibited the topmost compassion and kindness for wayward souls like myself who have fallen into this deep dark well of material existence. You have translated and commented on a mountain of transcendental literature, you have opened Temples, installed Deities, shown us how to serve Their Lordships, trained us in Vaisnava etiquette, how to behave as devotees and how to show compassion for others by spreading this Sankirtana movement. All glories to you Srila Prabhupada, you are so kind, so merciful, so intelligent, you have given us the best possible type of life and the best possible future.

I hope and pray that I may somehow or other assist you and your wonderful devotees life after life and always remember your munificence, magnanimity and mercy.

Your aspiring servant

Bhaktavatara das

Bhakta Bishal

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

To bring the higher taste of Krishna Consciousness your traversed across the ocean out of your even greater oceanic compassion for the conditioned souls. If it wasn't for this compassion, I would be so lost but you have shined the beacon of light to guide me out of the darkness. I would have certainly been drowning in ignorance, influenced heavily by Maya, demonic influences, walking towards my own death and end up in the worst kind of suffering and rotting in the material existence. But because of Your mercy, you have given the highest benediction to mankind, how to connect with the Lord, devotional service to Sri Sri Radha Gokulananda and the association of devotees who are as brilliant as the sun. Sometimes it so surreal and feels like I am dreaming or I am still that boy who is behind the digital screen watching devotees and the whole pastimes within Krishna consciousness world. Now the dream has suddenly become real.

I pray that I can have more desire to really take advantage of the gift you have given and also pass on this mercy also to others by embodying some of the compassion that you have. Therefore, please Prabhupada, please just continue to allow me to serve You and Gauranga. Please don't push me away from your lotus feet. Please don't let me go although I have so many challenges and shortcomings. I just want to continue serving and to be connect and build a relationship with you more, for how can I possibly carry on without your mercy.

Bhakta Bishal

Bhogini Devi Dasi

My Dear Srila Prabhupada

I kneel at your feet and gaze with gratitude at your delicate golden lotus face.

I haven't written an offering for a long while - only because I cannot imagine how to put into words my genuine feelings.

My greatest awareness is of my lack of service to you.

I know what I am not.

I am not much of a preacher, and rarely seek opportunities to tell people about Krishna, unless they ask, but I do miss serving the Deities.

I don't study the scriptures regularly, although I do like to chant japa, most days.

I am not a leader like so many of my god-siblings.

Neither do I work particularly hard, although my work brings me in close genuine contact with other troubled souls.

I live as a householder, yet too far from the temple to offer any regular service.

The children have grown up and gone on to their own lives, with or without Krishna Consciousness.

I like to travel, but I'm not often travelling to places of pilgrimage.

So is it mercy, or my illusion, that I continue to think of you daily as my beloved spiritual master, and I as your servant?

The gifts of knowledge I have received by your blessings, however many years have passed, still remain fresh and fragrant.

So often a Sanskrit verse comes to mind, ricocheting down the years, and touches my heart with tenderness.

So often a photo of the Deities brings tears of happiness to my eyes.

So how can I identify by what I'm not? Neti, Neti, Neti !

And then another verse comes to mind:

*nāhaṁ vipro na ca nara-patir nāpi vaiśyo na śūdro
nāhaṁ varṇī na ca grha-patir no vanastho yatir vā
kintu prodyan-nikhila-paramānanda-pūrnāmṛtābdher
gopī-bhartuḥ pada-kamalayor dāsa-dāsānudāsaḥ*

May I pray to become the servant of the servant of the servant of your Divine self, the servant of Krishna's lotus feet?

Whatever else, I am still here, with your lotus feet in my mind. Just in the same way as I was in Paris in 1974, when you bowed before Radha Parisishvara, and I bowed behind you, my head so close to your feet I could feel the warmth, and imagine the softness of their touch.

Bhogini dasi-dasa-dasanudasa



Chaitanya Jivan Das

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisance's. All glories to you.

Upendra asked you, "Swamiji, how should we feel humble? I feel sometimes that when I try to be humble I first think about it, and then I try to be humble. But it seems artificial."

"This is humbleness, Prabhupāda said. "When we think, 'Oh, I should have done it this way' - that is good. Because then there is always room for improvement. If you go on thinking, 'Oh, I did not perform this duty so nicely. I should have done it this way,' then you will improve. *Our love for K ishna keeps growing as long as we think that we are not doing the most for K ishna and that we must do more. This is humbleness. If you think, 'Oh, I did this so wonderfully. I am such a nice and sincere devotee,' then this is not good. There will be no improvement."

<https://vedabase.io/en/library/spl/2/56/?query=Humbleness#bb1572229>

This just landed on my phone today at the point that I was just about to put pen to paper to write to you.

You have explained it so nicely. I have known this as the saying goes, that it is so hard to be humble. It is too so easy for pride to creep in.

I so admire as I learn about the qualities of the soul and the emotional intelligence and personal development the soul possesses.

That we are eternal, full of knowledge and blissful.

To know that we are 'worth it' and 'valuable' because we are spirit souls. To know that 'we are good enough' and not perfect in the same breath or sense of ourselves. That our perfection is that we are always improving. That type of full of knowledge, we possess.

I am learning so much about what is low emotional intelligence and high emotional intelligence.

Thus knowing oneself to be transcendental to material senses, mind and intelligence, one should control the lower self by the higher self and thus—by spiritual strength—conquer this insatiable enemy known as lust.

Karma Yoga 3.43 Bhagavad Gita As It Is

In the beginning of my Krishna consciousness and for a long time as a devotee, it was confusing to me that presented in scripture, classes and in devotee association

how much we were told Krishna consciousness is blissful and yet so much of the culture seemed like the majority, all in fact were depreciating themselves.

No sooner did I get up, was I knocked down again. I struggled to find the balance or even know what that balance was.

However in my emotional maturity journey, I now know that positive Krishna consciousness affirmations or blissful soul qualities that I practice every day, like I value myself or I am grateful for everything I have.

Doing this and trying my best to live them, I am able too, to accept and examine my qualities where there is room for improvement. From what I understand, our eternal experience and growth is forever expanding.

It can and does knock me when I realise I have to improve or change in certain areas. It's often just learning more about better communication with others and of how to value myself with more awareness. Other times I find I am very receptive to changing and improving.

Whatever it is, I know my true nature as a spirit soul is to embrace how I feel and decide is this good or not so good for me as a spirit soul? Am I in touch with my soul nature? The way I am being, is this valuing others?

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving me the out of this world culture from another existence altogether. To know that humility is the highest quality in the spiritual world tells me just how different the spiritual world is.

Your humble servant,

Chaitanya Jivan das

Bhakta Char

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

You are the candlelight which brightens my darkened heart. The flame of your mercy is incomparable to anything in these three worlds, and the light which emanates from it provides me so much clarity.

I pray that you will keep me humble in my service to you and to Lord Krishna, I pray that you will protect me from illusion and I pray that my heart will remain strong under your guiding protection.

You are an ocean of mercy and I am your meek servant, I do not deserve your mercy, nor am I doing anything to deserve it now, but I still pray that I can be of some service to you.

Your insignificant servant,

Bhakta Char

Bhakta David

Hare Krishna Srila Prabhupada. Please accept my humble obeisance's, and all glories to you. You were a gift sent by Krishna to give us unlimited mercy. Due to your translations and endeavours to propagate the Krishna consciousness movement in the western countries we are eternally indebted to your service. You were only humbly trying to follow the instructions of your spiritual master. In doing so you have also given us your own exceptional example on how we should surrender fully the instructions of the spiritual master.

The longer you have left this planet the more your legacy begins to grow. You have given us everything we need in order to fully utilize this life for going back home back to Godhead. Still the world needs to hear of your glories more and more. You thought us that Krishna consciousness is the most urgent business we need to attend to. You have already given me so much of your blessings and your mercy. I pray that you can help me utilize this golden opportunity so that I can make you proud.

Your servant,

Bhakta David

Dayananda Swami

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

24th July 2022

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

Thank you for setting and ideal example of how to practice devotional service according to time place and circumstance when

you arrived in New York in 1965. This was your special mercy.

In the early days in New York City you were able to expertly present a process and subsequently a movement which would change thousands of lives over the coming decades. How was this possible? It was your limitless compassion. Compassion is the quality which both attracts Krishna's mercy and also the hearts of those who we try to help BG 18.68 and 18.69.

*ya idaṁ paramaṁ guhyaṁ
mad-bhakteṣv abhidhāsyati
bhaktiṁ mayi parāṁ kṛtvā
mām evaiṣyaty asaṁśayaḥ*

For one who explains this supreme secret to the devotees, pure devotional service is guaranteed, and at the end he will come back to Me.

*na ca tasmān manuṣyeṣu
kaścin me priya-kṛttamaḥ
bhavitā na ca me tasmād
anyaḥ priyatara bhuvi*

There is no servant in this world more dear to Me than he, nor will there ever be one more dear.

For those who seriously try to practice this process of bhakti yoga your mercy works through the medium of your books and any lacking in this respect will only lead in confusion and spiritual difficulty. The material energy ostensibly looks so enjoyable and the only way to overcome it's indomitable influence is through the eyes of a pure devotee like yourself.

When one of your disciples left the ISKCON movement in 1969 you explained to your close disciples that you could understand that he didn't have faith in yourself but how could he not have faith in Srimad Bhagavatam. In this respect you emphasized the importance of reading your books.

How can a person who was so inspired to take up the practice of devotional service later give it up? Only through ignorance which works in two ways to both cover the devotees intelligence and push him to act on the material platform. Where there is the sun of Krishna there cannot be the darkness of maya and that sun is presented in the purports of your books CC Mad 22.31 and SB 1.3.43.

*kṛṣṇa—sūrya-sama, māyā haya andhakāra
yāhān kṛṣṇa, tāhān nāhi māyāra adhikāra*

*kṛṣṇe sva-dhāmopagate
dharma-jñānādibhiḥ saha
kalau naṣṭa-dṛśām eṣa
purāṇārko 'dhunoditaḥ*

This Bhagavata Purana is as brilliant as the sun, and it has arisen just after the departure of Lord Krishna to His own abode, accompanied by religion, knowledge, etc. Persons who have lost their vision due to the dense darkness of ignorance in the Age of Kali shall get light from this Purāëa.

Dear Srila Prabhupada please give me the intelligence to always remember this fact so that I can always remain safe in your compassionate association.

Your Humble Servant

Dayananda Swami

Bhakta Devkishan Dhokia

Hare Krishna,

I am forever grateful for your teachings and the opportunities you have provided to the generation to return back to Godhead. We are truly indebted to you.

Hare Krishna

Devkishan Dhokia

Divya Nama Das

Dearest Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to you.

I am fully indebted to you as you have given me so many things: the highest conception of the holy name of Krishna, the highest form of sound, which contains

the highest form of thought, aspiration, ideal, everything. And you have given me the service of our great saviour, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, which is coming in the disciple succession through my divine spiritual master HG Vaisesika Prabhu.

This year has been another roller coaster year for me where I struggle a bit with my strict sadhna due to other so called commitments, however I desire to make every effort to overcome the struggle and be situated in this sadhna bhakti under the guidance of advance devotees. Srimad Bhagavtam is keeping me alive everyday as turn page by page in my daily readings. I am extremely grateful to you for giving us this panacea for all miseries in this world.

This year we have desired to distribute 600 SB sets for your pleasure Srila Prabhupada, however it has been a challenge thus far as we look to mobilise the community in this effort which is ever so dear to you. However, I am hopeful that by your mercy and empowerment we will make you proud through our efforts in these last few weeks leading up to Bhadra Purnima as we leave the results in the hand of Lord Krishna.

All glories to you, the fountainhead of all those who went to the western world to preach the glories of the holy names of the Lord, the one who delivered countless fallen conditioned souls by imparting upon them the transcendental science of Krishna consciousness, and the one who fulfilled the following prophecy of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

*pr̥thivīte āche yata nagarādi grāma
sarvatra pracāra haibe mora nāma*

“In every town and village, the chanting of My name will be heard.”

The glories of Srila Prabhupada are unfathomable for all the devotees, who have been rescued, by Srila Prabhupada, from the ocean of nescience and have been given an opportunity to make their human forms of lives successful by taking to the process of Krishna consciousness. It is by his causeless mercy that today numerous devotees are practising Krishna bhakti all over the world in temples opened by Srila Prabhupada and his followers. Indeed generations upon generations shall remain forever indebted to you for having bestowed upon them the glorious possibility of going back home, back to godhead, by reading his transcendental books and following his instructions.

*saṁsāra-dāvānala-līḍha-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.

On this auspicious day you appeared in this world for the deliverance of all the conditioned souls like us. You are none other than the personification of Sri Krishna's mercy, who has come to deliver us from the miseries of this world and take us to the spiritual realm, where we can directly serve the Supreme Personality of Godhead Shyamsundar and his eternal consort Srimati Radharani. This day is indeed of utmost importance for all the devotees of ISKCON throughout the world, for it was on this day that their good fortune arose in the form of the birth of their future deliverer, Srila Prabhupada, for it is only because of you that today we all are aware of the ultimate goal of life and are working towards achieving it and it is only with his mercy that we shall all one day make it to the spiritual world. It is you only, who has given us the holy names of Shri Krishna, the service of Sriman Mahaprabhu, brought us closer to the associates of Mahaprabhu and has given us the opportunity to go to the holy places, where the lord performed his pastimes. He has given us everything that we need to progress in our spiritual lives and with his mercy we are able to engage in the service of the lord.

On this great occasion we pray to you to please keep us engaged in the service at your lotus feet, so that by serving you we may be able to make rapid progress in our endeavours in Spiritual life.

Your Servant,

Divya Nama Das

Gadadhar Das

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-tarine*

I would like to take on this opportunity to wish you a happy Puja celebration.

I remember hearing in one of your vyasa puja lecture's how you relayed to all your disciples and devotees that it was vyasa puja and that everyone should say something little in honour of the spiritual master.

Many devotees mentioned many things, however one devotee said how he was a cook and relished cooking for the devotees. One of the first book's I had received when I came to Krishna Consciousness was the Bhagavad Gita. At the time, I was not even able to pronounce your name correctly. Nevertheless, I continued to read the chapter summary and eventually stumbled into what came across as a fascinating chapter for me, Division of Faith, Chapter 17.

From reading the Bhagavad Gita, one verse that struck wonders for me was Chapter 18 Verse 65:

“Always think of Me and become My devotee. Worship Me and offer your homage unto Me. Thus you will come to Me without fail. I promise you this because you are My very dear friend”

After stumbling across this phenomenon, I thought I want to become a devotee and I want Krishna and guru to protect me and guide me in making the right decisions from that fateful moment when I left home. Since then, I have had no regret, rather I have had the fortune to instead learn a lot.

Fast forward today, by your mercy and the mercy of my spiritual master, I am nicely engaged in Krishna's service and my goal for what seems a remainder of a life, is to always be fixed and read every one of your books before I leave this body, even though I may not entirely understand what I pick up from it.

Please always engage me in the service of my Guru and the service of your ISKCON.

Your insignificant servant

Gadhadar Das



Gargamuni Das

Dear Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to your lotus Feet.

When I found you 10 years ago my life completely changed. You have shown me how important it is for a person to live a Spiritual life, as I myself was suffering a great deal before coming into the Krishna Consciousness movement.

My Spiritual journey has been very challenging at times and the devotees have been very supportive and encouraging when facing life's obstacles. I love listening to your talks and reading your books as this brings great knowledge and comfort just knowing you are there.

I took initiation just last August 2021 by His Holiness Bhakti Vikasa Swami and will be meeting up at the end of July 2022. My guru Maharaj gave me service to take his parents Prasadam every now and again and his father was cared for by my daughter Hannah during his last days.

I will continue to serve whenever I can and pray for your blessings to carry me forward.

Thank you so much for everything you have achieved to save many many souls.

All glories, all glories to you Srila Prabhupada.

From a very fallen soul

Gargamuni Das

Bhaktin Garima

*Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine nirvishesha-
shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine*

Please accept my humble obeisances,

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada on this auspicious day of Vyaspuja

It was more than 10 years ago I came to Krishna consciousness. Since then, I have read many books of Srila Prabhupada, listened to his lectures and bhajans. I have also read books and listened to lectures of other devotees in ISKCON. I am greatly indebted to Srila Prabhupada because of him, I was able to understand and accept the ultimate truth. Now I have the association of many devotees who have been understanding with me despite my family being materialistic.

I am trying to find a guru who I hope will initiate me in the future. Currently I am still with my materialistic family but at the same time performing my devotional service as much as possible. The devotees who know about me, advised me to continue with the devotional service and one day Krishna will show me a way out of my restrictions.

But I am also grateful that if not because Srila Prabhupada who was courageous enough to travel to the West on the order of his spiritual master, we would still be suffering in the material world. So my unlimited obeisances to HDG A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada and my pranams to his disciples and grand disciples. I pray that Krishna will give me the opportunity to serve in the Krishna consciousness movement one day.

Your humble servant,

Garima

Gaurprema Gayatri Devi Dasi, Bhakta Vigneshwaran, Bhaktin Thanushri Radha & Bhaktin Yogyini

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my respectful obeisances at Your lotus feet.

On the auspicious occasion of Your Vyasa puja, I feel privileged and honoured for this opportunity to glorify You, though words may be inadequate and meagre to do so!

By Your mercy, I was fortunate to be introduced to very senior devotees in our movement, HG Cintamani Dhama dd and HG Krishna Dharma das, who are encouraging myself and other devotees in our community to not only read Your books, but we come together to discuss Your elaborate purports in great depth and in a scrutinizing manner.

I feel immense pleasure when I hear and discuss scriptures as Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam in the association of the devotees as is confirmed by the Supreme Lord Himself “tusyanti ca ramanti ca” in BG 10.9.

This has helped me a great deal to appreciate and realise how every word in Your translations and purports have deep meaning in them. Every word, every sentence is so carefully threaded together forming a beautiful, everlasting and thorough necklace of Bhaktivedanta purports for every book you have translated.

It also instils strong faith in my heart in each of Your words.

Through Your books, You have answered many questions and laid out the process of Krsna consciousness for all of us, be it a brahmachari, a grihastha or a woman, to follow in a simple way in your books. Reading books like the Srimad Bhagavatam gives great solace to my heart!

I have many times heard that the scriptures are as deep as the ocean, and that we can dive in to greater and greater depth each time we read and enhance our understanding, according to our level of sadhana practice.

You have often stated that these books are Your heart because it was the instruction given to you by Your spiritual master. So much is available to all of us in Your books and I pray to always be immersed in the eternal wisdom You have kindly given us so I can get closer to Your heart.

Thank you dear Prabhupada for labouring hard to equip us with knowledge to traverse beyond this world and for the abundant mercy of Sri Gauranga Mahaprabhu that is freely available to one and all.

Your spiritual granddaughter and family,

Gauraprema Gayatri dd, Vigneshwaran, Thanushri Radha and Yogyni

Godruma Bihari Das

Dear Srila Prabhupadal

Please accept my most respectful obeisances.

All glories onto your divine grace.

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

I offer my respectful obeisances unto Your Divine Grace, who have opened my eyes, which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge.

I am deeply grateful to you Srila Prabhupada, for establishing this International Society for Krishna Consciousnesses, which is like a lifeboat on the turbulent ocean of this Kali Yuga.

You have so expertly set up this mission to save the conditioned souls who are drowning helplessly in this ocean of materialistic nescience.

You have trained the loyal & efficient crew of your transcendental ship to throw out life lines to rescue the souls drowning in the bleak & dangerous waters.

I was also rescued by you & given loving care & shelter from the ill effects of this dark & perilous Kali Yuga. I therefore remain always eternally grateful to Your Divine Grace & your empowered representatives & devout followers.

Srimad Bhagavatam 1.1.22

*tvaṁ naḥ sandarśito dhātrā
dustaram nistitīṛṣatām
kalim sattva-haram puṁsām
karṇa-dhāra ivārṇavam*

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

Now, I feel that the best way to serve you, is to take your teachings more seriously & to make a greater endeavour practice Krishna consciousness, & enthusiastically share this wonderful gift with others.

You sacrificed everything for helping hopeless people like myself. By your blessings, I Pray that I can be inspired & empowered, to in some small way continue the work of the mission that you established.

Thank you for everything you have given us Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Krishna

Hare Krishna

Krishna Krishna

Hare Hare

Hare Rama

Hare Rama

Rama Rama

Hare Hare.

Your insignificant servant

Godruma Bihari Das

Govinda Das

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your preaching mission, the significance of which will only grow with time.

It has been a strange year for me, seeing several Vaisnavas whom I know well turn away from you to varying degrees. It has made me reflect on the wide range of attitudes towards you and how the illusory energy can act to give rise to negative feelings towards you.

I have firm conviction that the degree to which devotees sincerely try to

serve your mission to that degree they will feel ecstasy and appreciation of you. Your true irresistible nature will be revealed to the fortunate, and the less fortunate will judge you based on their limited intelligence. You said don't be surprised at who leaves, be surprised at who stays.

So on this day I re-dedicate myself to your service, in the hope that I may increase my appreciation of you and gain intelligence on how to interact with others who are inclined to complain about you.

Thank you for allowing me to attend Glastonbury festival. During one harinama, a young man approached me and said, "I love you Hare Krishnas. I am not religious, but I can do the Hare Krishna thing. You are full of good vibes and good will." He then hugged me. This one event made the endeavour worthwhile.

Hankering for attachment to your lotus feet,

Your insignificant servant

Govinda dasa

Guru Carana Padma Dasi

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

I have been meditating whilst writing this tribute in your honour of what you mean to me. Years have passed since your departure and keeping your legacy alive and your memory in our hearts is of the utmost and prime importance to us 1st generation disciples who are still kicking around!!! Luckily the potency of your writings, the example you have shown the world of resilience and determination, your generosity of sharing Krishna with us, and your caring nature and clear instructions have left a deep impact not only on our generation but our children and children's children. Hopefully this will continue to get stronger with each generation. It's a kind of reverse chain reaction...the separation grows stronger as does the desire to take shelter and serve in your ISKCON society. The links can when firmly connected make for a very strong lineage of devotees under your shelter.

So what is your effect on my life here today? You are:

A role model of how to live and breath Krishna consciousness

A compass to navigate my life, through your lectures and amazing purports

An example of how to preach and teach with clarity, courage and according to time place and circumstance

You peel off the layers of my false ego and help me to reflect and face my anarthas

You give me nourishment when I'm starving

You are someone who knows my heart

You are a place of comfort where I turn to pray and find shelter

You engage me in service and sometimes give me a glimpse of Krishna's magic

You have made clear to me what gets your attention...

.I must work harder to grab yours!

Although I have embarked on a deep and nourishing study of Srimad Bhagavatam with godsisters, over the past 2 years I also had a desire to hear your lectures. When I was gifted a Prabhupada radio by Vaisesika prabhu and his good wife Nirakula - I saw that as directly coming from you through the agency of their kindness. It has enabled me to listen to you daily... the clarity of your voice not only soothes but is balm to my mind and heart.

I have also been blessed to be able to assist with cleaning your rooms once a week. It is here that I am very aware of your presence....watching me and checking up that I am not being neglectful in my service. In fact you are here with us all the time, sitting on the Vyasasana witnessing our activities and taking note of the progress we are making over time.

I pray every day for engagement in your service - that I may be empowered by you to be the intervention in the lives of those seeking happiness and fulfilment in their lives....presenting Krishna, guiding visitors around the great oasis here at Bhaktivedanta Manor. You have said in the purport to SB 7.6.25 "Preaching is the best service to the Lord. The Lord will immediately be extremely satisfied with one who in engages in this service of preaching Krishna consciousness. If one sincerely tries his best to spread Krishna consciousness by preaching the glories of the Lord and His supremacy, even if he is imperfectly educated he becomes the dearest servant of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. This is bhakti."

Srila Prabhupada - in whatever time I have left on this planet I beg you to please engage me in your service! Help me to support the women who come to this temple to learn, grow and serve. Help me to bring peace to devotees through my service of ombudsman. Help me to give shelter to those younger devotees, children and adults as they are given opportunities to take up posts of responsibility in your ISKCON society.

We honour you, and all the devotees who came before us and all those who will follow - who keep you placed in the central and most important position in our lives and have taken up your mission and instructions. Srila Prabhupada ki jai!

Gurushakti Devi Dasi

Dear Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble obeisances! All glories unto you Srila Prabhupada!

Srila Prabhupada, the trajectory of your life would appear to be highly improbable, if not completely impossible to humanity. What you were up against seemed too big for anyone. Your dream to fulfill your Guru's desire to bring Vedanta to the West was too colossal. The problems you were to face would be too strong. The opposition too powerful.

Srila Prabhupada, your naysayers discounted you, ruled you out, declared you were going to be unsuccessful; they didn't think you had what it took - they underestimated you. You were outnumbered, outsized and resourceless. How would it be possible to be triumphant based on what appeared to be, from the offset, a vaguely defined mission? Your voyage to the Western world seemed fruitless to your critics and they only envisioned you aimlessly wandering the West, with no clear plan of action.

It was a supernatural setup! Lord Krishna set you up and put you in that position to showcase you to the world as one of the most magnanimous spiritual rulers ever known to mankind. You defied the odds; they could not see Krishna seated on the throne of your heart and soul. They were just looking at you externally, they did not have the eyes to see your internal spiritual majestic appearance.



Your life story Srila Prabhupada is a remarkable tale of faith, determination and success, beyond anybody's expectations. Your mission was simply based on devotion to the Supreme Lord. Krishna thrust you to a new celestial level that no one had even remotely come close to reaching. Little did human creation know that a magnificent representative of Krishna was about to show up in their life and change their destinies forever!

As an elderly Indian Swami, you landed in New York City in 1965, in the heart of a drug and hedonistic counter cultural movement. You began to preach an unlikely message of sexual restraint, abstention from drugs and purity of mind and body. This was a historical moment; you were the only transcendental personality of Indian descent that victoriously turned Westerners into Vaisnavas. You taught them that simply by chanting the Lord's names and instructions, one becomes spiritually realised.

You became the Preceptor Acharya of the West and your disciples were empowered to preach and sing the 'Hare Krishna' mantra in every corner of the earth. Your sole mission was to carry out the munificent activity to give the world Krishna Consciousness, the only scarcity which exists in the human race.

Srila Prabhupada, you are ever expanding in the vision of the world. You have given us a life with Divine direction. I find everything vacant without you Srila Prabhupada. Yet, as I plunge into the depths of the mysteries of my own heart, I find it remains surcharged with material desires. Without your mercy, how can I plunge the depths of the mystery of Krishna? I am surrounded by devotees, so humble in their dealings and so high in their spiritual understanding. Conversely, I struggle for existence and the ability to develop the love of Radha Krishna. Please endow me with the character and nature to become your intrepid follower, in one lifetime to come.

Srila Prabhupada, I beg you to have me under your sway eternally!

Begging to become your servant,

Gurushakti Dev Dasi

Hare Krishna Devi Dasi

Jaya Sri Krishna Caitanya

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Our Priya ane Pujya Srila Prabhupada,

Om ajnana-timirandhasya

Jnananjana –salakaya

Caksur unmilitam yena

Tasmai sri-gurave namah

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

nama om visnu-padaya Krsna-presthaya bhū-tale

srimate Bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, who is very dear to Lord Krsna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine

nirvivesa-sunyavadi-pascatyā-desā-tarīne

Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Sarasvati Gosvami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanya and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with Impersonalism and voidism.

This is my first written Vyasa-Puja offering to you Srila Prabhupada, written at the behest of your disciple, Her Grace Vishakha Mataji. We thank her most gratefully as really for quite a long time indeed we have felt indebted to you for establishing the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, and in particular your writings: We love the Bhagavad Gita As It is, the Srimad Bhagavatam and are beginning to relish the Caitanya Caritamṛta. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for making these books available in the western countries where we have found ourselves due to multiple migration of our generations of peoples. In my mind, many times I have composed offerings to you Srila Prabhupada, as I find myself doing to Gurumaharaj regularly.

Srila Prabhupada, your visionary arrangements took us searching for a “Hare Krishna” address in Sherwood, Nottingham way back in 1981/82, some forty years ago. Your disciple, HG Punyasloka Das and his family, including Mark, Sonia, Maria had been running a weekly Hare Krishna programme from their shop front since the late 1970’s; we had heard about this from a contact my husband had had at

work with a fellow doctor, Dr Harsad Desai who had arrived from South Africa, and who was in touch with spiritual masters in ISKCON. My husband and myself had arrived at the Nottingham University Medical school in 1975 as first year medical students, but it was some 5-6 years later that Dr Desai and my husband, now a doctor in post-graduate training, would meet and have discussions about ethical dilemmas, life challenges, and many patient predicaments based on your teachings in Krishna Consciousness, and very often they would benefit the patients with such high class decisions based on scriptural teachings and human values.

Eventually finding the Hare Krishna weekly programme location in Sherwood, Nottingham, both my husband and myself took to eagerly waiting for alternate Friday evenings to arrive when one of us could attend the programme of kirtan, Bhagavad Gita reading and discussion, and relish a delicious feast afterwards in the company of devotees. The other one of us remained at home for our three little boys' bedtime routine, and domestic cares catch up after a busy week in the clinics. Gradually, we found ourselves supporting the programme financially, cooking preparations, and inviting the devotees' home. We had begun to meet your murti form Srila Prabhupada, to offer worship to you by offering fresh flowers and ghee lamps, and we were meeting the Deity form of these two brothers called Gaura and Nitai from Bengal. We met with a wonderful series of travelling preachers, and we met with your disciple, His Holiness Srila Sivarama Swami who nine years on would accept us as his disciples. As our interest and attendance grew, somehow, your murti and the Deities of Sri Sri Gaura and Nitai arrived at our home! As did Srimad Bhagavatam, whom Gurudeva installed on our bookshelf. We did not really know what to do with you, nor with GaurNitai; yet, Gurumaharaj told us to "worship" them.

By the mercy of Gurudeva, and through HG Kripamoya prabhu's congregational development, reading his journals, we learnt of the Nama Hatta market place programme of Lord Nityananda. When the Sherwood store -front programme wound up, the Nama Hatta market place unfolded initially in the local Quaker meeting Hall in Nottingham city, subsequently twice moving through different Local Authority community Halls. Your murti form, and accompanying Gaur Nitai Nitai Gauranga Deities now so named would travel each Friday for Sri Nama Hatta gatherings. They would bring many a Nottingham city festival, with HG Parasurama Prabhu's Bullock Cart and Padayatra arriving, Lord Mayor's festival parades, The Sheriff of Nottingham, Councillor Mahmood would even drive in his official car carrying the Bhagavad Gita As it is to the Bhaktivedanta Manor on a visit to protest against the proposed closure of the Manor by Hertsmere council. Srila Prabhupada, all these years you have been behind all these happenings; from small babies to now married men with their own children, our boys have grown. We have been to Lord Nityananda's Surabhi Kunj to witness where this Harinama distribution began. Through the mercy of Harinama initiation, and daily chanting, we have learnt

something about the renaissance of love of Godhead begun by Lord Caitanya; we have been fortunate pilgrims to the prayer places where you prayed before coming west, and we have been pilgrims to prayer places of spiritual masters in this amazing parampara—the disciplic succession that Lord Krishna Himself came to revive, and one you personally brought over to the west. We have been to the TOVP –your amazing plan, and to Sva Ananda Sukhada Kunj from where Srila Bhaktivinode predicted the magnificent temple. There is so much more to say..

..Covid 19 brought our regular weekly Friday Nama Hatta community programme to stillness for nearly two and a half years Srila Prabhupada. On line meetings continued. Several devotees took their Bhakti-sastri examinations on line. When the first programme after Covid restrictions were lifted took place with all Nama Hatta devotees meeting in person, not one, but thirteen sets of Gaur Nitai Deities came from homes in and around Nottingham, a further four sets in homes that could not attend that day. Srila Prabhupada, this is one of your miracles that we witnessed ourselves –from not knowing about Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda to being part of Their mercy unfolding right in front of our very eyes in this very life-time to so many local folk.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for coming west and being with us in your books and in your murti form. Thank you for Gurudeva, and all your disciples, and their disciples who continue to serve your mission. Thank you for our extraordinary Nama Hatta congregation with whom we grow in our devotion to you. Thank you for allowing me to write to you Srila Prabhupada.

Aspiring to serve,

Hare Krishna Devi Dasi

Jagannatha Vallabha Das

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you on this special day of your appearance!

Your words are with me every day “Spiritual life is difficult, but material life is impossible”!

Without your books, lectures, kirtans and ever existing presence I would have no chance to deal with the material struggles.

The hardships and difficulties you had to go through in your life are my motivational forces during my challenges. You are truly my torch guiding me in the darkness of ignorance and elevating my soul closer to Krishna.

I will eternal be grateful to you for everything you have done for us.

And by your mercy I became initiated which reinforced my connection to the Guru Parampara and to you! I’m forever indebted to you Srila Prabhupada! Thank you!

Your humble servant,

Jagannatha Vallabha Das

Jagannathesvari Devi Dasi

My dear Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet.

On this auspicious day of your Vyasapuja festival, my humble offering to you is simply to recommit myself to your service by endeavouring to serve your sacred mission, which is, in your own words, to deliver the Western countries from impersonalism and voidism. The best way that we can express our gratitude for all the transcendental gifts that you have given to us it to pass them on to others. I know that this pleases you and gladdens your heart more than anything else. And to pass on these gifts in the 21st century, we may have to change the wrapping for them to be willingly received, just as you did for us when you travelled from the East to the West, while the inner content remains always the same. Please bless us with the intelligence to adjust details as appropriate, without changing core principles, so that the sankirtana movement can grow from strength to strength and become a positive force for change in the modern world, for your pleasure.

Your eternal servant,

Jagannathesvari Devi Dasi

Jagat Priya Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisance's. All glories to Your divine lotus feet. All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasapuja.

Life's events turned you into Jagat Guru, the saviour of the whole world. With your deep compassion and grace for humanity you are able to increase continuously in every knock and corner of this world the numbers of the once receiving the greatest fortune.

You deserve greatest respect, honour, worship, affection and love.

By your grace I am engaged in a variety of services, all of them helping me to realize the necessity of a Krishna centred lifestyle and leading me to cultivate the utter mood of dependence on the mercy of the Vaishnava's, Guru and Krishna.

The best way to stay prepared for challenging moments is to follow your daily practical guidelines as close as possible. Then in the time of need you are the friend in deed.

Taking shelter within your gracious movement I am desiring to increase the depth of my Krishna Consciousness and at the same time to expand my capacity in sharing Krishna Consciousness with others.

I am eternally indebted to you.

Your grateful servant

Jagat Priya Devi Dasi

Janaki Devi Dasi

I offer my humble obeisances unto His Divine Grace AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, to commemorate the occasion of His Vyasa Puja celebrations 2022.

Once again it is that time when we make an offering to remember and glorify His Divine Grace. It is an opportunity to reflect on the past year, to renew our vows and recommit ourselves to His Divine service.

By the mercy of Sri Krishna, the cause of all causes and all that be, the source of all spiritual and material worlds - the Supreme Personality of Godhead - by His mercy we receive the gift of the spiritual master, and by the mercy and guidance of the spiritual master - we reawaken our forgotten love for Krishna, our eternal relationship and service to Him, our freedom from the continued cycle of birth and death, and our eternal spiritual nature.

Srila Prabhupada you are the guiding light, that keeps me moving forward on my spiritual journey through this life - giving my life purpose, hope and direction - a goal worth striving for.

You are the anchor that keeps me steady when the turbulent waves of this material realm, the dualities of happiness and distress, threaten to shake the foundations of my faith.

For you are the brightly shining light in this dense dark age of Kali Yuga - with its false dreams and ambitions - coming armed with the legacy of your books and Bhaktivedanta purports which are destined to be the law books for mankind that will lead us into the golden age - as Lord Chaitanya predicted.

We have been given the gift of the seed of devotion through the mercy of Your Divine Grace. The continued chanting of the Maha Mantra, combined with service to devotees and careful, regular study of the books you have given us, are the potent waters that will induce our seed of devotion, our 'bhakti lata bija' to fructify and grow, allowing the tender creeper of devotion to make its way to the lotus feet of Sri Krishna, where it will find its home and blossom gloriously.

You are giving this whole world the opportunity to take shelter of our esteemed Guru Parampara, linking us up with the mercy of our previous archaryas and saintly devotees.

You are the general of Lord Caitanya who boldly traversed this earth, with firm faith and conviction, utter dedication and complete faith in Sri Krishna and your own beloved spiritual master.

You carried the beacon of light to dissipate the darkness of this age. Your compassion on the fallen souls is immeasurable. We cannot begin to imagine the breadth and depth of this compassion, that led you to bring this message to the world - so expertly. You have given us a whole wonderful, amazing process - this science of Krishna Consciousness - and assured us that if we follow this process all success is guaranteed.

We beg to become useful instruments in your hands, Srila Prabhupada, to be blessed by you and thereby be empowered to render some service that is useful and pleasing to you. Some service to help push on your vision and desire to widely spread this Krishna Consciousness movement all over the world.

Just as you prayed in your 'Markine bhagavat dharm' prayer, as you landed at Boston Harbour - "may we be like puppets in your hands - make us dance, make us dance, make us dance as You like....." And thus be qualified to assist you in whatever way you need us to, to remain a part of this great movement of Lord Caitanya.

Jagat guru - Srila Prabhupada ki jai!

Your aspiring servant

Janaki devi dasi ACBSP

ISKCON Leicester

Bhakta Kamal

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah
nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te saraswate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

There's so much I want to say to you Srila Prabhupada, But I'll try to keep it brief.
I've been giving Bhagavatam classes for some time now, To devotees overseas.
It's a new centre in Kenya, Where Krishna Consciousness continues to grow.

I consider it a huge privilege
To share what little I know.
To be honest Prabhupada,
What I often find,
Is that rather than teaching others,
I'm preaching to my own mind.

I have yet to take initiation.
But I think it will be soon.
You see, I'm not so good at administration:
And I don't want to break the rules.
Before taking such an important step,
I wanted to be spiritually strong.
But honestly Srila Prabhupada,
At times it felt I was barely holding on.
I got married two years ago.
Since then it's been a difficult time.
We had to move around a lot:
Which was very agitating to the mind.

Thankfully Srila Prabhupada, I think calmer waters are coming soon.
I want to utilise this temporary peace,
To cultivate deeper roots.
With deeper roots I can grow branches,
Branches that reach far and wide,
That will spread this wonderful philosophy,
That you have so kindly supplied.

Please bless me Prabhupada, please use me as you wish.
I want to serve you and help you,
Save lost souls from the material abyss.
Please help me, please guide me,
To become an instrument in Krishna's hand.
So perhaps this beautiful home you created for us,
Will reach even farther lands.

Your aspiring servant,

Bhakta Kamal

Kamini Radhika Dasi, Radharani, Sitarani & Rupeswar Gauranga Das

Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our humble obeisances.

All Glories unto Your Divine Grace.

As we write this to you, we reflect on what our life would be like without Krishna Consciousness and how we would be wasting the human form of life we have been given by the Lord Himself.

When we watch and read about your life, we begin to realise how much you have done for us and indeed what you have done for everyone in the world - it is inconceivable how you spread Krishna Consciousness in such a short space of time. Our diksa guru, His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami's love and praise for you has no bounds or limits - he made us vow to remain in your beloved ISKCON, because it is the Glorious Shelter of Your Lotus Feet, hence we pray to you for the blessings and guidance to do this.

When we asked the children what they are grateful to you for, they immediately said, "We thank Srila Prabhupada for the Manor. We thank Srila Prabhupada for the Holy Name."

You have given us the simple and sublime mercy of Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu but we are not taking advantage of it so we pray that we can take the process more seriously, follow our vows more diligently, helping spread your mission and setting an example of what you expected your followers to be like.

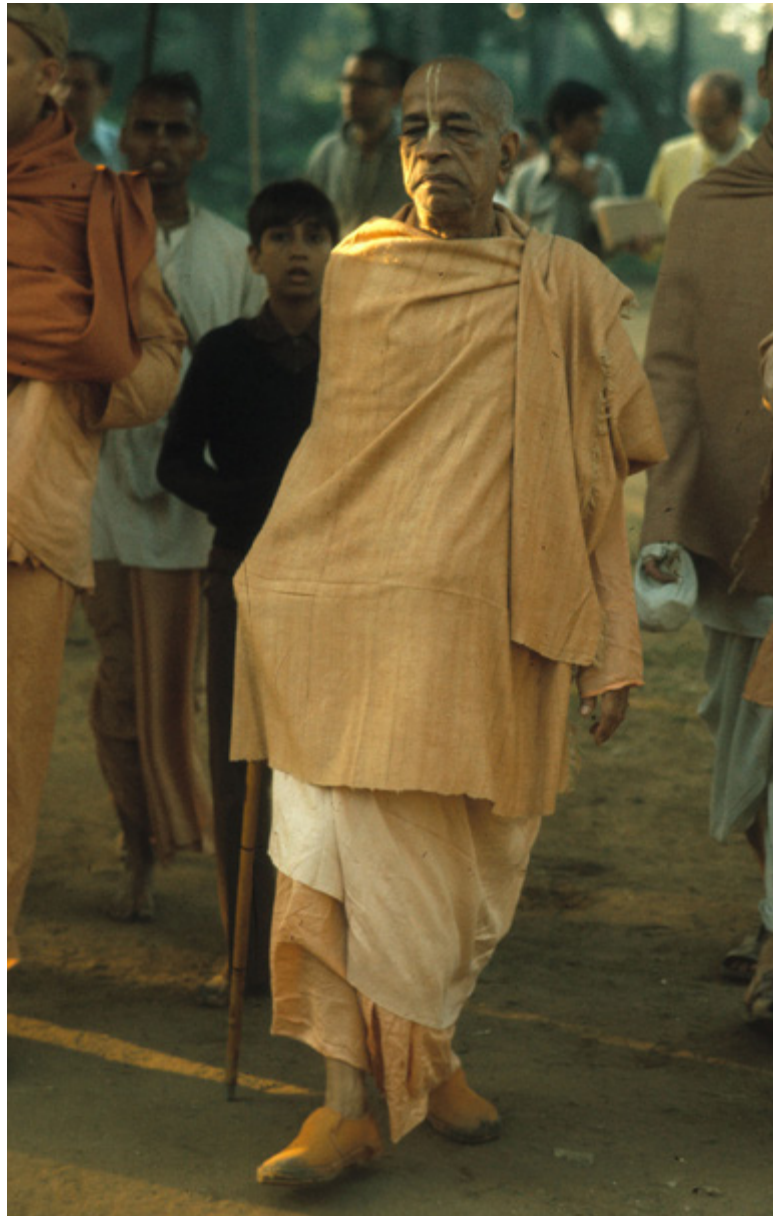
Your qualities are endless and we are certainly connected with you, especially by the wonderful and precious association of your dear disciples, and we pray you help us to cement your legacy for generations to come in the future.

All Glories unto You, Your Divine Grace.

Your aspiring servants

Kamini Radhika dasi, Radharani, Sitarani and Rupeswar Gauranga das

(Disciples of His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami)



Kanhaiya Das

Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at Your Lotus feet. All glories to You.

The most blessed day of the year has come where we celebrate Your Vyasa Puja.

This year has come with many lessons as well as blessings in my life.

Firstly by the auspicious birth of my son, Vaishnava Charan. Despite us living in the times of coronavirus everything went as smoothly as possible only by Your Grace. Please always bless him to be a humble, kind and tolerant devotee of the Lord.

The year progressed by an opportunity to serve the Ukraine yatra as they are struck by war. Many devotees have been affected by this and the best way to serve them was by delivering bhoga from Bhaktivedanta Manor. Travelling to Hungary, into Poland and then Ukraine showed many austerities and hardships of the people that were living there. Many people have fled the country in a hope of safety of their lives.

I saw a whole line of teddy bears that were left by children in a hope that one day they can come back to where their lives once were. Srila Prabhupada, Kali Yuga is progressing ferociously with war, fires and floods. Thank you for allowing me to serve the devotees in Ukraine this way and for looking after me in this uncertain situation. The devotees from Ukraine were so grateful to see us ready to help them in their dire situation. Thank you so much Srila Prabhupada.

Lastly the most blessed journey happened when I visited 26 2nd Avenue in New York, the Hare Krishna tree in Tomkins Square park. This is where You started the movement in July 1966. The tithi day falls today 21 July 2022 where the incorporation of ISKCON took place. New York maya is so strong and captivating and this made me realise how difficult it must have been to start this movement. I am so deeply grateful for this movement Srila Prabhupada. For words cannot describe it.

Thank you so much Srila Prabhupada for everything, this movement, the devotees, allowing us to serve and access to the Divine Couple, Sri Sri Radha Gokulananda.

Your servant always

Kanhaiya das

Bhakta Karan

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasapuja.

Despite world tours, lectures, management, opening temples, guiding disciples, every night you engaged in the serious preaching work of translation and dictating your Bhaktivedanta purports.

To fulfil the mission of your beloved eternal spiritual master His Divine Grace Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur you published over 60 volumes of books filled with deep realisations, including books like Bhagavad Gita as it is, Srimad Bhagavatam and Caitanya Caritamrta.

On book distribution I met a scientist, and when I was speaking to him, I could not help but think of your books, because you have so clearly elucidated on the fundamentals of spiritual life and absolutely defeated the so-called scientist and the mayavadis.

I am a bit of a fool and so many times I don't remember what I read but nonetheless I am hopeful because your words in the form of ink are so powerful, they can uplift even the most fallen person. You have so kindly, by your divine grace, given us the treasure of Srimad Bhagavatam, the ripened fruit of all Vedic knowledge. Please bestow upon me your blessings so that I may properly utilise my life by immersing myself in the study of this literature.

I never had the great fortune of meeting you personally, but by your divine grace, I have the opportunity to read your books. Please bestow upon me the privilege of reading your books more and more and please allow me to go deeper.

Thank you for your books, Srila Prabhupada.

Your aspiring servant,

Bhakta Karan

Karanodakasayi Visnu Das Adhikari

Dear Srila Prabhupada

*Om ajnana timirandhasya jnananjana salakaya
Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

If conciseness is the eloquence of all speech, my one-line offering this year did not go down well with the authorities, so they asked me to expand upon it. So I was happy to oblige.

*Yasya deve para bhaktir
Yatha deve tatha gurau*

For one who has implicit faith in the spiritual master and the Lord, all the imports of the Vedic literatures are revealed to him. Srila Prabhupada writes in the Preface to the Srimad-Bhagavatam that “Srimad-Bhagavatam is the transcendental science not only for knowing the ultimate source of everything but also for knowing our relation with Him and our duty toward perfection of the human society on the basis of this perfect knowledge.”

Perfection of the human society is what we are about. The Krishna consciousness movement is about four things:-

Sankirtana: chanting the Holy Name of the Lord,
book distribution, prasadam distribution

Initiation: getting trained as a devotee.

Temple worship: worshiping the Deity and following all the rules and regulations in regard to that.

Varnasrama: living on a farm and preaching to the Prime Ministers and Presidents of this world.

We appear to have done three out of the four of these things, but as a GBC for our movement, or guru or sannyasi or temple president or any other leader, we need to concentrate our efforts on the heads of state if we actually want to implement change.

Yad yad acarati sresthas....

This year inspired by the Lord from within I decided to make a tour of the United States to see how we could establish one Varnasrama College with every ISKCON centre in North America. I have presently been in the America for 41 days and I have another 18 days to go. So far, I have had little or no response to my idea of establishing one Varnasrama College with every

ISKCON centre from the GBC, temple presidents, and devotees alike. No one has come forward to assist me to date as of the present time.

So, instead I decided to go out on sankirtana and distribute Srila Prabhupada's books in America. I met with unprecedented support from all manner of people here. Also, in pursuance of Srila Prabhupada's order to me 'to continue your education and become Krishna conscious', I picked up where I left off with studying the Bengali language to become the first student of my Varnasrama College that I am establishing here in Rochester, New York.

In addition, I decided to write my next book Varnasrama: The Perfect Society, The Essence of All Vedic Knowledge. This is a summary of the five famous chapters in Srimad-Bhagavatam Canto Seven, Chapters Eleven to Fifteen where Narada Muni describes to Maharaja Yudhisthira how to implement Varnasrama practically. And in the middle of those chapters in Chapter 14 on Ideal Family Life Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport to SB 7.14.11:

“The grhasthas, vanaprasthas, brahmacaris and sannyasis should endeavor together with their total energy to become Krishna conscious. This type of civilization is called daiva-varnasrama. One of the objectives of the Krishna consciousness movement is to establish this daiva-varnasrama, but not to encourage so-called varnasrama without scientifically organized endeavour by human society.”

Very few of our leaders want to even discuss varnasrama, let alone implement it. We have not even started towards implementing the 50% of the work still to be done. For most leaders this is only a pipe-dream, therefore they suffer. Until and unless one has implicit faith in the spiritual master and the Supreme Lord, we will not take the order of the spiritual master as our life and soul. With our own concocted theories we will hover on the mental platform alone.

Sometime back the GBC passed a resolution to have 10% of all Srimad-Bhagavatam classes given in ISKCON to be on Varnasrama. What happened to that resolution? And where do we see that being implemented?

So, if we are serious about implementing Krishna consciousness it behoves us to associate with like-minded devotees and let us see how we can actually implement Varnasrama: The Perfect Society, the Essence of all Vedic Knowledge, together.

Your servant

Karanodakasayi Visnu Dasa Adhikari

Bhaktin Khushi

*Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine nirvishesha-
shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine*

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my sincere obeisances and this small little offering of words to show my gratitude to you on this special day.

For many years, I yearned for great father like figure from whom I could learn from, learn by example, who could inspire me, who could teach me wrong from right in a compassionate way, someone who was strict but unconditionally loving and many other things. I battled for many years until I finally took shelter at your lotus feet.

I realised that this role didn't have to be played by my biological father. I woke up from despair when I realised that actually that father is here with me now. That father is you. Through your life, I continue to learn by example (Your Ever Wellwisher), through your words, I am constantly learning about the purpose of life, how to live life, how to please Krishna and how to live a life of goodness. You inspire me through your own actions, instructions and desires to serve Krishna. You teach me right from wrong through your strong words in Bhagavatam. You show me compassion through the words of your disciples and when you say "Krishna is soooooo nice". You are my father who is so dear to Lord Krishna. You are my father who is so compassionate, huge hearted, brave, strong, fearless, expert and sweet!

I know I continue to sin and cause offence every step of the way. Please forgive me for this as opening my eyes from this ignorance is proving a greater and greater challenge. Please forgive me for my ungrateful attitude, my self-centredness, my pride and much more. I remain optimistic, because by your mercy, I truly believe that I have the chance. The chance to please the vaishnavas and ultimately Krishna.

Thank you for giving me so many blessings this year alone. Since last year, you've allowed me to stay in your temple, to serve you personally by waking you up, to clean your room, to clean Krishna's temple, to cook an offering for you!, to bathe and dress the deities, to have close association with your dearest disciples, to serve their Lordships through my transfer service, to give Bhagavat Gita classes, to make friends with the brahmacharinis, to sing during Kartik, to sing during mangala arti and to worship Tulasi devi. It is only by your mercy I've had these privileges and I pray deeply that I can remain humble and recognise these as eternal gifts and treasure these opportunities, give them to others and become a vessel of love and compassion to others.

Last year I asked you for a spiritual master, and this year I believe you have given me your blessings and sought him out. I pray you continue to guide me down this path to confirm it and show me the way. I pray I can follow Krishna's instruction in BG to submissively serve and enquire from my guru through your blessings.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, until this day I didn't really look up to anyone, but you are my hero! You are my father, you are my guiding angel. Please pray for me that I can continue this movement of Lord Caitanya by your example.

Your servant,

Khushi



Kishori Yogini Devi Dasi

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances and all glories to your divine grace.

I pray that I can always stay connected to you, for if it wasn't for you where would I be? I pray that I can get to know you through your books, lectures and disciples. I pray that one day I can live in such a way that pleases you, and that I can bring more and more people to your lotus feet.

You are patita pavana, the saviour of the most fallen. You sacrificed so much for us. As your spiritual granddaughter I often feel that I am letting you down, that I am not stepping up to the mark, and am wasting this precious life that I have. I know you told your disciples that the grandfather is always more affectionate to his grandchildren, so I pray that I can always be a recipient of your affection and mercy.

I was born in such a low class family, and the fact that I have even come in contact with this beautiful, perfect culture of Krishna consciousness is nothing short of miracle. Srila Prabhupada you were and still are performing different miracles every day.

When I first met ISKCON devotees, I somehow came across you on YouTube, and I binge watched the "Following Srila Prabhupada" series. I was mesmerised by this and it touched my heart so deeply. I wish so much that I could have been there with you when you were still here on this planet.

I remember when I was at a kirtan festival in Leicester and was dancing and spinning round and round during the ecstatic kirtan right in front of your murti, when you caught my eye. That was a magical moment and it was as if you came to life. I stopped dancing and bowed down to your lotus feet, and it felt like you were really there, Srila Prabhupada.

But I like to think that you are really here even now, and that you are the captain driving this transcendental boat that is ISKCON, steering us along this material sea until we reach our spiritual home. Srila Prabhupada, I pray that I can stay on your transcendental boat of mercy and not be foolish enough to jump in with the sharks.

Srila Prabhupada, you saved my life and then gave me a new life that I absolutely do not deserve. You are my good fortune Srila Prabhupada, for if it wasn't for you I

would have no real fortune at all. You have given me such a beautiful life of chanting, dancing and feasting. You have given me a wonderful devotee husband, and the most magnanimous spiritual master. You have allowed me to serve at your precious Bhaktivedanta Manor, even though I am such a rascal and take it for granted.

Srila Prabhupada, I pray that I remain connected to you, and can live in such a way that will make you proud. I pray that I can be a small instrument in helping you in your mission, become Krishna conscious, and help others become Krishna conscious.

I am turning 27 in a few weeks and I am realising now more than ever that this world really is a place of suffering. I don't want to be part of this world, Srila Prabhupada - I want to be part of your mission.

I am eternally indebted to you,

Please forgive me for all my mistakes and offences.

Your insignificant spiritual granddaughter,

Kishori Yogini devi dasi

Krishna Balaram Das, Citra Gopi Devi Dasi & Bhakta Nandakishore

Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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

On this day of your appearance, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your kind blessings in the form of the Krishna consciousness movement.

Without your causeless mercy we would have drowned in the waves of material existence.

Your Bhaktivedanta purports, lectures and conversations always give us new lights and inspiration to practice devotional service to the Lord with renewed conviction and enthusiasm.

On this day we pray and beg for your blessings so that we can spend this life in serving the Lord and His devotees.

Your aspiring dasanudasa

Krishna Balaram das , Citra Gopi devi dasi, & Nandakishore

Krishna Kishore Das

Dearest Srila Prabhupada

Hare Krishna

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

I was born in the darkest ignorance, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge, I offer my respectable obeisances unto him His Holiness Radhanath Swami Maharaj and I offer my humble obeisances onto you Srila Prabhupada my spiritual grandfather.

The Western world was totally blind until you Srila Prabhupada arrived to remove the veil of ignorance. Although classified as civilised until you arrived Srila Prabhupada many many were living like animals eating, sleeping, mating and defending.

Your early days in America were not easy. Such a culture shock for you Srila Prabhupada. You had unflinching faith in Krishna and the order of your spiritual master, that obstacles became challengers and I admire you for your bravery at such an advanced age of Seventy. I am nearly two years away from turning Seventy myself and there is no likely wood of me leaving the UK to spread the science of Krishna Consciousness to other parts of the world.

I am attached to my family, my home and living in UK. However, there is a silver lining in my life Srila Prabhupada I have regular service here at the Bhaktivedanta Manor. On Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays I help Dhama Sevana Prabhu cook Raja Bhoga for Sri Sri Radha-Gokulananda , Sita Rama Lakshmana Hanuman, Gaura Nitai and you Srila Prabhupada. I have been cooking Raja Bhoga with Dhama Sevana Prabhu since my retirement 2009.

If it was not through your mercy leaving the comforts of Vrindaban to come to West to tell us about Krishna my life would been close to an animal way of living.

To express my thanks to you Srila Prabhupada this year April 2022 aided by nephew-in-law Mr Hitesh Parmar who resides in New Jersey we made a conscious effort to pay further respects to you Srila Prabhupada by going to visit the Matchless Gift 26 Second Avenue shop front temple and take darshan of you. I was fortunate enough to listen to an afternoon class and play the mrdanga during the kirtan. We also went to Tompkins Square and stood next to the tree where a photography of you was taken. Unfortunately, there is only one tree surviving. I believe there were two trees when your started the first public chanting of the Hare Krishna mantra in 1964.

At both places I felt your presence Srila Prabhupada. You are a Śaktyāveśa-avatāra. Empowered by Krishna to carry our His work here in this material world.

I wish to thank you again Srila Prabhupada for all you have given us enabling fallen individuals like myself to be able to get close to Krishna.

I remain your humble grandson.

Krishna Kishore Dasa

Hare Krishna

Krsnavesa Dasi

Dear Srila Prabhupada

So many of your millions of disciples, siksha and diksha, want so badly to know you, to know your heart, to understand your teachings, that with deep concern and interest they take time every day to pore through and discuss your books and lectures, a practice that's come as an important feature of the Krishna conscious way of life you brought us up in, showing itself in daily Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita classes, and other forums of study. So much are the devotees absorbed in this mode of thinking, living, and being that for many, a concerned and caring understanding of your teachings, perspective, and purpose has become interwoven with the very fibre of their being, and as they go about their daily lives, and I go about mine, I can benefit from experiencing you through them.

One day, many moons ago, I heard one such disciple of yours say to the assembled devotees, "Don't preach on a level too high for a person to understand. That's dogmatism—assuming the person should accept what you say whether they understand it or not. Don't do that! Gauge the person you're talking to, and speak for their understanding." His words rang true, so true, and I knew he must have picked that up from you. Then later I read in the memoir of Brahmananda Das, Swamiji: An Early Disciple Remembers His Guru, quote:

At one point [on a walk in Times Square, New York], a matronly lady, who seemed drunk, bumped into him [Prabhupada], and she turned around and said, "Who are you?" He just answered, "I'm a Hindumonk." He smiled at her and we walked on. She wouldn't have understood that he was a Vaishnava, coming from a non-sectarian spiritual tradition, so he just said something she could understand, something within her radar. (pp 54-55)

How remarkable that for the sake of having some kind of meaningful communication with that drunk old lady, you referred to yourself as a Hindu monk, when on the higher level you'd been teaching your disciples at, they all knew then, and we all know now, that you and we are not Hindus but Vaishnavas, ostensibly transcendental to the sectarian religions of this world. This is particularly relevant for me, my husband Indriyasha Prabhu, and all devotees involved in presenting Hinduism with Krishna consciousness contextualised within it to thousands of groups of students and teachers from mainstream academic institutions every year. Is what we're doing legitimate? It's a good question that we often ask ourselves. But this anecdote demonstrates an instance of a pure Vaishnava referring to himself as a Hindu in order to meet another person where they were at, and challenges us to think deeper about the nature of preaching, teaching, language, and communication. "Language is conventional." So the saying goes. And Vaishnavas aren't dogmatic.

If I'm wondering about this pastime of yours in Times Square, New York, how about this pastime of Lord Caitanya's in Mayapur? The reference—in the original Bengali—is Caitanya-caritamrita, Adi-lila 17.174. When speaking to Chand Kazi, Lord Caitanya refers to sankirtana as 'Hindu dharma':

*tumi kaji-hindu-dharma-virodhe adhikari
ebe ye na kara mana bujhite na pari*

TRANSLATION

"As a Muslim magistrate, you have the right to oppose the performance of Hindu ceremonies ('Hindu dharma' in the Bengali), but now you do not forbid them. I cannot understand the reason why."

Why did Lord Caitanya refer to sankirtana as 'Hindu dharma' when speaking to Chand Kazi? Because it was something the Kazi could understand, something within his radar. To meet the Kazi where he was at, to have meaningful communication with him. Because Lord Caitanya was not dogmatic. Oh, Prabhupada, may it be so, that the ordinary work I do in schools outreach may be counted in some small way as preaching, or supporting the preaching of Lord Caitanya's sankirtana movement.

May it also be so, that in the next ten thousand years or more of your ISKCON movement in this world, whenever leadership is scarce in our society, the millions of disciples of yours, siksha and diksha, present and future, who know you with a sincere and caring understanding woven into the very fibre of their being, will keep the movement on course, never to be led astray by the tides of time and politics, through the billions of tiny choices they make daily in their humble lives with the protection of your interests at heart. For your interests are the interests of all of Krishna's parts and parcels, and serving them is the only purpose of our lives.

Your humble servant

Krsnavesa dasi

Krishna Govinda Das, Shyam Priya Devi Dasi, Bhakta Prahlad & Bhaktin Radhika Priya

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

Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our humble obeisance's at your lotus feet.

A deity of Krishna would just be an ornamental showpiece, if you Srila Prabhupada had not trained devotees on Vaishnava etiquette and devotional principles of panachratra and establishing the purity and importance of deity worship at every temple.

What value does any literature serve in this world, if you Srila Prabhupada had not dedicated your life, time and energy translating and writing 60 volumes of vedic books, glorifying the Supreme pastimes of Lord Krishna and Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

What purposes would any temple serve, apart from donation requests or social gatherings, if you Srila Prabhupada had not introduced beautiful RadhaKrishna deities, festivals, Sunday feasts, dramas, kirtans, classes, sangas, spiritual association, devotional seva, freely welcoming anyone to participate.

What does it matter what we eat, if you Srila Prabhupada had not emphasised the importance of 'eating food which increases the duration of one's life, purifies one's

existence, gives strength, health, happiness and satisfaction' (BG 17.8), offered and accepted to Their Lordships first for purification and sanctified as Maha Prasad.

Why would anyone consider singing, dancing, rejoicing or playing musical instruments, if you Srila Prabhupada had not taught us about the importance of bhakti, Sravanam and Kirtanam of the Holy Name in this age of Kali Yuga.

Why go out on book distribution, suffer humility, rejection, face severe weather conditions, if you Srila Prabhupada had not personally set an example teaching us 'Krishna never abandons His devotees', no matter what challenges we face.

What purpose is there in life, why not just drink, eat, sleep and be merry, if you Srila Prabhupada had not explained about the importance of this rare form of human life and surrendering to Krishna for eternal happiness, that is void of suffering and anxiety.

What purpose does detachment and rejecting materialistic life prove, if you Srila Prabhupada had not explained the spiritual benefits to an alternative lifestyle of 'Chant and Be Happy'.

What significance is a cow and why is it sacred, if you Srila Prabhupada had not engaged your devotees in go seva, importance of Mother Cow and introducing cow protection farms around the world.

Why cultivate land, grow crops, vegetables, fruits, flowers and consider environmental issues, if you Srila Prabhupada had not explained the philosophy of 'Simple Living, High Thinking'

Why all the austerities, fasting, rituals, rules and regulations, sacrifices and challenges we face, if you Srila Prabhupada had not set the perfect example of 'Whatever you do, you do it for Krishna!'.

Why waste time progressing in spiritual lives, why does it matter, it's our lives, our prerogative, if you Srila Prabhupada had not explained 'So many lives we have gone through birth and death, then why not give this one life to Lord Krishna'.

For every reason, every purpose, every situation or obstacle and challenges we face, in which you, Srila Prabhupada have kindly given us love and affection and shelter at your lotus feet, promised by your words of wisdom 'Take shelter at the Lotus Feet of the Supreme Personality of Godhead Shri Krishna and your life will be sublime'. So, if anyone asks why you decided to go through of all this in the first place, may everyone resonate by saying "Srila Prabhupada said so!"

Have a wonderful Vyasa Puja, thank you kindly for saving us from this ocean of birth and death, we beg to remain at your lotus feet and are forever indebted to you, for saving ours and so many other countless lives.

Your fortunate servants

Krishna Govinda das, Shyam Priya devi dasi, Prahlad das and Radhika Priya

Manjuali Devi Dasi

My dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Loving obeisances. All glories to your Holy Lotus Feet which are my absolute shelter.

Deep gratitude for your divine presence in my life dear Srila Prabhupada.

You continue to gift us the Holy Name - Hare Krishna, the Sacred Scriptures - windows to the spiritual world, the Deities of Sri Sri Radha Krishna and associates, and the company of fellow aspiring devotees, pilgrims who inspire our days in service and friendship.

No words can express my debt to you for your kindness Srila Prabhupada.

Fifty years ago on Sri Narasimhadeva's Appearance Day - May 1972 - you accepted me as your student in the old Temple Room in New Dwarka, Los Angeles.

That initiation day is timeless in my mind's eye and heart, and sustains me through all the trials and tribulations of life.

Each day - through an active daily practice, through study, through prayer, through worship, through sharing Sri Mahaprabhu's message with others - I see and experience You are indeed guiding us and watching over us - your children, and the family of devotees.

Deep gratitude for your Divine Presence in my life Srila Prabhupada.

You are my shelter. You are my solace. You are my Guide and Master. You are my ever well-wisher.

I pray you forgive my numerous offences and allow me some service eternally.

Humbly with gratitude and love,

your aspiring servant,

Manjuali devi dasi

Bhakta Michael

*Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhū-tale srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti
namine*

*namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine nirvishesha-
shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine*

I fully surrender myself to Lord K ishna through my spiritual master Srila Prabhupada and my siksha guru Indradyumna Swami. To have such faith and trust is such a rare thing in today's society. I trust you my spiritual master...I trust Lord K ishna. I will serve you today, tomorrow and every day to come.

I accept each lesson and test of my devotion to Lord K ishna. As tough as they are I will try and stay straight on the narrow path to godhead with your guidance. I accept my weaknesses, my errors and my ignorance. I will try my best knowing that you will bring me fully into a mode of goodness, kindness and mindfulness.

Your humble servant

Bhakta Michael

Bhakta Mohan

Dear Srila Prabhupada

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te saraswate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

Each day, when I show first time guests around,

I'm splended by the ray on their face,

When they take a glance and hear of your saga,

You were at a stage of old age,

Instead of thinking, it's time to rest, you became restless,

Ready to board on the Jaladuta and sail away,

Travel across three dimension,
To share and spread the mercy,
They ask how did you do?
A heart-attack couldn't stop you,
Unstoppable, I contemplate on your courage,
Flabbergasted at your ability to nourish the world,
Not a dime of hopelessness or futility,
Utter faith in the words of Krishna and your spiritual master,
And even with surmount of fame, I'm amazed at your humility
Enchanted by your tranquillity,
Tears dripping down my cheeks,
When I see that beautiful smile on pictures,
Tells me a thousand stories, I'm relieved you never gave in,
Where would the world be without the feat of what you did?
When opposed, you faced hardships with confidence,
With children, you charmed them with your playfulness,
To devotees, you addressed them with so much care and compassion,
You've built a home for the whole world to live in,
I'm asked how did you do?
You taught utility is the principle,
Purity is the force
Through your example,
Now I know, with Bhakti
Anything is possible
All glories to Your Divine Grace,
Assist me to become more paced in your instruction and mission

Your servant

Bhakta Mohan

Moksha Laksmi Devi Dasi

My Dear Most Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to you my divine spiritual master.

And here we are in 2022 and what a glorious celebration we may have as it is 100 years since you met your own glorious spiritual master Bhaktisidhanta Saraswati. A meeting made in heaven! Just imagine the world if this momentous meeting had not taken place. Imagine the world without all the wondrous things you brought to us captives of this jail house. All I can say is thank you Srila Prabhupada, thank you Srila Bhaktisidhanta, and of course thank you Krishna. And I guess we shouldn't forget your friend Narendranath Mullik who insisted you meet the 'saintly person'. For without this historic meeting things would be even more miserable than they are on this volatile planet. It was at this very first meeting that you had with your future spiritual master that he instructed you to preach in the English language. I can imagine you just like Arjuna, who only saw the eye of the fish when he needed to compete in the archery challenge to gain the hand of Draupadi, keeping this instruction that close to your heart. And so you proceeded through life facing your own challenges, but luckily for us, never forgetting your true goal in life. Hence at the advanced age of 69 you boarded an old cargo ship to fulfil your life's mission.

I always knew this was an exceptional feat, something quite phenomenal, after all we all know that you had two heart attacks on that boat and had to suffer through twelve thousand miles of rough, but not the usual amount of rough, seas. But since I am now 69 myself, I am getting a much clearer picture of what a 69 year old body is like and all the restrictions it seems to face. I always used to question myself how you accomplished all the miraculous feats you achieved, but now I am doubly amazed at your accomplishments because I have first-hand experience of a 69 year old body. Prabhupada you are a true superhero. And that's not considering the personal sacrifice you made leaving that most precious of residences, Sri Vrindaban Dham.

I can imagine the wondrous days you spent in Vrindaban, living in the Radha Damodara Temple only steps away from the breath-taking forms of Krishna and Srimati Radharani. I can imagine you poking your head out of your kitchen, taking a couple of steps and peeking at your neighbours, the deities. I think you must have had long conversations with their Lordships, making all sorts of plans for your future trip to the English-speaking world. What a sacrifice you made for us lucky English speakers and subsequently everyone. You left the perfection of Vrindaban where sacred cows wandered the winding streets with the tinkling of thousands of

temple bells in the background. Out of your compassion you left this sacred home of yours, a jewel on this planet, and descended into the hell of our existence. I too have experienced the despondency of leaving Vrindaban but how lucky are we that managed to share a part of your journey? I try to remain grateful for everything you gave and shared with me. It has struck me recently that maybe the opposite of humility is not arrogance but entitlement. For what were we entitled to? Whatever we got was simply your inexplicable mercy. Your endeavours seem even more of a miracle now that I know the restrictions of the sixty nine year old body.

I find it ironic that at the age you started your great adventure and went on to achieve unfathomable success I'm ready to throw the proverbial towel in and lead a quiet life preferably in Vrindaban. Once again it makes me realise the sacrifice you made for us and just how special you are. Thank you again.

Of course, now Krishna has lifted the veil somewhat on the fragile nature of the material world. First we have a pandemic and now a war in Europe. Fool am I to think I could make plans for retirement in the now more obviously unpredictable planet where the three-fold miseries rule. I look to you once again for inspiration. You, Srila Prabhupada, never slowed down really. You just kept circling the world ever spreading the glories of Krishna. Of course, I did see a difference in you when you returned from Rishikesh to Vrindaban. Your body somewhat emaciated but your spirit strong. Ever showing the perfect example. What to speak of the time you left for London. The plan was for you to go to New York with a stopover in London. You left Vrindaban around midnight and naturally all the devotees were assembled outside Krishna Balarama Temple to see you off. You were in your maroon coloured Ambassador car. And then a defining moment in my life happened; the car started off but suddenly stopped in such a position that I was staring down at you and you were staring up at me. It was a bit of a shock to say the least. You were lying in the back of the car on a couple of guest house mattresses but what struck me was the condition of your body. It was as if the skin was lying on top of your bones with none of the usual padding that comes between them. You just looked so weak and vulnerable lying there but at the same time so powerful and unstoppable.

As I questioned myself on how you could be undertaking such an arduous journey in such a frail state, I understood that your motivation was love. Love for your spiritual master and his instructions but also love for us, the conditioned souls. Most of all it was your determination that stood out to me. Despite the restrictions of your bodily condition nothing deterred you from your goal. A lesson indeed. Then the car pulled off and you were gone leaving a shocked young girl on the road behind you.

As I reflect on this pastime 45 years later the difference between a pure devotee and myself strikes me. You, Prabhupada, like a knight in armour ready for a battle and me trying to run off the battlefield. You, Prabhupada, ignoring your bodily state and me waning under the pressure of life. You, Prabhupada, preparing to meet the world full on and me meditating on the benefits of being a hermit. But no! I have seen your determination, your perfect example at every step, and pray that I can follow your lead and somehow find the strength to face another battle. After all you have perfectly showed us how to follow the instructions of a Spiritual Master by your own example. You spent your life preparing for this and your execution of your mission was perfect.

So somewhat humbled in my frailer state and appreciating you with more understanding of the sacrifices you made I once again beg to remain in your service.

Your Servant

Moksha Laksmi Devi Dasi



Nabhasvati Dasi & Krsnacandra Dasi

My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

Words cannot describe how much I am indebted to your Divine Grace. The first time I had the good fortune of seeing you in person was outside Bury Place.

You were surrounded by your Brahmin, your Secretary and our Temple President. You had this beautiful moon-like glow, you were floating towards the temple.

What a sight to behold! So majestic; your heartfelt smile was so real.

Rathayatra in London was amazing. Your divine grace, you danced and walked all the way, we young people struggled to keep up with your spiritual energy. I remember, how you would stop, look up to the Rath cart, and indicate for Lord Jagannath's cart to move closer. Even though Your classes were very deep; philosophically to me as a young Bhaktin, through your disciples, I started understanding Bhakti Yoga. Your books have been my saving grace. I always felt you empowered your disciples.

Establishing Krishna Consciousness in England, was very important to Your Divine Grace. You fulfilled your spiritual master's mission.

Now that Bury place is no more, preaching has moved to Radha London Isvara in Soho, London. And our Bhaktivedandanta Manor, with Radha Gokulanandaji, has now become the focus point of preaching activities in UK. This is all because of your dedication in spreading Krishna consciousness, not just in UK but all over the world.

I would like to thank you for keeping me Close to Your lotus Feet, and for engaging me in a life time of service

Your servants

Nabhasvati dasi

Krsnacandra dasi

Bhakta Nikhil Gohil

Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja. This year, I wish to express my heart with the following words:

When I was nothing more
Than a walking corpse,
You breathed life into me.
What am I doing in return?

When I was drifting aimlessly
Through this mad, material world,
You gave me a purpose.
What am I doing in return?

When I was stumbling blindly
In total darkness,
You brought me into the light.
What am I doing in return?

Accustomed to the dark,
I often return there,
But you always pull me out again.
What am I doing in return?

Dear Srila Prabhupada,
I owe you everything,
Yet all the gifts you've given me,
I've just been squandering.

Prabhupada, please tell me
What I can do.
You've taken on such a great mission -
How can I help you?

If I can do something
To make you smile,
Then only will I consider
My life worthwhile.

Your servant,

Nikhil Gohil

Nila Madhava Das (Chair of Senior Management)

Dear Srila Prabhupada.

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

Srila Prabhupada, we have it seems embarked on the next era at your Bhaktivedanta Manor. There are some devotees who feel that we are “stagnant” and hence there is little expansion or progress. However, we do live in exciting times, for much expansion and development is upon us and is indeed inevitable. Kindly allow the following substantial initiatives to successfully manifest:

Temple Room Basement project.

New Temple Altar.

Stable Block development.

New expansion of the men’s ashram.

Visitors Centre development.

The list goes on and on. As you would say “only time is separating”.

Your eternal servant

Nila Madhava Das

(Chair of Senior Management at your Bhaktivedanta Manor)

Nila Madhava Das (Deity Department)

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my most respectful obeisances.

All glories to you on this blessed occasion of your Vyasa puja celebration 2022.

I heard from one of your disciples, that you said, that you were reluctant to come to the material world. Well, experiencing it for myself after so long, who would not be? Someone had to do it. So Lord Krishna persuaded you in the end to take up the task to rescue as many fallen souls as possible. Thank you so much for making that sacrifice and all the other sacrifices you

made, to establish a real spiritual society, which you named ISKCON.

Thank you for bringing the most beautiful deities on the planet, Sri Sri Radha Gokulananda, to stay at Bhaktivedanta Manor, enabling us the chance to love and serve as we are supposed to. Now we can see, touch, dress, worship and talk to Lord Krishna directly again.

A verse from the Rig Veda we chant, before performing deity worship, can be definitely applied to you. The following is the translation;

Just as those with ordinary vision see the sun's rays in the sky, so the wise and learned devotees always see the supreme abode of Lord Vishnu. Because those highly praiseworthy and spiritually awake brahmins can see that abode they can also reveal it to others.

So you have come, to show anyone who wishes to see, the Spiritual World. You are graceful, Swan-like and untouched by the modes of nature and Lord Krishnas top most ambassador.

I bow at your lotus feet, asking you to please continue to grace us with transcendental power, so we can also love Radha and Krishna the way you do and so that we may be able to inspire other spirit souls, to take up the path of bhakti too.

Begging to remain the servant of your servant,

Nila Madhava Das (Deity Department)

Nilamani Devi Dasi

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your moonshine lotus feet. All glories to you on your auspicious Vyasa Puja day.

Thank you for everything you've given us. Without your books and ISKCON, I'd be lost. You're immensely kind and have such deep compassion for the fallen conditioned souls and have hence cast your net wide. I'm one of those small fish that has been caught in the net of your mercy.

If I even venture to imagine where I'd be without you, my heart sinks. Although life isn't easy and there are challenges in spiritual life; the difficulties without Krishna Consciousness are unimaginable.

We recently lost our mother and though it was and is very difficult, armed with the wisdom you have given us and by the strength of the devotees' association we could keep some perspective and feel philosophically sure of what the best thing was for her. Our hearts pained but the balm your teachings helped. So many tests have and will continue to come, after all human life is meant for performing austerity:

'tapo divyaṁ putrakā yena sattvaṁ

śuddhyed yasmād brahma-saukhyam tv anantam'

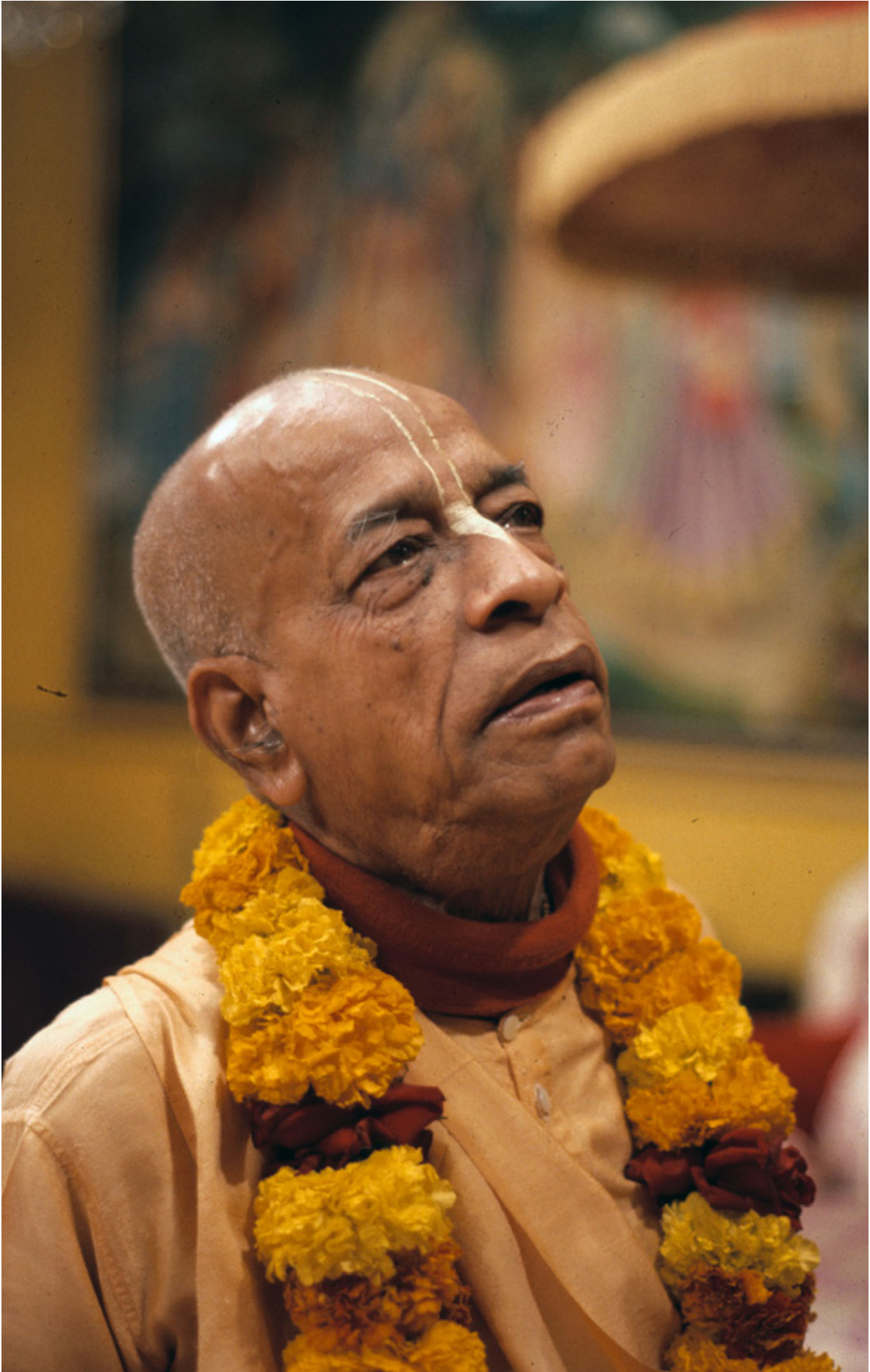
- Srimad Bhagavatam 5.5.1

But you are offering training so that we can overcome all challenges and pass with flying colours. The ultimate test will be there at the time of death, one none of us can forgo in this realm. The question is, have I and am I sincerely and consistently applying myself. I see that I'm sorely lacking and would like to rededicate myself to your teachings and example. Please bless me that I can be your true follower and always be sheltered by you.

You are so kind and my only hope. If I can have real faith in you then I have a chance of making some tangible advancement on this sublime path you've given us.

Your aspiring servant,

Nilamani devi dasi



Nirantara Bhakti Devi Dasi

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada!

Srila Prabhupada, you are the greatest shelter for my hardened soul; whenever I think about you, my heart becomes courageous and my mind poetic.

I love to think of you, Srila Prabhupada, especially on the occasion of writing an offering for your Vyasa Puja. This is a time of intense introspection upon the values of devotional life. I highly appreciate your selfless service. You have given shelter to us conditioned souls in that place where there is danger in every step.

As stated in the Vedic literature:

*nṛ-deham ādyaṁ su-labhaṁ su-durlabhaṁ
plavaṁ su-kalpaṁ guru-karṇadhāram
mayānukūlena nabhasvateritaṁ
pumān bhavābधिṁ na taret sa ātma-hā*

The human body, which can award all benefit in life, is automatically obtained by the laws of nature, although it is a very rare achievement. This human body can be compared to a perfectly constructed boat having the spiritual master as the captain and the instructions of the Personality of Godhead as favourable winds impelling it on its course. Considering all these advantages, a human being who does not utilize his human life to cross the ocean of material existence must be considered the killer of his own soul. SB 11.20.17

I remember the analogy given by you Srila Prabhupada about the difficulties devotees may face in spiritual life. Where you explain that difficulties are like the waves which one will experience on his travels by water. On our boat of transcendental knowledge we, the practising devotees, might be tossed by the waves of material existence, and we might experience all kind of turbulences also, but we will never again be like one who does not know that this material world is a miserable place.

Srila Prabhupada, if I am determined and fixed in following the bonafide Spiritual Master in our disciplic succession, I will be out of danger and be in safety. I will then certainly cross this ocean of material existence and go home back to Godhead. I have trust in your enlightening analogy and your words to carry me out of any difficulties stemming from my stubborn mind.

*cancalaṁ hi manaḥ kṛṣṇa
pramāthi balavad dṛḍham
tasyāhaṁ nigrahaṁ manye
vāyor iva su-duṣkaram*

The mind is restless, turbulent, obstinate and very strong, O Krishna, and to subdue it, I think, is more difficult than controlling the wind. BG.6.34

Then in the purport Your Divine Grace unveils that ‘The easiest way to control the mind, as suggested by Lord Caitanya, is chanting “Hare Krishna,” the great mantra for deliverance, in all humility. The method prescribed is sa vai manah kṛṣṇa -padāravindayoh : one must engage one’s mind fully in Krishna’.

Srila Prabhupada just like Maharaja Ambarish who never desired anything for his own sense gratification. He engaged all his senses in devotional service, in various engagements related to the Lord. Your excessive capacity in dedication to Lord Krishna’s service inspires me to regard you as Spiritual Master who can grand me/us the capability of service to Lord Krishna.

I therefore do not pray for any other benediction but the opportunity to hear from the mouth of pure devotees like your divine self Srila Prabhupada.

*sa uttamaśloka mahan-mukha-cyuto
bhavat-padāmbhoja-sudhā kaṇānilaḥ
ṛtiṁ punar vismṛta-tattva-vartmanām
kuyoginām no vitaraty alarṁ varaiḥ*

My dear Lord, You are glorified by the selected verses uttered by great personalities. Such glorification of Your lotus feet is just like saffron particles. When the transcendental vibration from the mouths of great devotees carries the aroma of the saffron dust of Your lotus feet, the forgetful living entity gradually remembers his eternal relationship with You. Devotees thus gradually come to the right conclusion about the value of life. My dear Lord, I therefore do not need any other benediction but the opportunity to hear from the mouth of Your pure devotee. SB 4.20.25

Srila Prabhupada you elaborate in a section of the purport ‘...Although when a pure devotee speaks the articulation of his voice may resemble the sound of this material sky, the voice is spiritually very powerful because it touches the particles of saffron dust on the lotus feet of the Lord...’ Srila Prabhupada, for me, in my eyes you are an excellent disciple of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura and great devotee of Lord Krishna. In my knowing, your transcendental vibration has touched the saffron particles of dust on the lotus feet of the Lord. You would make the forgetful living entities remember their eternal relationship with the Lord.

When I think about you, my dearest Srila Prabhupada, my heart becomes courageous and my mind poetic as this beautiful verse:

*tāhāra mādhyura-gandhe lubdha haya mana
ataeva taṭe rahi' cāki eka kaṇa*

It is not possible to dip into that great ocean, but its sweet mellow fragrance attracts my mind. I therefore stand on the shore of that ocean to try to taste but a drop of it. CC Adi 12.95

I humbly beg for the saffron particles of dust at your lotus feet!

Your servant,

Nirantara Bhakti Devi Dasi

(Congregational devotee involved in services for preparation of mangala sweets)

Niskincana Caitanya Das

*Nama Om Vishnu-Padaya Krishna-Preshthaya Bhu-Tale
Srimate Bhaktivedanta-Svamin Iti Namine
Namas Te Sarasvate Deve Gaura-Vani-Pracarine
Nirvishesha-Sunyavadi-Pascatya-Desa-Tarine*

Dear Srila Prabhupada

The longer I'm engaging in your service, the more intense it becomes. The responsibility and anxiety has increased as well as the challenges. However this is not a complaint, I appreciate what an opportunity it is. It's a privilege. Sometimes I wish it would be easier and smoother. But I'm so glad you have given me service to be engaged in. Otherwise I'd just be in trouble. I can't express enough how grateful I am.

I still struggle to find my groove and situate myself properly. I also lack the willpower to always do the right thing. But nonetheless, by your grace, I'm still in the game and pray that I'll always be in the game, serving you all the way back to Godhead and beyond.

You are so kind, you fill up my day with practices, tasks, services and association with all sorts of wonderful Vaishnavas. You make my life stimulating and adventurous. Thank you so much Srila Prabhupada. I'm an enjoyer, I can't help it. More of a bhogi than a tyagi but you are taking care of my proclivities. I hardly follow you properly, yet you still shower abundant mercy upon me.

You embody the mood of the Bhagavad Gita verse 10.10:

*teṣāṁ satata-yuktānām
bhajatām prīti-pūrvakam
dadāmi buddhi-yogaṁ taṁ
yena mām upayānti te*

To those who are constantly devoted to serving Me with love, I give the understanding by which they can come to Me.

I hope to serve your mission with an iota of the focus that you had and experience some of the nectar that you were immersed in. I'm still licking more of the outside of the jar than the honey inside.

Srila Prabhupada you have given so many of us a wonderful mission in life. I still need to crystallise my own vision in your service and your mission. Time's running along. I beg you for empowerment to serve you properly and overcome my procrastination. I hope to serve you in a mood of 'ahaituki apratihata'; unmotivated and uninterrupted. I know it's possible. Not just from the examples of Vaishnavas who have attained this in the books I've read. But I see around me living, breathing examples of such personalities. It's astonishing the level of empowerment they're receiving by following you so devotedly.

I pray I can be empowered to understand your teachings and share with others. Unless empowered, one cannot propagate this Sankirtan movement. I'm aware I have weaknesses that could lead me to going astray if I was empowered in such a manner and end up abusing the by-products coming from such empowerment. So I pray that I stay fixed while still being empowered to carry on with your mission nicely.

Srila Prabhupada, your movement is a very long term project. Its transformative effects are only beginning to sprout in the West. We have no idea how this movement will change the world in the long run. What you have brought to the Western world is the biggest revolution ever seen. The last thing to have occurred in the Western world that comes close to this in magnitude is the advent of Jesus Christ and Christianity taking root in Europe. This movement will end up pervading every section of society. It may take years, maybe centuries but the wheels are in motion.

On a more personal level, Srila Prabhupada you are the only refuge. This decade is turning out to be intense in another way. Many of our seniors are getting older, beset with health issues and gradually leaving their bodies. As my mentor said, it'll be a decade of tears.

My own Spiritual master is in his Antya Lila. When I speak to him, and hear from other seniors they all have a similar desire to keep serving you and to intensify their bhajan in the last chapter of their lives. And that invariably means focusing on you Srila Prabhupada. They all intend on focusing on your life, character, books and of course your eternal teachings.

All said and done, your words are the only solace and the only shelter. I need to access you more and more in my life now. Sometimes I'm scared of you. You can be stern, you have high standards and I know you can chastise your disciples and I know you can see right through my nonsense. But then I remember that you love us so much, and it makes me ashamed to realise how much I take your love for granted or not apply myself to share your mercy with others.

Whilst this decade may be beset with loss, I know tremendous gains are coming our way. Already we can see Maharathis, leaders and generals of the next generation are coming through and soldiers are forming into units in Lord Caitanya's army for the next generation.

The future looks exciting in your movement. I pray that I can always be a good, loyal soldier in your movement, get over my weaknesses and make your mission my life and soul and share your Glories with others.

Your insignificant and aspiring servant

Niskincana Caitanya Das

School of Bhakti

Nitya Rasa Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna dear Srila Prabhupada

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

All glories to your Divine Grace.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, one day you explained to your beloved disciple HH Tamala Krishna Goswami how gigantic is the creation of the Lord and you did it in such a glorious way.

«You cannot fathom how big this is. Three-quarters of Krishna's creation is the spiritual sky, and one-quarter is the material creation. That material creation has innumerable universes. One universe is so big the scientists can't measure it.

We're on one planet in one of those universes out of innumerable universes, which constitute one-quarter of the creation. This one planet, Earth, is one of the smaller planets in this universe. On this planet there are seven continents, and on one of the continents, North America, there is a great city called Los Angeles. In that Los Angeles city, there's a long boulevard called La Cienega. On that La Cienega Boulevard, there is one church building that is now a Hare Krishna temple. In that one Hare Krishna temple, there is one Tamal Krishna, and he thinks that he is very important."

Meditating on this, I feel how tiny I must be. Actually, this thought is awkward and liberating at the same time. Generally, who would like to hear this? Hardly anyone wants to be tiny and unimportant in this world. But somehow you did the magic even with this "heavy" reality. Even though you always would open our eyes, showing us the world on its real light which means to see and accept this inevitable minuteness of our identity, you had a whole plan to make all these tiny, unimportant individuals into the best, first class, very important living entities, possessing all the different kinds of beautiful, colourful qualities, abilities, skills and ultimately to be eligible of having most elevated, sacramental relationship with the very Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Krishna. It is hard even to imagine. You wanted us to become the best human beings, the examples for the whole humanity.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, you were the extremely compassionate, most understanding about our position and condition and at the same time you had immensely high expectations of us, followers of your illustrious purity. Yes, you wanted us to become the best human beings who would guide the whole humanity on the right path and you wanted us to improve even more.

What a mission and responsibility you've given to us!

Now thinking about this, my mind is blown away with the idea, how much trust you had in us, but actually the source of this trust was your tremendous, unprecedented faith in the Lord, otherwise what could you expect from people like me who are bewildered and completely lost?

Dear Srila Prabhupada, I am thinking now, if you were here, what would be your next steps for awakening this civilisation even more strongly which looks like to become even more crazy? I am asking this question again and again to myself.

Today on this most auspicious and fortunate day of your appearance in this world, I want to thank you wholeheartedly for everything you did in my life and for everything you did to my life. You gave me an opportunity to have a miraculous present and you gave me the hope for having the beautiful magic future as a continuation of this blissful present. You created a spiritual realm even here on Mother Earth, on a place of miseries, fights, sufferings, injustices, bewilderment, etc. Yes, you made a true spiritual home for everyone even here, home where the whole world can stay and blossom.

In Caitanya-Caritamrita Adi Lila 1.45 we read:

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

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

On this note I would conclude this little compilation of words of your glorification and gratitude and would add, that I feel most fortunate for having your precious mercy upon myself and having hope one day to really fulfill your expectations towards me and take full shelter of the Lotus feet of the most beautiful and extraordinary blue boy with the most beautiful shiny magic flute, Who performs the most unimaginable glorious activities and delivers the fallen souls like me through the mercy and grace of such greatest personalities like you are dear Srila Prabhupada.

Thank You!

Your insignificant servant

Nitya Rasa devi dasi

Bhakta Nityananda & Bhaktin Isha

Hare K ishna dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to your Divine Grace!

Today is a time to reflect on the gifts that you have given to us, and make an attempt to repay the debt that we have. The best way to glorify the guru is to glorify the disciples who imbibe the qualities of the guru. With the same mood, I wish to attempt to write this Vyasapuja offering and therefore reciprocate with all that you have given to us through your disciples.

By devotees' mercy, we have had the fortune to serve some of your disciples. They have shared with us so much love and affection because they were taught by your example in cultivating loving relationships. Srila Prabhupada, your disciples are so dedicated to you and your mission that we feel inspired to whatever is within our capacity.

We have seen them serve you and your movement tirelessly. They were taught by your example to spread Lord Caitanya's message in the face of adversity, physical difficulty and all challenges. From this, we learn how to cultivate dedicate to Your Grace, and how to receive your mercy.

Through your example of teaching young devotees the way of Krishna Bhakti, you taught your disciples how to remain patient and share the lessons of the path to help others. We feel more ready to face the challenges posed by the material world because we have been equipped with the sword of knowledge.

Due to the love, dedication and teaching of your disciples, we have been able to access the many gift that you left for us. Without your endeavours we would not have been able to serve these gem-like devotees, who teach us to take shelter of the Holy Name and the Bhagavatam.

Srila Prabhupada, as your grand-children, today we request you to empower us to serve your disciples. If we serve them well, we hope that we will be able to meet you and serve you. Humbly praying for a drop from the ocean of mercy.

Thank you for giving us these gems Srila Prabhupada.

Your insignificant servants,

Nityananda and Isha

Nrityapriya Radha Devi Dasi

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

I repeat these words innumerable moments in a day. Unfortunately, repetition is not a reflection of my reality. My understanding is entirely superficial. I wish I could genuinely ascribe all glories to you for what I live and breathe.

I feel lazy. You point out there is no dearth of opportunities.

I repeatedly make mistakes. You affectionately welcome me to start again.
I withdraw with despondency. You show me to persevere with hope.
I stall with negativity. You accelerate me with the glow of positivity.
I lose focus. You very uniquely deliver reminders.
I puff up with pride. You situate me in the right space.
I am hopeless. You are hopeful.
I don't ever improve. You don't ever give up your attempts to make me improve.
All glories to you! All glories to you! All glories to you!
You are yearning for each one of us making our way back to Godhead.
I honestly don't know what going back to Godhead implies. For now,
I simply wish to offer myself to you with a longing to be of some use
in this chapter of existence. I leave the rest in your able hands.
Praying that I never disappoint you, dear Srila Prabhupada.
Your servant and grand-daughter,
Nrityapriya Radha Devi Dasi



Bhakta Om

*Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhuta-
tate srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine*

*namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine nirvishesha-
shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine*

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you on this auspicious day of your vyasapuja.

All glories to the personality who came to the west and fearlessly preached the message of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu on the order by His Spiritual master, Om Vishnu-pada paramahansa parivrajakacharya ashtottara-shata Sri Srimad Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Goswami Maharaja Prabhupada. With Your magnificent smile You have won over hearts of millions and continue to capture billions more. Srila Prabhupada, You have given us unfathomable wealth of service at the Lotus Feet of Sri Sri Nitai Gauranga and we are forever indebted to You.

Although I have not had the opportunity to personally see you, Srila Prabhupada, through Your dear disciples I can try to get a glance at Your endless glories. Although I have not had Your personal association, You have been guiding through Your book in which You will always be present. You have given your instruction in your books as personal letters to all of us. As a Kali-yuga soul I am full of faults and covered by illusion. By Your causeless mercy I have been given the opportunity to serve Your devotees, and in millions of lives I will never be able to repay but You will be happy just by sincere efforts and attempts of selfless service. For this unasked and underserved opportunity, for now, all I can say is a humble thank you at your lotus feet. Thank you for helping me. Thank you giving me opportunities to serve. Thank you for encouraging me. Thank you for letting such a fallen soul get association of your family (ISKCON). Thank you for letting us have opportunity to worship Your deities. And I am very sorry to not utilize gifts given by You in form of the holy Names of Lord Krishna, Your books, Your deities, Your disciples, Your eternal associates, Your instructions, and giving us Yourself. Everything You had, Srila Prabhupada, You gave it to us selflessly, Your love for us is unconditional, and is so Your compassion, giving up your health, time, knowledge and leaving the eternal spiritual world and again giving up Sri Dham Vrindavana which has manifested on this Earth. Thank You Srila Prabhupada for spreading the Glories of Srimati Tulsi Maharani and glories of eternal associate of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Thank You Srila Prabhupada

for spreading the love and compassion of Lord Nityananda Prabhu to souls in this dark age of Kali-yuga. Even though You are not personally present, You are still over seeing Your Hare Krishna Movement continue to spread far-and-wide.

Srila Prabhupada, You have showered infinite amount of causeless mercy on the world and continue to shower via Your representatives. But recently, there have been unprecedented events which have made this dark age even darker. This could be due to causeless mercy of Lord Chaitanya or nature of this temporary world but the whole world needs You and Your Krishna more than ever. Everyone all is looking to love someone and to be loved unconditionally. It's You Srila Prabhupada and Your very dear Krishna who are worthy of that reciprocative relationship. The youth are being carried away by waves of material modes of nature and are unable to take up to Krishna consciousness. Just like how You saved the hippies in 1960s and 70s please save us too but for you no one is more forgivable and compassionate towards souls drowning in ocean of material miseries. We need Your mercy more than ever Srila Prabhupada. Please save us and engage us in service of Sri Radha Gokulananda. If the younger population is able to take up to Krishna consciousness, future generations will live in a Krishna Consciousness world making Hari-Nama-Sankirtana their life and soul which has been desires of all the previous Acharyas in Sri Gaudiya Vaishnava parampara, by Your mercy Srila Prabhupada it is possible to see everyone chanting and dancing for pleasure of Sri Sri Gaura Nitai.

Offering by prostrated obeisances to your disciples who offered everything in Your service, to all you representatives and followers and lastly at Your lotus feet Srila Prabhupada. I pray that I can serve You wherever and in whatever situation I may be in and try to please You.

All glories to you Srila Prabhupada!

Your aspiring servant,

Bhakta Om

Parama Karuna Das

Dear Srila Prabhupāda,

Please accept my humble obeisance's. All glories to you.

After writing last year we started to come out of the lockdown and now we are more or less fully open and back to normal. As other devotees have come back to their regular services, my deity services are on hold as I also catch up on few pending things, however I should be doing some regular deity service at least once a week.

I continue with Bhakti-shastri and Bhakti-vaibhava courses as before, online and sometimes onsite. Even though things have opened up, regular sangha programmes haven't been consistent, still I have been kept busy with different sporadic programmes.

In regards to residential courses, after the lockdown and almost two years, in October last year we had our "Be a Monk Challenge" with five persons participating and then another one in November with eight persons. Our first "Veda Course" in October after the lockdown had four persons. This year, in January, "Be a Monk Challenge" had 13 persons, residential Bhakti-shastri course had 12 persons. For the "Be a Monk Challenge" in April we had nine persons and for the one in June we had 15 persons (largest so far). Currently we have the "Veda Course" with eight persons. We weren't sure how it will be after things open up but we were surprised with all the turnouts. We have made slight improvements in our promotion and this we believe has helped together with couple devotees being available to chase up individuals.

Last year we were not able to have the summer camp during Janmasthanmi, this year we are very much planning to have at least 15 young persons staying for couple of weeks at least. We are also thinking to resume the India part of the "Sabbatical".

I am now much more involved in the brahmachari ashram and the management. We hope to focus this year on unity and attitude.

Personally, this year I would like to pay more attention to being positive and encouraging especially in dealing with others. Also I would like to see if I can be more efficient with my time so that I can read and hear more. Pray for your blessings and mercy.

Your servant,

Parama Karunā Dāsa

(Residential Courses & Brahmachari Ashram)

Pranabandhu Das & Ananda Vigraha Devi Dasi

*Nama om visnu padaya, Krishna presthaya bhutale
Srimate Bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
Namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
Nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatyā desa tarine*

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

Since 2018 very important milestone in the history of Bhaktivedanta Manor have been achieved. After many years of endeavour, and our desire to please You, the Sri Krishna Haveli has been completed and the facilities are in use, albeit some issues remain with the construction company, which devotees are trying to resolve.

In the pages of your books, You always remind us of the nature of this material world, full of duality, 'padam padam, yad vi padam tesam', danger at every step, even though the endeavour is for pleasing You and Lord Sri Krishna and the year 2020, without doubt has marked the beginning of a 'decade of tears.

With the inevitable time, losing the association of brothers, senior devotees, leaders upon whom I have fully relied upon, left to join your service in the spiritual world in March of this year. The real pandemic of birth, death, old age and disease continues to rage, amplified by wars, pestilence etc, bringing suffering to the forefront in the minds and hearts of millions on the planet and providing fertile fields to sow the seeds of spiritual culture, simple living and high thinking. Only when the hearts of people change en masse, will peace and prosperity for all reign supreme.

Srila Prabhupada; When you were crossing the Atlantic Ocean on the Jaladuta, there were severe weather storms, huge waves, choppy seas, but You tolerated so much pain, nausea & two heart attacks and never thought to 'jump ship'! So many challenges, no friends, no money, no place to live, but with implicit faith in the orders of Guru and Krishna, You remained on the battlefield till the end, to establish this Krishna Consciousness movement for the benefit of all humanity. You never gave up.

You have founded ISKCON for giving association of devotees to the people of this world and we need to always be reminded of this most important reason for ISKCONS being, so to avoid the pitfall of more bureaucracy, falsely thinking that we are carrying out your wishes.

Srila Prabhupada, at this most difficult and uncertain times, I beg you to help me, guide me, bless me to remain a servant in your great mission. When so many have left or are leaving your mission. Please help me to develop courage and humility to live by your instructions 'Your love for Me, will be shown by how you cooperate'.

Begging to remain your servants

Pranabandhu das & Ananda Vighraha dasi

Prana Sakhi Devi Dasi

*Nama om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate Bhaktivedanta Swamin iti namine*

Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of
Your divine lotus feet, all glories to you.

Srila Prabhupada, you have saved me from the blazing fire of material existence, and given me the cooling shelter of your grace. I have no qualification, yet somehow, it is flowing through your books constantly.

As a family we have tried to, and will continue to distribute your books to people who would otherwise not been so fortunate. Please bless us so that we may continue this endeavour in the future.

Your servant

Prana Sakhi devi dasi

Prayojana Das

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*om ajnana-timirandhasya
jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena
tasmai sri-gurave namah
nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyā-desā-tarine*

Please accept my humble obeisances and grateful thanks on this auspicious celebration of your appearance day.

The glorification and thanksgiving of anything and everything whether in happiness or in distress, is an attribute of the spiritual pilgrim, on their journey back to Godhead, seeing only the caring hands of Divine Providence of the yet unknown 'good' being bestowed upon them by the benevolent 'Supreme Reformer' Sri Krishna who encourages and chastises, like the blacksmith forges the horse shoes for the final comfort of the horse.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, you are the 'spiritual blacksmith' sent by Krishna with your Books and disciples to render us fit for His Kingdom as explained in the 'Teachings of Queen Kunti'. Please also bestow your abundant blessings on my Diksha and Siksha gurus who are also the 'blacksmiths' to this fallen soul who is so much struggling with The six enemies; lust, anger, greed, illusion, pride and envy and the five senses of sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch reside in my body but I feel unable to control them.

Although I hear and understand repeatedly that one should serve Krishna with all his senses, still I cannot accept this fact with firm determination. PLEASE HELP ME NOW IN MY OLD AGE, THAT I DO NOT CIRCUM ANY MORE TO THEIR INFLUENCE.

Always see the good in others and the circumstances that come from others who are but instruments Krishna's loving kindness.[REF BG CH.6. VERSE .30.]

In your wonderful lecture on Srimad-Bhagavatam 7.9.12-13 Montreal, August 20, 1968 you explain the glories of 'thanksgiving' as an expression of love. so we try to express our glimmer of love for you on this Vyasa Puja day.

All glories and thanks to you dear Srila Prabhupada!

Your fallen and insignificant servant

Prayojana dasa

Premaniketana Das

Dear Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my respectful obeisances.

All glories to Your Divine Grace!

I hope you are well and I am sure you are very successful wherever you are preaching at the moment.

Another year passed, and we are one year luckier because of the gift you gave us. Once a devotee complained about how fallen he was. He told you with very sad feelings: - I am the most fallen dear Srila Prabhupada! You answered in your deep and very clear voice: - The most is always Krishna! This story shocked me. I never forget this short and very pure teaching of yours.

But, how would you describe the person who brings the "Most" to the material world and distributes His divine love to the conditioned souls?

We are here, serving Sri Krishna. Serving year after year. But we should not forget that the only reason we even know about Him is you. You brought Him to us and you will bring us to Him.

My Guru Maharaja went to the last village on the planet in the North. He met an eskimo family there and tried to give them a Bhagavad Gita. They said they already have one. They also showed him a paper with the Maha Mantra on it. And they had kirtana together. What?! Isn't it unbelievable?

You are the person who fulfilled Lord Caitanya's prediction. You are Lord Caitanya's prediction actually. Incredible, mystical, merciful servant of the Lord. You are the only exception to your teaching. You are a "most" dear Srila Prabhupada. You are the most amazing servant of the Lord. You are the most merciful devotee. No doubt that these "mosts" are earned by you and Krishna is happy to share this attributive with you.

Please bless me so I can remain in the service of your great followers. I will be always grateful for every year you gifted me in your service. Please let me stay at the shelter of your lotus feet forever.

All glories to Your Divine Grace!

Your insignificant servant,

Premaniketana dasa

Pundarika Das

Priya and Pujya Jagatguru Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to you and the divine Gaudya Parampara. All glories to your disciple, my dear Gurumaharaja who is only there, cent percent, by your mercy.

Thank you, as you know is insufficient, and the words do not exist in Gujarati, my wife's language.

Why? Because I am advised that gratitude is show by attitude and reciprocation.

By your grace may I cultivate the right attitude and reciprocate by serving you and your mission.

Actually, it seems to be the mission of Lord Caitanya enhanced by this glorious Gaudya Sampradaya.

One of your god brothers has written that you are the Shakti Avesha Avatar of Lord Nityananda.

I don't know, but the evidence of your mercy and potency is clearly evident for all to see.

"Distribute books", "Print books", "Read my books".

You have spoken and empowered so many to follow your requests.

It is incredible and I believe only God can achieve or endorse the incredible.

I have felt in my being the evidence of your grace,
reading, studying and sharing your books.

I have seen the evidence in others that I have met or seen.

‘Star Wars’ is famous for the phrase; “May the force be with you”.

You are definitely teaching intergalactic travel by ‘Easy Journey to Other planets’.

How? Because you, Srila Prabhupada are ‘That’ force.

I know that what you have taught as precious, I can barely comprehend because I am a fool. But, I am not such a fool as to not realize that you, Srila Prabhupada are the most important living entity to have graced this planet. You had the mercy to come and the kindness to share and the courage to take the risks.

You really knew that Krishna was always there and protecting you. By your mercy I and we stand a chance in this turbulent Kali Yuga.

Without your books I would not even know how and to what extent I was being tricked by so called science and logic.

Thank you

Thank you

Thank you

Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare,

Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare.

Your aspiring servant of your servant (HH Sivarama Swami),

Pundarika das

Radha Govinda Das

Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to you
Please accept this offering
Though full of faults
And bless me with love for you

Lately, I've been very grateful
For all the things that I've learnt from you
Because I'm satisfied
And so I'm making my life
Just all about serving you

Lately, I've been very thoughtful
About all the things that I've heard from you
Because I'm learning
And if it wasn't for you
I'd still be a dumb Wallabaloo

Lately, I've been very fearful
Thinking "What if I don't make it through?"
But I'm hopeful
And I have faith in you
So your lotus feet I'll just hold on to!

Lately, I've been very blissful
It's cause I'm sharing your wisdom with a few
Because I'm thankful
And I feel I should
Repay my debt to you

Lately, I've been in awe
Of the troubles you took for us all
And I wouldn't have a clue
If it wasn't for you
So please help me get through
O supreme guru
Cause I'm stuck in this worldly loo!

Your servant,

Radha Govinda das

Krishna Wisdom

Radha Mohan Das

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale srimate
bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine namas te sarasvate deve gaura-
vani-pracarine nirvisesha-sunyavadi-paschatya-desatarine*

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada! How can such a fallen and completely conditioned soul like myself try to describe a great soul like yourself, Srila Prabhupada. Who can know you in full when your glorious position was even mentioned by Lord Krishna Himself! “For one who explains this supreme secret to the devotees, pure devotional service is guaranteed, and at the end he will come back to Me. There is no servant in this world more dear to Me than he, nor will there ever be one more dear.” (Bg 18.68-69) And also by Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu directly, that is simply incredible. yadi papi chadi dharma dure dese yaya mora senapati-bhakta yaibe tathaya “If some sinful people escape and giving up religious principles go to far off countries, then my Senapati Bhakta will come at that time to give them Krishna consciousness.” (Caitanya Mangala)

By your unlimited mercy, you have made all the illusions and troubles of this material energy less problematic than the water in a cow’s hoof. You are the greatest pioneer in all aspects of missionary activities, for you have travelled on your own to an entirely different continent, fearlessly and gloriously, with your head held high, walked into the land of mlecchas simply out of compassion for the fallen conditioned souls.

Every fortunate man or woman that had the intelligence or simply sheer luck to follow your perfect instructions was spiritually benefited by your grace, and even today you are uniting us all, men and women of every race, every age, every religion under your transcendental instructions as you live forever in sound, guiding us back home, back to Godhead.

You have made the process very easy for us, so that everyone, even the most fallen, can relish the transcendental taste of devotional service and quickly achieve the highest success in life! Srila Prabhupada. As Lord Caitanya appeared in India and gave the ocean of Krishna prema freely to everyone, you have mercifully surpassed even that, spreading the movement all over the world.

Your books, your classes, your talks, morning walks, letters and so much more have all been carefully preserved by the expert devotees you have trained and today everything is available with the click of a button online.

I am completely unqualified to serve your great mission, but if it is your will, please kindly allow me to engage in service unto you and make pleasing you my mission in life. Please be merciful and continue to allow me to service in Bhaktivedanta Manor's Communications and drama departments, as well as be part of the process of helping to manifest the TOVP's planetarium.

Jaya Srila Prabhupada!

Radha Shakti Dasi

My Dearest Srila Prabhupada, please accept my humble and respectful obeisances. All glories to the auspicious event of your Vyasa Puja.

*Om agyana timirandasya
Mukam karoti vacalam
Pungam langayate girim
Yat krip tamtam vande
Sri Gurun dina tarinam*

Srila Prabhupada, I feel completely disqualified to write your Vyasa Puja offering, I feel extremely grateful to you for all Your love, care, and compassion, so I try to put it in words and in this way glorify Your Grace.

*Samsara-davanala-lidha loka
Tranaya karunya-ghanaghanatvam
Praptasya kalyana-gunarnavasya
Vande guroh-sri-charanaravindam*

You are the representative of Krishna who has benedict You with His mercy as He is the ocean of Mercy. Just as clouds pour water on a forest fire to extinguish it, so Your Grace is delivering the materially afflicted world by extinguishing the blazing fire of material existence. We all offer our humble and respectful obeisances again and again onto Your lotus feet as you are an ocean of auspicious qualities.

Your compassion is so great and is shown through how You lived for others. Your sacrifice is seen through how You dedicated every moment to fulfilling the mission of beloved Krishna. You rested only a couple of hours to translate all Vedic shastra so all the conditioned souls can benefit. You opened so many temples where people can come and can be educated in the goal of life, Bhakti yoga and perfect their life and Go Back Home Back to Godhead. Every temple celebrates Rathayatra, Janmashtami and all different festivals, so many souls come and

benefit unlimitedly. Under Your Guidance, Food 4 life began, and so many souls receive mercy in the form of Prasad. Not only this, so many restaurants were started in Your direction. The farm communities also teach self-sufficiency. So many Goshallas, for the protection of mother cows. People of this world certainly lack spiritual education, so Gurukula was started. All this happened because You are Uttama Vaishnav who has unlimited compassion for the suffering of all.

So I pray O Vaisnava Gosvami, please be merciful to me now. There is no one except You who can purify the fallen souls. Where does anyone find such a merciful personality by whose mere audience all sins go far away? Your heart is always the resting place of Lord Govinda and Lord Govinda says “The Vaishnavas are in my heart”. Srila Prabhupada, I desire the dust of Your holy feet in every birth I may take. Krishna is Yours. You are able to give Him to me, for such is your power. I am indeed wretched and simply run after You, crying “Krishna! Krishna!”. Please I beg for forgiveness for all offenses.

Your insignificant servant of the servant of the servant,

Radha Shakti Dasi

Bhaktin Radhika Priya

Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. Words cannot describe how grateful we all are towards You and Your dedication to the Sankirtana Movement of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

All these Books, all these Temples, and wonderful Devotees - none of these things would have been available if it were not for you. You have made countless sacrifices and battled against various obstacles; nevertheless, your faith in the Holy Name never vanished, and on top of that, you gave us so much strength. Srila Prabhupada, we will never forget the treasure you have shared us with; I am forever indebted to you. Please allow me to serve you further and please guide me in my spiritual journey.

Within the fifty years since you established the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, there are more than 800 centres worldwide with 65 farms/ Eco villages, 55 Educational Institutions and almost 100 Vegetarian Krishna restaurants. There are approximately 75,000 initiated disciples, with 7 million worshippers attending an ISKCON centre, all celebrating nearly 6000 festivals in one year. Amazingly, 3 billion plates of prasadam are served by ISKCON devotees. Additionally, over 516 million books have been published in many different languages by the BBT. Srila Prabhupada Ki Jai!

Your servant

Radhika Priya



Bhakta Raj Patel

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

I have never written a Vyasa Puja offering before, I do not feel qualified to do so, and have no idea what to say, or how to say it. However, many devotees have been encouraging me to write, and therefore I feel compelled to do so.

I wish I could express my gratitude to you everything that you have done for us and for all that you have sacrificed, for all of us. However, I feel utterly incapable of doing so, because, I am ignorant of the full extent of what you have done, I am sure it is on a scale billions of times bigger than I am aware of. I am also ignorant of the scale of how incredibly wonderful your gifts to us really are, despite having heard that even the demigods in the heavenly planets envy us for having access to such gifts and mercy. Then there are my feelings of guilt and shame, at my fall downs and my incompetence in Krishna Consciousness.

It is still inconceivable to me how much you have repeatedly sacrificed so much for us, endured so much hardship for our benefit, just out of your compassion for us. You gave us, give us, and will continue to give us an abundance of gifts that are so amazingly and incredibly precious, that they cannot be compared to anything in this world, or priced against anything in this world.

Yet even after coming in contact with this Krishna Consciousness movement, just like a baby, I stumble and fall at every step. You are always there, encouraging me, but I don't know it. Sometimes I stay on the floor and cry before getting up and trying again. But every single time, I keep falling again and again and again. Will I ever be able to stand on my own two feet and walk?

I struggle to control my senses and repeatedly do or say things that I know I should not do, and I feel misery and repent afterwards, but it keeps happening again and again. I am so sorry, Srila Prabhupada, despite everything you have done for me, and keep doing for me, I feel I just keep letting you down again and again. I am so ashamed of myself. I feel like hiding my face from you - but I cannot do that either, because there is nowhere to run, and nowhere to hide. There is no other shelter other than you, although I am unfit to serve you, what can I do? All I can do is sit here, think of you, and cry.

I am not a real devotee, but my dream is that one day I maybe, it is a big dream because I have a very long way to go, so much to learn, so much to do, so much to practice. Sometimes I try so hard, with every ounce of energy, enthusiasm, and devotion that I can, but cannot sustain it, and soon fall down again.

Srila Prabhupada, with love and compassion, you have offered us those keys which can unlock the chains that bind us, that can unlock the gates of the prison that we are held captive in, you even built a golden pathway leading directly back home to God, you have given us books, lectures, example, teachers, mentors, Gurus, you have created temples, centres, a worldwide movement, you have provided everything we could possibly need. But I am so stupid and fallen, that, even knowing this, I blindly and crazily, like a madman, still turn away from you, and try to enjoy what I think is nectar, but in reality is blood from inside my mouth, from the wounds inflicted upon me by the prison master. Instead of grasping the keys you offer me, and unlocking the chains that tie my ankles down, I end up offering my wrists to also be bound up by the prison master who repeatedly tortures me, for my “crimes”. I cannot bear the punishment that they give me in this prison, I scream out in pain, I cannot escape by myself, have no other visitors, and yet still do not have full faith and conviction to reach out and grasp what you keep offering to me.

Sometimes I am in so much unbearable pain, that I try so hard, with all of my energy, and whatever miserly devotion that I have, to chant the holy names of the Lord, crying out to the Lord with all my heart as if my very life depends upon it. But I don't have any love, I don't have any devotion, and soon I will fall down and I will let you down again.

Dear Prabhupada, I am so unfortunate, and sorry to say that I don't think I have any love for you. I am not fit enough to experience pure love, let alone give it. But somehow, I feel some magical attraction with the Guru that you have connected me with. Whilst I am not yet initiated, I do feel a special bond with him, and a sense of purpose in trying to please him, trying to follow his instructions, and a sense of upliftment that comes with this, and a sense of confidence that, even though I may be lowly and fallen today, through my efforts to please him and follow his instructions, and the mercy that follows, my consciousness will change over time. So that is definitely one big thing that I wish to convey my gratitude to you for. Then there are the devotees, each of which have special qualities, talents and a special purpose. I still have so much to learn about this, about how to interact with them, about how wonderful they are, about the unique message or lesson that each one of them has for me. However, I feel that this is something divine, magical, special, that is another gift that you have provided, for which I am so grateful to you for.

Dear Prabhupada, please don't ever leave me, please don't ever let me leave you. I am a crazy madman that at any moment could become intoxicated by material desires and run away. I beg you, please keep this crazy fool close by you, with a firm grip on me. I hope and pray that one day I can become a devotee that will really please you.

My humble obeisances and apologies to all the devotees that were expecting and hoping for poetry.

Your ignorant and foolish servant

Raj Patel

Ramasarana Das

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

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, who is very dear to Lord K ishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

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

Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Sarasvatī Gosvāmī. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my respectful obeisances at your lotus feet.

On this occasion of Vyasa Puja 2022 I would like to glorify Your Divine Grace corresponding to your preeminent status as a Jagad Guru and, that is no easy task! What you have achieved is totally mind boggling; transplanting a divine culture amongst the fallen and misinformed world. Jaya Srila Prabhupada!

Your glories are multilayered and multifaceted and just as I think I've understood Your Divine Grace's (YDG) qualities, somewhat, I see yet another layer of your glories and in this way, everyday I am discovering evermore of the extraordinary qualities YDG exemplified! And I realize there's really no way of ever completely understanding your achievements, your dedication, your expertise, your compassion, your devotion...the list goes on and on!

I beg you to please forgive my offensive nature and lack of Krishna Consciousness. I struggle to maintain my sadhana and to fully appreciate my unbelievable great fortune of being one of your disciples. I know that I fall short on the standard for a disciple that Your Divine Grace expects! But I beg your mercy and tolerance so that I may never leave the path you chalked out for us: a path “Back home back to Godhead”! I am not sure how many lifetimes it may take me to be fully surrendered and be a worthy disciple but, I will ever hold on to your lotus feet and never give up! While drowning in the ocean of the modes of material nature I have no other shelter to turn to, but Your Divine Grace. Please do not abandon me.

On this day I wish to honour Your Divine Grace as the most consequential Supreme Acharya of our time

*sa vai priyatamaś cātmā
yato na bhayam aṅv api
iti veda sa vai vidvān
yo vidvān sa gurur hariḥ*

One who is engaged in devotional service has not the least fear in material existence. This is because the Supreme Personality of Godhead is the Supersoul and friend of everyone. One who knows this secret is actually educated, and one thus educated can become the spiritual master of the world. One who is an actually bona fide spiritual master, representative of Krishna, is not different from Krishna.

Srimad Bhagavatam 4.29.51

Jaya Srila Prabhupada! Jaya Śri Śri Gaura Nitai! Hare Krishna! Jaya Śri Radhè’

Your humbly aspiring servant,

Rāmasarana Dasa

Ranchor Das

Dear Prabhupada, my master and friend,

I was just 19 when you entered my life. You were at the BBC studios in London. I was 40 miles away in Sussex. With three short sentences you penetrated my heart:

‘God has many names.’

‘You can speak with God face to face, just as I am speaking with you.’

‘The method is to sing the name of God.’

Then together with your devotees you sang the Hare Krishna mantra, and so gave me your greatest gift.

A year later I met your devotees and made lasting friends. I left art college and moved into your temple. I had found my real family, and I surrendered to your divine instructions.

‘How do I feel so certain?’ I kept asking myself. ‘This overwhelming belief that Krishna is God, where has it come from? And who is this teacher who has filled my life?’

The answer that came was always the same: I had known you before, and I had known Krishna. But I had forgotten, and you dear Prabhupada had come to find me. That was my belief then, and it has never left me.

After a few months you welcomed me as your disciple and became my eternal master. I began calling on Krishna’s names, and since that day I have not stopped. In time you entered my heart and showed me your eternal love.

Your words have never left me. Over a lifetime their vision has preoccupied my waking days. There is no going back. The journey goes ever on, deeper and deeper.

Oh there have been times when I have forgotten, times of distraction, of confusion – times when I felt weak and incapable. But you always pull me back. Without you, Prabhupada, my world would be empty.

With endless thanks from your poor servant,

Ranchor das

13 Jul 2022

Rasa Rambhi Devi Dasi

Dear Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your Divine Lotus Feet.

All glories to our Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada on this auspicious day of your Vyasapuja.

All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

Srila Prabhupada, I]have no words to express my gratitude for what you have given.

I was living a normal mundane life and still am to a degree. Work, home, sense gratification and maybe once in a while visit to the temple. No real meaning to life. No apparent purpose.

You threw a lifeline and rescued fallen souls such as myself.

You are patita pavana (the deliverer of all fallen souls).

Thank you for giving shelter, shelter of your compassion and words of wisdom.

Only because of you we are realizing the aim of life, how we can end our sufferings and reawaken joy in devotional service.

Your incredible guidance in the form of your amazing books, enlightening lectures, letters and morning walk recordings has given immense courage and enthusiasm to keep going with spiritual life.

Although I have not read enough of your books, but whatever I have read has had a positive impact on me and I will endeavour to continue reading the transcendental gems so that I may keep the zeal to stay focused in my spiritual sojourn.

Your strong conviction in the words of your Spiritual Master and your unshakable faith in the Sastras are all revealed in your teachings. This gives hope that one day may be able to cross over this mountain of material existence.

Your gifts to the world are unlimited and inconceivable.

Your endless blessings and encouragement give the strength to render devotional service and serve the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu by spreading the Holy name and the message of the Supreme Lord.

Thank you so much Srila Prabhupada for everything. You have saved boundless souls from living an iniquitous life.

I hope and wish to become an instrument by your causeless Mercy in spreading your mission, Srila Prabhupada.

Your eternally indebted servant

Rasa Rambhi Devi Dasi

Rasika Raya Das

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you!

This year, there is so much I can say. Daily, I am experiencing the benefits of this transcendental society you imported from Goloka for us. Your ISKCON is like a wish-fulfilling cow and daily I drink her most nectarean, life-giving milk. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

Earlier this year, my father passed away. You were like a hero to him and he always told me to read “Your Ever Well-Wisher”. He brought me to the shelter of your movement and it is by his mercy that I have received so many gifts from your ISKCON.

When he left, granted, there was sadness but this was hugely overpowered by your love - the love that permeates your movement and is carried in the hearts of your disciples, grand-disciples, great grand-disciples and followers. I felt so supported, cared for, guided and loved. Who can put a price on such a feeling? I felt like the entire movement was behind me, protecting me and holding my hand. I felt empowered because during this time, we were able to give my father the most auspicious departure. What a victory! Srila Prabhupada, this victory is all yours.

All this was possible because of your ISKCON, a society that does not stop giving. Overwhelmed by the support of your followers, a thought came to mind - something for me and members of this movement to regularly ask ourselves:

What does ISKCON owe you? Nothing.

What has ISKCON given you? Everything.

What do you owe ISKCON? Everything.

What have you given ISKCON? _____.

This blank is for us to fill. How much milk have I drunk? And how much have I distributed? Srila Prabhupada, I sit here, writing this offering and yet again, I observe my lacking in making a contribution to your movement. The milk is overflowing but many are starving, as I stand here with a full glass in my hand.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, please empower me to become an instrument of bringing more people to the shelter of your movement and to resist all the temptations that prevent me from doing so. After all, you once wrote: “I wish that it will be noted down in history that this Krishna Consciousness Movement is responsible for saving the world. Practically, our Movement is the only hope for saving the world from complete disaster.”

Your eternal servant and spiritual great-grandson,

Rasika Rāya dāsa

Bhakta Ravinder Saini

Dear Srila Prabhupada Maharaja, please accept my humble obeisance.
All glories to you on the auspicious day of vyasapuja.

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale

srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine

namas te saraswate deve gaura-vani-pracarine

nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine

I started my spiritual journey by reading your books. I am very fortunate that a great disciple of yours gave me Bhagavat Gita in Oxford Street, London. Even though it took a few years for me to pick up and read Bhagavat Gita, with Krishna’s mercy and your mercy I have started tasting the nectar of Krishna consciousness. I am still a neophyte devotee but getting immense support, advice, guidance and association from your disciples and ISKCON. This year, I am trying to get deep into the scriptures by pursuing the Bhakti Shastri course. Please give your blessings so that I can absorb the knowledge and apply it in my daily life. I had the good fortune of mediating in your samadhi mandir in Vrindavan. I have committed a lot of offences while chanting and serving you. Please forgive me. I still must overcome so many defects. Please help me.

Your humble servant,

Ravinder Saini

The ISKCON Redbridge Team

Dearest Śrīla Prabhupāda,

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories unto your lotus feet.

In the Bhagavad Gita Krishna instructs Arjuna to become His instrument. This is your instruction to us as well, the members of your great ISKCON movement. You taught that when we act in such a way, impossible becomes a word in the fool's dictionary. You demonstrated this yourself by establishing ISKCON around the world in just 11 years and, that too, in your older years.

Over the last 12 months, we've transitioned from holding our monthly programmes online due to the Covid pandemic, to having them in person. Of these, our kirtan programmes are proving to be the most popular with the last one attracting around 100 people.

We've been holding picnics during the summer too. They've been helping our members to get to know one another as well as giving other park visitors the opportunity to hear the holy name.

We recently held a retreat at Bhaktivedanta Manor for the first time, with the theme of wellbeing. As part of the day the 36 participants learnt about the importance of leading a balanced life in order to make spiritual progress and served in the goshala. They gave it a very encouraging overall rating of 4.8 out of 5.

We've merged two of our sanga groups and we're currently studying Srimad Bhagavatam.

For one of our groups, we've run the Explore, Gita Life and Bhakti Life courses over the last few years and it has now transformed into a sanga group that's studying the Nectar of Instruction.

Interest in our activities is steadily growing based on our presence on Google Maps as well as by advertising our activities through Avanti Court Primary School.

Please bless us that Krishna uses us as His instruments more and more as we try to spread your ISKCON movement in east London. We pray you'll send reinforcements to help with promotion, children's activities, cultivating youth, congregational development and creating a kirtan team to charm the hearts of all – in order to generate more strength, stability, and devotion in our offerings to the community.

Thank you for giving us life in devotional service, especially through your Bhaktivedanta Purports.

Your aspiring servants,

The ISKCON Redbridge team

Bhaktin Romini

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare

Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Please accept my humble obeisances Srila Prabhupada ji.

I have been coming to the Manor for many years with my mum and dad till they left their body. I have been coming on my own since. Not regularly due to work and family life. I spent three nights at the Manor, amazing experience.

Since 2019 I have connected more with the Monks and Prabhu's, Mataji's at the temple, attended courses. This is when I truly learnt about your greatness.

I knew of you but not the history of your travels, struggles, hardship, illness, heart attack, leaving India penniless, not knowing the future.

Leaving work in 2019, I needed Krishna.

A family, purpose to live, a goal to achieve, happiness and joy, surrounding myself with good people. Gaining the love and respect from the association of Krishna Devotees has been so uplifting. Encouraging, supportive.

Recently I have engaged in service and I want to do more with the blessings of Krishna and Devotees. I feel so much joy and happiness I don't want it to end. I could stay at the Manor all day

This is all due to your vision, your journey, your struggle.
We obtained Krishna through you.

THANK YOU SO SO MUCH FOR THE KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS MOVEMENT.

I cannot thank you enough for everything, I cannot find the words to say how grateful I am. I have learnt, still learning, but I am very much on the bottom of the ladder. But at least I am there, through your grace, Krishna movement.

Your humble servant

Romni daughter of Dharam-vir and Sarla Devi Maini

My humble obeisances

Bhaktin Rupa Gupta

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

How can I express my heartfelt gratitude towards you? I can simply say that you and Krishna are synonymous for me. You are playing with Krishna and Balarama now. So your instructions are Krishna's instructions! Please engage me in your service. By your Mercy millions of souls are connected to Krishna! I was just a curious child and you gave me Bhaktivedanta Manor and your Books! This is amazing and incredible! Thank you infinite times from the bottom of my heart!

Your servant,

Rupa Gupta

Rupa-vilasa Das

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

Please accept my obeisances at your lotus feet. Thank you again and again for giving me your eternal shelter.

I was reading some statements by your Guru Mahārāja concerning his surrender to his Guru Mahārāja which inspired me about submission and surrender to you. Although your Guru Mahārāja was an extremely qualified and exalted soul, his approach to his spiritual master was one of determination, humility, and full surrender, deeply feeling that being accepted by Gaura Kīśora dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja was more important than anything else in this world:

“When out of false ego I was thinking ‘I am a great scholar of mathematics and philosophy—let any big paṇḍita come at any time, day or night, and I will cut his propositions to pieces,’ at that time I got the darśana of the lotus feet of Śrī Gurudeva. He ignored everything that was previously appreciated in me—my truthfulness, my moral and pious life, and my intellectualism—knowing them to be of little value. When I saw that he ignored whatever was good in me, I realized how good he himself must be, who could neglect so many ‘good qualities’ in me. What inconceivable wealth he possessed!”

“Being neglected by him, I understood that there was no one more fallen and contemptible than myself; that was my actual identity. The very things that I adjudged desiderata, such as scholarship and upright character, this exalted soul regarded as valueless. I apprehended that within himself this noble personality possessed priceless treasure...”

“Humbly and sincerely I prayed to the Supreme Lord for His mercy. Later, by His grace, I recognized that without receiving the blessings of this peerless saint and without serving him, nothing good could happen to me. When I accepted that and acted accordingly, and then received the causeless, unlimited grace of my śrī-gurudeva and refuge at his lotus feet, I deemed my life fulfilled.

“I have understood that if the people of this world do not receive the same jolt that I received from my gurudeva, then their consciousness will not awaken. Therefore I am telling everyone, ‘I am more foolish than anyone else on earth. Please, all of you, do not be foolish like me. Do not live your life within the limitations of calculating consciousness. Discuss *Vaikuṅṭha-kathā* and you will become a great person. I am telling you what I have realized to be supremely beneficial.’”

Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have commented on this topic of full surrender to the spiritual master. You have stated that it requires both humility and fidelity to the order of the guru. Such surrender requires a lack of pretension about what I consider my own attainments and qualifications, as well as giving up the forlorn idea that I know something. The evidence that I have understood what submission to the guru is will be shown by my following your order as my life and soul. Your explanation about the value of scholarship, in relation to the qualification for becoming a devotee, is clear:

So Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu was a great scholar. There is no doubt of it. But in spite of His becoming a great scholar, He is presenting Himself as a great fool. He says, “My Guru Mahārāja saw Me a great...[fool]” Even if one is a very great scholar, he has to abide by the decision of his spiritual master. Even if one is very great scholar, and if his spiritual master says that “You are a great fool,” he should accept it. This is called full surrender. For example, I’ll give you a practical [example]. My Guru Mahārāja was a very great scholar, and his Guru Mahārāja, from the literary point of view, he could not even sign his name, Gaura-kiśora dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja. And Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura asked Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura

to accept Gaura-kīśora dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja as his spiritual master, that: “You go and take your initiation from Gaura-kīśora dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja.” So he thought that “I am a great scholar, and I am son of a magistrate, Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura, and a great Vaiṣṇava. He’ll be very much pleased to accept me.” Of course, he was very much pleased. But in the beginning he refused. He refused. Because... Of course, that is only show. He was not proud. Just to teach us. Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī explained that “I was little proud. So I was thrice refused by Guru Mahārāja,” although he was the only disciple. So scholarship is not a qualification of becoming a devotee. That is Caitanya Mahāprabhu’s teaching. Scholarship may help, but it is not necessary. Real necessity is that one should be humble and meek and follow the instruction of the spiritual master. This is the real qualification.

Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Thank you.

Your fallen servant,

Rupa-vilasa dasa

¹Something that is needed or wanted.

²Sarasvatī Ṭhākura also said at that time, “You both (Gaura-kīśora and Bhaktivinoda) are worshipers of the Crest Jewel of Debauchees [Kṛṣṇa]; therefore, why will you take mercy upon someone devoted to morality like me?” He then recited lines from a song from Śaraṅāgati by his father Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura: karuṇā nā hoile, kāṅdiyā kāṅdiyā, prāṇa nā rākhibo āra: “If you are not merciful to me, then I will constantly weep and weep, no longer being able to maintain my life.” (Śrīla Sarasvatī Ṭhākura by Bhaktikusum Sraman Mahārāja, Śrī Chaitanya Math 1983, pp. 72, 73)

³When Sarasvatī Ṭhākura first approached Bābājī Mahārāja for initiation, he replied, “I once accepted a disciple, but he cheated me and went away. I will not make any further disciples.” (Śrīla Prabhupādera Goloka-vāṅī, a compilation of Bhaktisiddhānta Śrīla Sarasvatī Ṭhākura’s teachings, 2.10, spoken on the tirobhāva-tithi of Gaura-kīśora dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja in 1930, cited on p. 28 of Śrī Bhaktisiddhānta Vaibhava Vol. One by Bhakti Vikāsa Swami.

⁴Śrīla Prabhupādera Hari-kathāmṛtā 1.61, cited in Śrī Bhaktisiddhānta Vaibhava, Vol. One by Bhakti Vikāsa Swami, p. 30.

⁵740313CC.VRN, Bhaktivedanta Vedabase 2003.

Saci Indira Devi Dasi

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

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

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you on this special day of your appearance!

I have no words to thank you enough for what you did for all of us conditioned souls. By always helping others to become Krishna conscious, your whole life was dedicated in the service of Krishna and to your spiritual master. I cannot comprehend how you did it and how it happened. It is mystical. You, yourself took on the responsibility to give everyone the best opportunities so that we could still grow organically in Krishna Consciousness. You gave yourself fully to others, always thinking about how could we be best situated to advance in our Krishna Consciousness and be engaged in the service of pleasing Krishna. This is not ordinarily possible for anyone to do that.

My humble prayer on this glorious day is that you give us the knowledge and strength to serve you properly, to understand you well enough to represent you as you would be represented.

Your humble servant,

Saci Indira devi dasi

Saci Rani Devi Dasi

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

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

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

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

Hare Krishna! Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to you on this auspicious day of your vyas puja!

As I sat down to write this offering, I thought to myself where would I be if it wasn't for you? You have given me the most precious gift of Krishna and for this I will be eternally grateful. You went through such hardship out of your compassion for lost souls like me and gave us the matchless gift.

I would like to repay your kindness in a tiny way by serving at the Bhaktivedanta Manor. Under the leadership of HG Krsnapurna devi dasi we are helping volunteers come closer to Krishna by engaging them in services. I am learning to experience the joy one gets when you connect them with Krishna and help them serve Krishna.

We have begun preparations for Janmastami 2022. For your pleasure, the volunteer team have engaged 1700 volunteers to serve at Janmastami this year and we have completed 33 sessions of volunteer training for Janmastami. Approximately 600 volunteers serve on a regular basis. We have organised sangas for the different service departments over the year to show our appreciation, support them in their service and bring them closer. Last October we launched the monthly Vanaprastha sangas for our volunteers and have started a youth volunteer sanga. We are engaging children in Krishna's service too, for example in samosa making and serving in the goshala. One of our initiatives is to provide a transport service, to bring retired volunteers to the Manor to serve. We have organised various day events and the annual volunteer retreat after a break due to covid. We pray in the coming year we can endeavour to make you proud.

When challenges come my way, I always think of all the challenges you went through and this gives me the determination to carry on to please you. I always think of what you said "Now by the grace of Krishna your talents are being utilized in His service. That is what we require in Krishna Consciousness. We do not require to qualify very extraordinarily to serve Krishna. Krishna is Self-sufficient, He does not require anyone's service, but still the more we render service unto Him the more we become happy." (Letter, May 9, 1970)

I have wasted most of my life, but you always give me hope that is still possible to dedicate whatever time I have left in this material world in serving their Lordships Radha Gokulananda, you and all the vaishnavas in a humble mood. I beg for your blessings and guidance.

With Gratitude

Your insignificant servant of the servant of the servant

Saci Rani devi dasi

Svayam Bhagavan Keshava Swami

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to your divine grace!

Everyday we marvel at your colossal achievements, inexplicable through mundane commentary and logic. Today, however, I'm reflecting on the invisible acts of love and devotion that underpinned the spiritual revolution that you instigated - those times of divine communion which nobody saw. It was the blazing fire of pure devotion hidden within you that powerfully set the world alight. How fascinating is the inner life of a pure devotee!

Struggling in the Delhi heat, crying alone in the wilderness, desperately trying to carve out a plan to fulfill the order of your spiritual master. Nobody was listening, success was sparse, and how exactly Krishna's will would manifest was unclear, yet you continued on as a lone ranger, waiting for the sweet Lord to intervene and reveal His master plan. Nobody saw that struggle.

The lone mendicant in Vrindavana, sweeping the courtyard of the Radha Damodara temple, praying, petitioning and pleading for mercy. The unknown sadhu who sat inconspicuously at the back of the Santipur Temple praying for the blessings of Advaita Acarya. These times went unnoticed. You were positioning yourself to become a divinely empowered instrument of Gaura-Sakti.

Alone on the Jaladuta, writing poems and pouring your heart out to Krishna, an effusive flow of transcendental emotion. The shock of a near death experience at sea, heart attacks that you only spoke about a handful of times. You honestly expressed your heart to Krishna - "I do not know why You have brought me to this terrible place, but clearly You must have a plan. Kindly make me dance as You desire."

In the early mornings, when the whole world was asleep, you rose, chanted, dictated and penned transcendental truths that would nourish generations to come. But it wasn't just a service for the world - it was an outpouring of transcendental ecstasy. The Srimad-Bhagavatam was your best friend, constant companion, and greatest source of happiness. Time alone with Krishna.

In the late evenings, unseen in the public eye and away from the spotlight, you sat in solitude, singing bhajans on your harmonium, drowning in the feelings of the acaryas. You sang again and again - "O my Lord I have uselessly wasted my life, and thus I have knowingly drunk poison" - crying for Krishna, a prema-bhiksu, or beggar of love.

The private life of a pure devotee, ever-rooted in the invisible world. In reality, however, you were never alone - your transcendental consciousness meant you traversed this world in the constant company of Sri Krishna and Sri Guru. Your inside and outside were the same. Always with Krishna, and effortlessly giving Krishna to others.

We can't take the world to a higher place than we have reached internally ourselves. We hold onto you, Srila Prabhupada, and pray you'll introduce us to Krishna. Then we'll try to come back into the world and do something for your glorious mission. Sharing Krishna consciousness with deep compassion and genuine realisation - emissaries of realised philosophy, touching hearts because our own heart has been touched. Diving deeper and reaching out further. Thank you for gifting us such a beautiful adventure to embark upon.

Eternally indebted,

S.B. Keshava Swami

Bhakta Sanket

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to you!

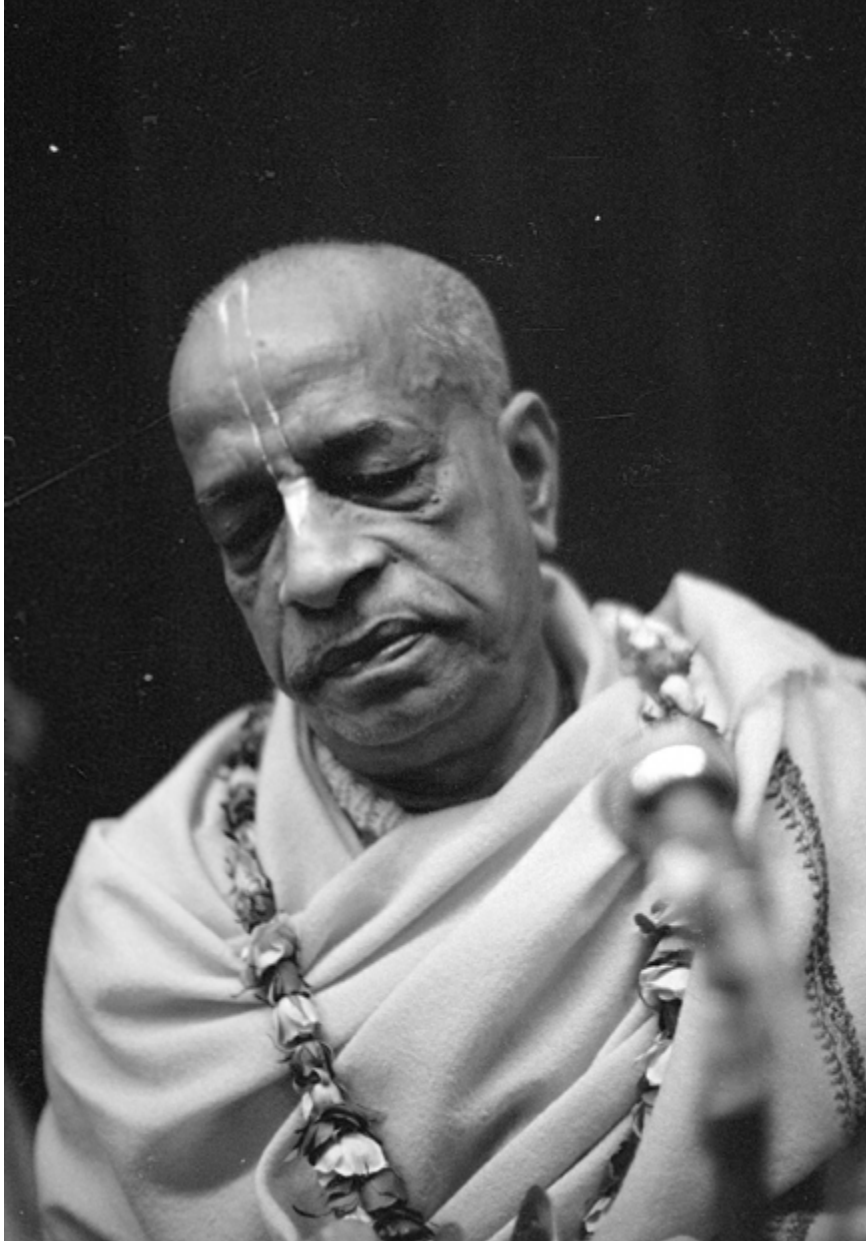
I feel very grateful to you for this fortune over the past year to have stayed here at one of the many temples you established.

In fact, I have so much to be grateful for.

My initial awareness of this movement only came about after visiting this incredible temple which you established.

Thus becoming inspired to learn more, I learnt the basics of the philosophy by reading your Bhagavad Gita As It Is - it completely changed my outlook on life.

By the preaching strategies of your devotees at my university I received regular association, which has ended up being life-changing.



Inspired by them, I spent ten days at a retreat in New Mayapur (yet another temple you created) and finally started regularly chanting the Mahamantra which you propagated to all corners of the earth.

Now here at Bhaktivedanta Manor, everyday I get to participate in the morning program which you created.

Just this weekend during the morning classes we were hearing about Krishna and Srimati Radharani - such elevated topics that we would never have access to if it hadn't been for you coming on your own to the West, and expertly translating and commenting on the highest vedic literatures.

By your and your devotees' mercy I have been able to render a little service (although my consciousness is far from devotional). Some of my service here has involved helping new devotees coming into the temple. Seeing the time and effort involved in training them gives me new appreciation for how much you were able to do in the limited time that you had with people who were completely new to vedic knowledge and culture.

Last week I was out on the streets, distributing your books and so many people recognised us as 'Hare Krishna's' - in this way I personally experienced how you and your mission has been so successful in spreading the Holy Name to every town and village and thus fulfilling the prophecy of Lord Caitanya.

Everything you did was completely selfless, completely for the pleasure of the Lord and his devotees and I pray that one day I may be able to have a small drop of this mood.

Your aspiring, insignificant servant,

Bhakta Sanket

Sankirtan-priya Das

*Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
Namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine nirvishesha-
shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine
Om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjan- salakaya
Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah
titiksavah karunikah
suhrdah sarva-dehinam
ajata-satravah santah
sadhavah sadhu-bhusanah*

Dear Śrīlā Prabhupāda

Please accept my humble obeisance.

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

Another year has gone by in trying to serve you and your mission here at Bhaktivedanta Manor. The School of Bhakti, your education facility and Bhakti Vriksha, your preaching sanga are growing nicely as you would like it. Of course, there are always some challenges but they can be overcome with your blessings.

Thank you for always guidance me and helping me to serve Their Lordships, Sri Sri Radha Gokulananda, Sri Sri Sita Ram Laxman Hanuman and Sri Sri Gaura Nitai. With your help I endeavour to serve Them, hopefully to Their satisfaction. During the execution of my services I face many challenges and disagreements, but with your help and guidance I'm able to work through the challenges and progress in my devotional services.

Later on this year I will be travelling to East-Africa to preach and with your blessings bring Krishna Consciousness to them. Please continue to bless me as we celebrate your Vyasa puja in 2022 that I can get spiritual strength in the execution of my devotional service for you and The Lord, and get closer Him.

Your servant,

Sankirtan-priya das

Smara Hari Das

Dear Srila Prabhupada. Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to you!

This year by the mercy of your disciple I was accepted into this parampara as your spiritual grandson. I would like to thank you for all the moon like devotees that you attracted whilst on this earth who have carried forward your message for us all in the last 50 years. I pray I can become a true servant of those devotees. Just like in a telescope the more mirrors there are, the bigger the picture. In the same way I hope that by serving my spiritual master, and all those devotees that have made your instructions one with their hearts. I will gain a clearer picture of you, and despite being far removed, become completely attached to your lotus feet.

Your aspiring servant

Smara Hari Das

Sriji Kishori Devi Dasi

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you

Here's a poem I prepared specially for you.

Entitled "Little Did I know then".

When you visited Malaysia in 1972

Little did I know then what Krishna was planning to do

There was widespread publicity that an exalted Swamji

was going to reveal the truth about life's miseries

To give us an insight of how our daily plight

Was yearning for a great spiritual height

That being engulfed by Maya

Was just enticing us even further
But how, Swamiji, we all did ask
Cos it seems like a difficult task?
Little did I know then that Krishna empowered you
to rid us of impurities that stuck on us like glue
Little did I know then that the miracle cure was to chant and be happy
And experience the bliss of the hippies
who did just that and were happy happy happy
Little did I know then that when I paid my humble obeisances
at your Lotus Feet
That Krishna had designed a plan
To lift me out of the frying pan
Little did I know then
That one day I'd write this affectionate poem
To express my gratitude
for being able to serve you.
We remember you with much adoration
And for guiding us with your light of wisdom

Happy Appearance Day Dear Srila Prabhupada

Poem written and compiled by Sriji Kisori Devi Dasi (Santosh Sharma)

23/7/2022

Sri Kama Dasi

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhutale srimate
bhaktivedanta-swamin iti namine namas te saraswate deve gaura-vani-
pracharine nirvishesha shunyavadi pashchatya desha tarine*

Dear Srila Prabhupada, as I sit here reflecting on the worsening activities and consciousness of the world and its leaders, I wonder why many devotees have not taken your words and instructions to heart. You clearly were guided by the Lord in envisioning the future and thus encouraged us many times in talks and in your books, to protect the devotees and the younger generations from the now obvious onslaught of kali yuga. You said we should set up self sufficient communities away from towns and only have preaching centres in the cities. You again and again reiterated that the leaders and scientists are corrupt and are indeed rakshasas whose aim is to usurp Gods kingdom for their own greed and sensual pleasure and eventually eliminate worship of the divine.

You wanted us to live in farm communities as they are vital for association of devotees and the wellbeing of our children and elders (many of whom are sadly neglected) and to support each other in these dangerous times.

You wanted us to be ready to offer shelter to the many people who will run to us for help and survival, and through association of the devotees will take to Krishna Consciousness.

Without the knowledge that you are my well wisher and only connection to the spiritual abode of Krishna, I too would be floundering like the masses, confused, numb and fearful. Instead You have brought transcendental pleasure and joy through chanting, dancing, feasting and seva to the supreme personality Krishna which is the sublime process to get out of this material realm and return back home back to Godhead.

Dear Prabhupada, you are truly 'your Divine Grace' whose purity and loving relationship with Krishna is unsurpassed. You exhibit all the special qualities of the pure devotee and of these your loving care and compassion clearly stands out, especially in this world where humaneness and mercy are rapidly disappearing. You always, and still do, show so much care and love for your devotees, a truly loving father and grandfather in every way.

Your incredible journey, giving all of yourself, to save the fallen souls in the true spirit of Lord Caitanya and Nityananda is unique and still leaves me in wonderment every time I reflect on it.

Now is also the time for a renaissance of worldwide harinams to counteract the demonic forces (as it was when you were here in your physical form). Where has the urgency gone that you instilled in us? Jiv jago!

I pray to you again that we can honour your instructions and urgently put our energy and resources into setting up farm communities and also give shelter to the sick and elderly devotees who gave their youth to help you in your ISKCON mission.

Please keep inspiring our hearts through your books and words of wisdom and truth and bless us with a drop of your compassion for You are the foremost benefactor of transcendental love, care and compassion for all.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your mercy,

Your aspiring disciple,

Sri Kama dasi

Srinivas Das

Please accept my humble obeisances on this special day of your appearance in this world to uplift the fallen souls. Jesus Christ also said what is the use of gaining all the world if you lose your immortal soul. In the modern world people think after leaving the body, the soul becomes void or merges into the energy. In the purports to Bhagavad Gita As It Is, Nectar of Devotion, Srimad Bhagavatam, Caitanya Caritamrta, Srila Prabhupada, you show the way how to understand things properly.

In the Bhagavad Gita As It Is chapter 2, verse 12, Krishna is saying I am Krishna now, in the past I was Krishna and in the future I shall be Krishna. Krishna never says that the jiva merges into him. In the Nectar of Devotion you show the defect of the mayavada philosophy - how they say the rivers merge into the ocean. But Srila Prabhupada, you point out into in the ocean there are aquatics, sharks, who have individuality. For a devotee to keep individuality, to serve Krishna is important. In the Srimad Bhagavatam sixth canto, the story of Diti you show the potency of devotional service. In the Caitanya Caritamrta, in the story of Sivananda Sena, you show how by the mercy the mercy of Lord Caitanya even a street dog goes back to Godhead. In the teaching of Queen Kunti you point out how the souls shine connection with Krishna is a direct example.

People don't just say shine but they say sun-shine. In the same way our connection to Krishna is very close. If it was not for the sacrifices you made for writing these books, many of us would have been lost. Srila Prabhupada bless me on this day that I can live the scriptures and go deep in chanting the holy name, serving Vaisnavas, and help the fallen souls.

Srinivas Das

Brahmacari

Sripati Das

In a world of limit, margin, mundanity and conditionality, how is it possible to expect a result from even the supermost exertion towards an apt appreciation of Your Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami?

Yet by your focus of purpose, Srila Prabhupada, imbibed at your master's feet, you aid us with the solution: the Mayaic World has magic within! In the hands of one intent on repurposing and returning all - responding to its inherent Ownership - the clouds of illusion part and clarity ensues!

By this proposition there may actually be some degree of hope that these naive and brief words can scratch the surface of validity. Hare Krishna.

DEBITUM AETERNUM

Thank you, thank you, thank you

And how, how,

How can I repay?

I'll owe you, owe you, owe you

Beyond my dying day!

A journeyman at your feet,

Sripati dasa

April 2022. Devon U.K.

Urjesvari Devi Dasi

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te saraswate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you!

My first memory of you is when I saw you sitting on the Vyasa-asana in the temple room during my first visit to an ISKCON temple. I can still vividly remember the moment, I walked in and thought you were really present in the room. It was only after a good few minutes before I plucked up the courage and looked at you properly that I noticed that you were there in your deity form.

I often think back to that moment as it was such a powerful experience to feel your presence so strongly. I have realised over the years since then that you are very much present and not just in all the ISKCON temple rooms all over the world but also, in every preaching moment, in every kirtan and harinam, in every class and of course in your magical books. You are present in every service giving us all your empowerment, mercy and guidance. I feel your presence when I associate with your dear disciples, for they carry you in their hearts always. I pray that I don't ever take your presence for granted and may I always remember to turn to you.

By your mercy you have engaged me in services at the Bhaktivedanta Manor, a project so dear to your heart. I feel humbled and so grateful for this opportunity! I pray that I can please you and the Vaisnavas.

To say that you have saved my life, feels like an understatement. What offering can I give to you, words are not enough to express my gratitude and my actions fall short of any meaningful contribution to what you have given me. All I can offer is myself at your service.

Your humble servant,

Urjesvari Devi Dasi

Bhakta Vinay Tanna

He Shows Way

To Our Eternal Guru Srila Prabhupada

He stirs our soul
He awakens the self
He reminds us our goal,
He turns the key
He chants the Mantra
He pours the ghee
He lights the lamp
He serves the Lord,
He cleans the pots
He milks the cows
He writes the books
He churns the mind
He prepares the feast,
He clears the path
He takes us home
He swings the Lord
He stops the roam
He shows the way.

Srila Prabhupada Ki Jai



Visakha Dasi

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhutale
śrīmate bhaktivedānta svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

Srila Prabhupada, to consider the depth and breadth of what you've gifted us - your followers - is to be staggered by its immensity and profundity. You've given us transcendental knowledge along with a bona fide process to realise it. You've given us a society that supports transcendental knowledge - a society that immerses us in values and goals, habits and perspectives that benefit us spiritually and materially.

Through you, Srila Prabhupada, Krishna's magic has touched our hearts and heads and has set us on a new course through life's choppy and treacherous waves. You, our North Star, enable us to navigate through an increasingly bizarre and erratic world that seems set in a downward spiral.

Through you we're learning to distinguish reality from illusion, and we're seeing that illusion (everything that's temporary) is everywhere. You've turned our attention from the temporary to the lasting, from material desire and attachment to spiritual beauty and enchantment - to Krishna's world. You've given us access to profound reality.

In Krishna's alluring material energy, we face powers that dwarf ours and are bent on keeping us in their grip. How can we possibly free ourselves? Yet we're confident of success. By your grace we have the holy names, the scriptures, the Deities, the dhams and most importantly, the community of Vaisnavas. Your example of resolute determination gives us the will to keep going despite our weaknesses and failings. Because of you, Srila Prabhupada, we want to progress spiritually.

Srila Prabhupada, you tell us “A joker’s activities simply arouse laughter, and a person who tries to repay the spiritual master or teacher of the transcendental message of Krishna becomes a laughingstock just like a joker because it is not possible to repay such a debt.” (SB 4.22.47 purport) The more we understand the magnitude of what you’ve bequeathed us, the more we understand how ridiculous it is to think we can ever repay our debt to you.

And yet we try. Each day we feel our indebtedness, and each day we offer some small service to you in the hope of pleasing you.

Your servant

Visakha Dasi

Vrindavan Chandra Das

Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to Your Divine Grace.

Today we gather to observe your divine appearance day in this world. It is a day of great celebration for us nitya baddha jivas. Your divine appearance has completely changed our destinies from one of being condemned to one of having access to the highest destination. How indebted we are to you for showing us such unfathomable compassion? Your journey to show us this compassion was not easy in the least. You suffered heart attacks, sacrificed your health with practically very little rest, endured poverty, tolerated extreme weather conditions, fought vicious opponents and endured innumerable other obstacles. Such is the love you showed us!

Every day I try to watch and listen to your disciples recount their memories in service to you. These are the best times of my day. I experience great satisfaction and joy hearing about your transcendental activities and instructions.

My main service to you is in connection with your books. You have benedicted this world with numerous transcendental gifts Srila Prabhupada, but the gift of your books stands out as your most beautiful gift. You exist eternally in your written words. Anyone who comes in contact with the knowledge you brought us experiences an undeniable sense of power and freedom unlike anything one has ever experienced before. This sense of power and freedom is unlike the egotistical and tyrannical sense of power which we have chased after for countless of lifetimes, but it is a liberating

and blissful sense of power and freedom which comes when we realise who we really are - pure living entities who are parts and parcels and eternal servants of Krishna.

I recently heard a beautiful story, told to us by His Holiness Chandramauli Swami Maharaj during a Shrimad Bhagavatam class at Bhaktivedanta Manor, which conveyed to me in a new and profound way how you exist in your books. Maharaj was relating to us how he once went through an intense period of reading your Shrimad Bhagavatam. For hours and hours, he would read your words. At some point in time something miraculous started to take place. He experienced that he was now longer reading your words, but he could hear you speak every word to him! Indeed, you are non-different from your books Srila Prabhupada. Through your books you share with us your personal realisations and ecstasies.

Thank you for all you have done for us Srila Prabhupada. We remain eternally indebted to Your Divine Grace.

Your servant of servants,

Vrindavan Chandra das

Vrindadevi Dasi

Nama Om Visnu Padaya Krsna presthaya bhu-tale

Srimate Bhaktivedanta Svamin iti namine

Namaste Sarasvate deve Gauravani pracarine

Nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatya desa tarine

My dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to Your Divine Grace.

Srila Prabhupada today is the 126th anniversary of your appearance on this material plane. This world has not and will not know a more accomplished teacher or a greater exponent of Krishna Bhakti than Your Divine Grace.

You have come to reclaim all the conditioned souls of this age and guide them on the path leading home, back to Godhead.

Krsna surya sama maya haya andhakara

Jahan Krsna tahan nahi mayara adhikara

Krishna is like the sun and Maya is darkness. Where there is Krishna there cannot be Maya.

Srila Prabhupada, how fortunate I am to have received your mercy and guidance through the medium of your transcendental literature and your devotees. I feel extremely blessed that since a young age my life has been touched by your unconditional mercy and compassion. Your mercy and compassion have determined the course and destiny of my life, rescuing it from darkness and directing it to the path illuminated by the sun of Krishna.

Srila Prabhupada you are the teacher who teaches by example, the most illustrious acarya, the world has known. You left the comfort of your familiar surroundings in Sri Vrndavana Dhama and undertook the herculean task of establishing Krishna consciousness in the western world. You have successfully executed the order of your spiritual master, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, despite all the odds and at tremendous personal inconvenience.

You were driven only by the divine duty to follow your spiritual master's instruction and your unlimited compassion to save us from a life devoid of Krishna consciousness.

Srila Prabhupada, today, every day and eternally I offer you my heartfelt gratitude. I am extremely grateful and proud to belong to your family Srila Prabhupada, as your granddaughter. O grand spiritual master, I pray to you to please help me on this path, please protect my delicate spiritual creeper and shield me with your kindness and love as I go through this turbulent life of tests and tribulations. As I travel on this bumpy road and encounter newer hurdles, please appear in my heart and soothe my disturbed and distraught mind. Please allow this mind to take shelter of you, your instructions and your representatives who embody your teachings and your compassion.

May your fame be spread all over the three worlds.

We take shelter at your lotus feet.

With love

Your eternally grateful grand disciple,

Vrndadevi Dasi

Yadurani Devi Dasi

Dearest Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your soft lotus feet

All glories to you Srila Prabhupada

On your Vyasapuja day I wish to express my deepest gratitude to you Srila Prabhupada. You are my most Dearest Spiritual Grandfather.

Ever since I was attracted to Sri Sri Radha Gokulananda from the age of seven I feel that you have been in my life guiding me and nurturing me although not known to me. I read many of your books at a very young age but did not really understand them. However, they have definitely made an impact to my spiritual life. Your beautiful deities of Sri Sri Radha Gokulananda have kept me spellbound throughout my life. Thank you so much Srila Prabhupada for creating this wonderful temple and providing all your books in the English language.

Having lived through both a material life and spiritual life in my younger years it dawned on me in my later years that I had always wanted to be in Krishna consciousness. It was then that my life made a turn towards spirituality in a more serious way.

I feel you have always looked after me and had interest in me becoming part of your family. If it was not for you where would I have been.

You so kindly arranged for His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami to shower his blessings on me.

You so kindly arranged for me to have service at Bhaktivedanta Manor. You so kindly arranged for me to get to know you and appreciate you more and more through hospitality service and through listening to your classes and reading your books. You so kindly arrange for my Krishna consciousness to continue.

Many a time you have helped me from the onslaught of maya. Many times you have saved me from veering away from Krishna consciousness You have given me many chances to stay on this path and you kindly continue to help me and guide me. You kindly give me newer and newer services and keep me engaged in these.

You have allowed me to take to Krishna consciousness slowly and continue to shower your blessings and mercy upon me.

Thank you so much Srila Prabhupada for allowing me to be part of your family. Please continue to bless me and use me as an instrument to help others come to your lotus feet.

Please help me to serve you and your devotees with continued enthusiasm under your shelter and blessings.

Please forgive me for all my faults known or unknown.

Your most insignificant granddaughter

Yadurani devi das

Bhakta Yash Kara

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

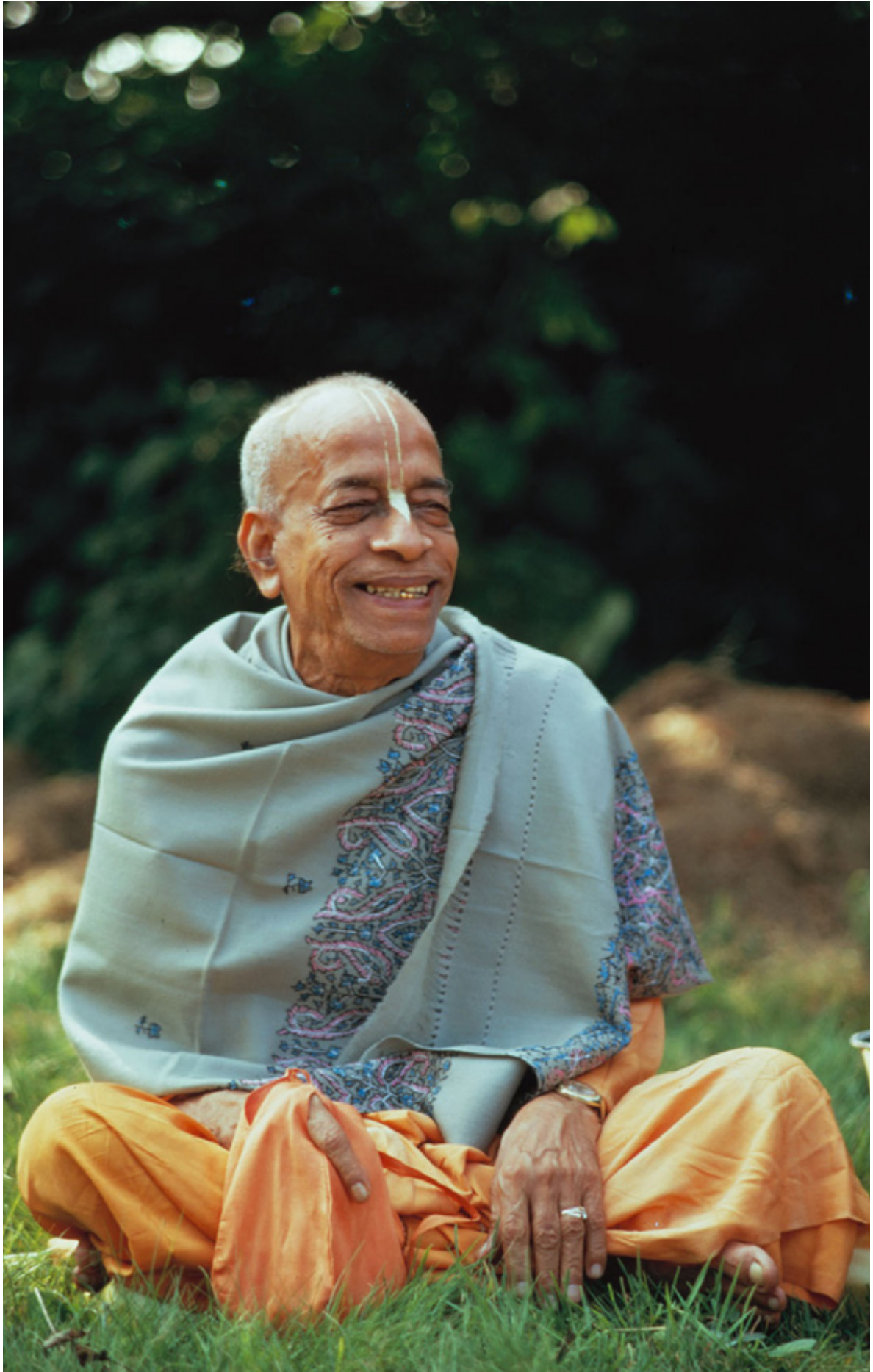
On the occasion of your divine appearance anniversary, I just wanted to express my sincerest gratitude. There are so many gifts you have provided for advancing spiritually, including: books which contain the highest wisdom ever known; a mantra that is complete in itself for achieving love of God; numerous temples to seek spiritual shelter and peace; as well as the association of many loving and exemplary devotees. These gifts were painstakingly distributed, open to anyone and everyone. These gifts are unmatched in the history of the universe. Why? For there has rarely been a time before when the highest goal of life, is made accessible to so many such as myself, despite lacking in all qualification.

Yet, in spite of being a recipient of such mercy, I am still very ungrateful. If I was truly appreciative, I would have great enthusiasm for book distribution, keen taste for chanting, a real desire to serve at the temple and an eagerness to take shelter of devotees. Yet, I lack this all.

On this day, I simply pray to take full advantage of the gifts you have provided. Please help me to really appreciate how the philosophy, chanting, temples and devotee association, are truly the greatest treasures - for they enable one to be elevated from the land of the temporary, to the abode of the eternal.

Your humble servant,

Yash Karia



Hare Krishna
Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna
Hare Hare

Hare Rama
Hare Rama
Rama Rama
Hare Hare

“The best way to establish our relation in transcendental sweetness is to approach Him through His recognized devotees. One should not try to establish the relation directly; there must be a medium which is transparent and competent to lead us to the right path.”

~ His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada
(Srimad-Bhagavatam 1.9.22)



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