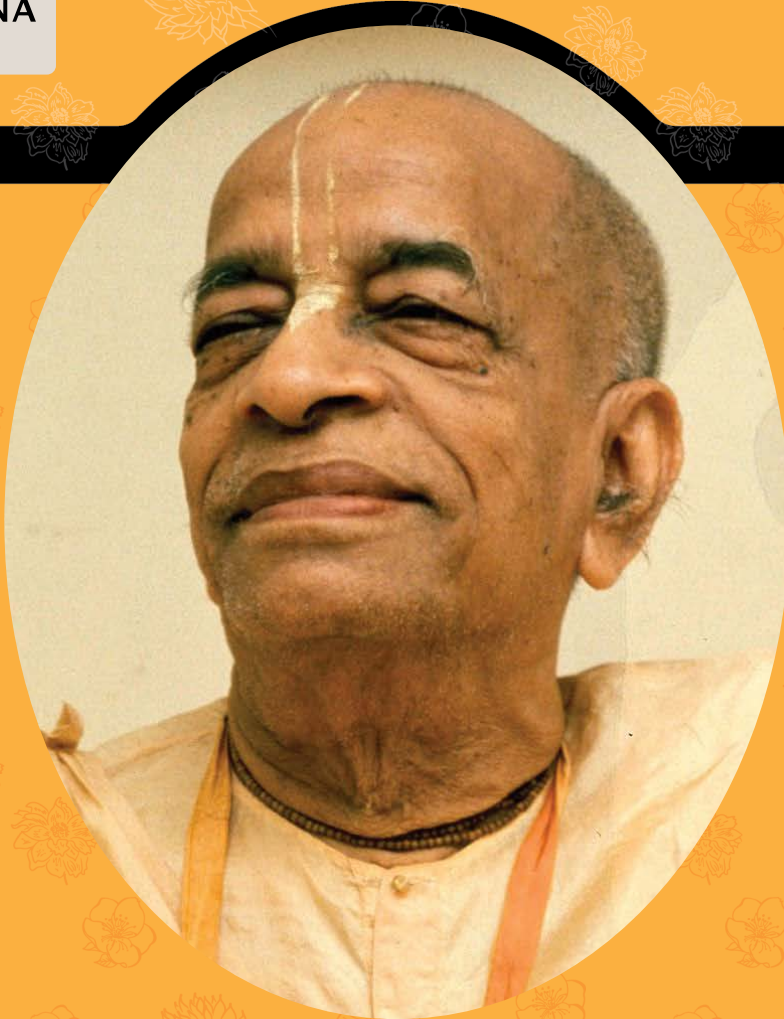


Śrī Vyāsa Pūjā 2025



HARE
KRISHNA
SOCIETY



Celebrating the Divine Appearance of
Our Beloved Spiritual Master

His Divine Grace
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda

Founder-Ācārya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness

August 17, 2025

Śrī Vyāsa Pūjā

Celebrating the Divine Appearance of
Our Beloved Spiritual Master

His Divine Grace

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda

Founder-Ācārya of the
International Society for Krishna Consciousness

© 2025 Hare Krishna Society

All Rights Reserved

harekrishnasociety.org



**HARE
KRISHNA
SOCIETY**

“I wish that each and every branch shall keep their separate identity and cooperate keeping the acharya in the center. On this principle we can open any number of branches all over the world.”

– Śrīla Prabhupāda (Letter, February 11, 1967)

Offerings

Bhakta Akash	6
Bhaktin Amber	7
Anda Bahya devi dasi	8
Anubhavananda dasa	10
Balaram das	12
Dasavatar das	16
Daya Rupa Devi Dasi	17
Dhira Govinda dasa	19
Gopika Priya devi dasi	22
Hari Katha Dasa.....	23
Hari Prana devi dasi	24
Haripada dasa.....	26
Bhakta Hariprasad and Bhaktin Himangi	27
Imre Horvath	31
Bhakta Jeff	32
Jiva Goswami das	35
Kersi Mehta	36
Kirtan Priya devi dasi	38
Krishna Katha dasa	39
Bhaktin Krishnokoli	40
Neel Shyama Das.....	42
Bhakta Pierangelo	43

Prema Rupa Devi Dasi	45
Rahul Sah	46
Rama Raghava dasa	49
Ramya devi dasi.....	50
Rocisa Devi dasi	52
Bhaktin Roxy	53
Rupa Goswami das	54
Sameer Epari.....	65
Bhaktin Shreya	66
Shyamasundara das	68
Sri RadheyHari Dasi.....	70
Bhaktin Sushma	72
Bhaktin Susila Rajan	73
Svarat dasa	74
Bhakta Vaibhav Borde.....	76
Venkata bhatta dasa	78
Bhaktin Veronica.....	79
Vijaya Pandita dasa.....	80
Bhakta Vinay Sandeep	82
Viprahita Dasa and Rasikesvari Devi Dasi.....	83
Visvakarma dasa	84
Yasoda nandana dasa	89

Offerings



Bhakta Akash

India

*namaḥ oṃ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmine iti nāmine*

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

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vāṇi-pracarine
nirviṣeṣa-śūṇyavādi-paścātya-deśa-tarine*

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

My dear master, All glories unto you. Please accept my humble obeisances unto your divine Lotus feet.

My lord, I cannot express how grateful I'm to have come under your shelter. You are the most compassionate, who could be more compassionate than you? You are unlimitedly merciful, for otherwise how could a pretentious rascal like me, whose only business is dwelling in the darkness of ignorance, receive the greatest gift of Kṛṣṇa consciousness?

It is truly my misfortune that I cannot yet fully appreciate the glories of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, being entangled in the modes of passion and ignorance. I have neither good birth nor good qualities, yet your mercy saw no such disqualification in me. You have kindly given me the opportunity to solve the problem of repeated birth and death.

My dear master, I resolve to give up my harmful tendency of taking your mission casually. I will begin to take things seriously and strive to become a useful instrument in this glorious movement.

Your most fallen servant,
Bhakta Akash

Bhaktin Amber

USA

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to your divine mission. All glories to your tireless service to Śrī Kṛṣṇa and Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu.

Since 1986, I have carried in my heart the desire to be counted among your disciples. Though unqualified and often distracted, the wish has never faded. Like a small candle protected from the wind, that desire still burns - because you lit it.

You are the compassionate ācārya who crossed the ocean not for wealth, not for fame, but to deliver the eternal chanting of the holy name to souls like me, lost, but now remembering. It is by your mercy that the mahā-mantra – Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare / Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare – resounds in cities and countrysides across the world.

You gave us not only the name of Kṛṣṇa, but also His form, His pastimes, His teachings, His devotees, and above all, a way to serve Him. Your books are like divine torches lighting up the path in this dark age. I have tried to read them, live them, and share them, but I know I have only touched the surface.

Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are my eternal śikṣā-guru. Even if I was not present during your manifest pastimes, I know you through your words. You once said, “I will never die. I will live forever in my books.” And it’s true. When I read, I feel your presence. When I chant, I remember your voice. When I serve, I beg for your glance.

Please bless me with steady devotion, deep humility, and sincere service. Let me remember you always. Let me follow your instructions and bring at least one soul closer to Kṛṣṇa. Let me one day be counted among those who can truthfully say: “I am Prabhupāda’s.”

On this sacred day of your appearance, I bow at your feet with gratitude, reverence, and a deep prayer:

Please allow me to serve you, life after life.

Your aspiring servant,

Bhaktin Amber

Vyāsa-pūjā 2025

Anda Bahya devi dasi

USA

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-presthtaya butale
srimate bhaktivedanta-swamin iti namine
names te saraswate deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha shunyavadi pashchatya desha tarine*

Your grace, my Spiritual Master: AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Shrila Prabhupada, you are very dear to Lord Krishna having taken shelter at His lotus feet. My respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanya and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism. I take shelter of your golden lotus feet life after life.

May you always be merciful towards this very fallen and lowly rascal who loves you with no bounds. Please rain your mercy upon me life after life.

*bhave bhave yathā bhaktiḥ pādayos tava jāyate |
tathā kuruṣva deveśa nāthas tvaṁ no yataḥ prabho*

I have been remembering the first time in this life that I met you. I was just a 7- or 8-year-old little girl. I was walking on the sidewalk with my mother in Boise Idaho (1964 or 65). You were on the other side of the street walking towards us and we towards you. You stopped and looked at me from across the street and we stopped and looked back at you. No words were spoken, yet I heard in my heart “When you get older, be like me.” I later repeated that to my mother, that I needed to be like that man, and she just smiled at me with no comments. It took until 1995 for me to join the movement in Denver, Colorado.

I was getting different visions and very real dreams about many things along the way and many mystical experiences showing me that I was not this body. I received the 1st canto when I was about 16 years old, and it became my favorite book. But, I wandered around in illusion looking for love and mysticism running into many psychics who would give me tidbits of what my future would hold. Those predictions, almost all of them came to pass. But, more recent visions and dreams are to still be fulfilled.

I was in search of a true guru of truth to guide me and finally in 1995 was led to you by your causeless mercy through my prayers to Lord Jesus who was my guru since birth. Through him I was guided to the Denver Temple. Because of being very interested in Astrology, Yoga, Vegetarianism and Spirituality, it was the perfect fit. Being elated to finally find you through your videos, books, your senior disciples, dreams and visions, I made a commitment to be your faithful servant. But, first I had to go through my own purification by joining a crooked system that had captured and perverted

your teachings, I was stuck in that system for 27 long years until 2020. With the help of your sincere devotees I found my way back to you again and am blessed to now get your original teachings, via your sincere and merciful devotees.

Oh Master, you are the truth, the light and the way, and you have come to claim your disciples as unworthy as some of us are. You are the writer of the Lawbooks ruling over ten thousand years of this Kali-yuga. From you ecstatic prema emanates, by you ignorance is destroyed. You opened my darkened eyes and filled my heart with transcendental knowledge. Please rescue and strengthen me, pull me out of my addiction for worldly entanglements and free me from repeated birth and death. Please let me serve you the way that you like, the way that satisfies you the most.

I am most grateful to you for giving me a wonderful husband who keeps me on my toes spiritually speaking. Also, so grateful for this big garden project you have so mercifully given also, very grateful for all the devotee association and so grateful for our good health and wellness. Thank you for giving us a morning program to start our day off right! Thank you for our beautiful Deities! Thank you for our personal library of all your original books! Thank you for my Siksa guru Yasodanandana Prabhu!

My dear spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada your merciful murti is still in all the temples taking the sins of your followers. You knew that the moon landing was a hoax, you knew that Raksasa demons are in charge of the world and are cannibals even within the walls of your centers. You knew that in this age the world has to fight against oppression, lies and communism. You knew that we needed Varnashram societies to survive what is to come. You told us and you knew that we were not living on a flat earth!

You knew that the Hindus would water it down and take over the movement if we let them. You know who poisoned you and who disobeyed your every order. Your divine order of offering first to you, has been reversed and improper so now the devotees are no longer getting Prasad in the temples, they no longer can read your original books there and are paid against your command and now doing work instead of service. Your crooked disciples stole your temples and your faithful devotees were pushed into the streets. The wayward sanyasis are doing philanthropic works, something that you preached to them against doing. You ordered no more sanyasis but, they continue to disobey your orders. Your gurukuls were turned into places of torture and abuse, ruining any chance for the youth to carry on the mission. You ordered that the system you wanted was that the 11 Ritviks you appointed were to continue as ritviks henceforward...You wanted us to expose all of it! And you are certain of your victory over all of it!!! Your soldiers wait for the command!!! Let there be all victory!!!

Your fallen servant,
Anda Bahya dd

Anubhavananda dasa

USA

All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada!
I still remain your sold-out dog
blinded by the dirtiest smog
Still, Lord Krishna, I sadly forgot.

I still remain your eternal beggar
begging to cooperate together
with your disciples for your pleasure
So I may know life's only treasure.

Condemned by countless lives of sin
It seems impossible to ever win
and control my restless mind
and fulfill the goal of humankind
to revive my eternal soul divine
So with love it may brightly shine.

I'm stuck in a hopeless demise
Prabhupada, force open my eyes
from not being self-realized
living for only countless lies.

Still birth after birth after birth
I beg you to show me my worth
I remain under this bad curse
O guru of the whole universe.

I beg you to return to this earth
I am still chasing after a skirt
My heart is still buried in the dirt
Things are only growing worse.

When oh when oh when oh when
Will I transcend to know my friend
with no beginning and with no end
When shall I return home again?

When shall I study thy holy texts
When shall I pass all your tests
and feel I am really blessed
with Krishna consciousness.

When shall I know my real love
And know what, I am a spark of
Dearest Prabhupada, I am yours
keep me fighting to win my wars
I must know the Lord of all lords
I must know what I am living for.

When shall tears of love pour like rain
When shall I chant Krishna's names
with your disciples beyond all pains
in Lord Krishna's service, fully engaged.

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna!
Krishna Krishna Hare Hare!
Hare Rama Hare Rama!
Rama Rama Hare Hare!!!

copy anubhavananda dasa 2025

Balaram das

Australia

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

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

Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Bhaktisiddhānta 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,

My most humble dandavats at your lotus feet, which are the only shelter for sincere souls endeavouring to escape the clutches of Kali-yuga. All glories unto you, the Founder and current Acarya of your ISKCON. The official ISKCON Certificate of Incorporation of an Association, clearly defines your unique position as ACARYA>>>

#18 ACARYA “It is declared that His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada is the Founder-Acarya of the International Society for Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. It is acknowledged by all members of the Society that His Divine Grace is the Supreme Authority in all matters relating to the Society. It is further declared and acknowledged that as such **his position (of Acarya), cannot be occupied or shared with any other individual, either during his lifetime or after his death** and because of holding such position, his name and Title appears on all documents, letterheads, publications and buildings of the Society.” Imposters beware!

It is now 53 years since I was first blessed with a fraction of your mercy, in the form of your transcendental books. ‘Easy Journey to Other Planets’ was gifted to me by a close friend and immediately I felt at last, here is a genuine person who not only understands the nature of transcendence, but can convey the message in such pure and simple form....

‘*Amśa* means part and parcel. So Kṛṣṇa is the Supreme Spirit, and we are part and parcel. We are also spirit, but we are not supreme. That is the difference. *Svayaṁ bhagavān, kṛṣṇa ekale īśvara*. So actually, *īśvara* means the controller. The supreme controller is Kṛṣṇa.’ (CC Class Adi-Lila 7.8 Vṛndāvana, March 15, 1974)

Books are the basis, preaching is the essence & purity is the force. With these weapons you carried out the order of your Divine Spiritual Master, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Maharaj, coming to the Western countries when they were not only filled with impersonalism and voidism, but rife with absolute hedonism. Your arrival in Boston Harbor aboard the Jaladuta on September 17th, 1965, at 5:30a.m. marked the most auspicious event in the history of the Western countries. The 60 Years Anniversary of this most glorious day is very soon to be celebrated on 12th September and we remember what you endured on that transcendental voyage. Lord Kṛṣṇa was the Captain of your ship and now you are the Captain of our ship to cross over the dangerous ocean of Kali yuga.

Srila Prabhupada, you so clearly define the eternal nature and relationship of the Supreme Lord Kṛṣṇa and the living entities in all your transcendental books and classes. Just hearing from you this morning....

‘Kṛṣṇa is not forcing Arjuna—That is individuality’.

“Kṛṣṇa says in the *Bhagavad-gītā*, *vedāhaṁ samatītāni* [Bg. 7.26]. He knows past, present and future. He says, therefore, that “All these, My dear Arjuna---yourself, Myself and all the soldiers and kings who have assembled here---it is not that we were not existing before. We are existing at the present moment also, and in future also we shall continue to exist.” And how we shall exist? Individually. Otherwise Kṛṣṇa would have said that in future, when we become liberated, then we shall become one. No. He says, “Even in future also, we shall continue to exist like this. You are individual. You are Arjuna. I am Kṛṣṇa. And all other living entities...” That is real understanding. Every one of us living entities, we are all individual person, and Kṛṣṇa is also individual person. This is knowledge. *Nityo nityānām cetanaś cetanānām eko yo bahūnām vidadhāti kāmān* [*Kaṭha Upaniṣad* 2.2.13]. Kṛṣṇa, or God, He’s also *nitya*, eternal. We are also *nitya*, eternal. *Na hanyate hanyamāne śarīre* [Bg. 2.20]. We do not die. That is the preliminary knowledge of spiritual understanding, that “I am not this body; I am spirit soul, ahaṁ brahmāsmi, but I am individual.” *Nityo nityānām*. Kṛṣṇa is individual person; I am also individual person. When Kṛṣṇa says that *sarva-dharmān parityajya mām ekaṁ śaraṇaṁ vraja* [Bg. 18.66], it does not mean that I become one with Kṛṣṇa or merge into the existence of Kṛṣṇa. I keep my individuality, Kṛṣṇa keeps His individuality, but I agree to abide by His order. Therefore Kṛṣṇa says in the *Bhagavad-gītā* to Arjuna that “I have spoken to you everything. Now what is your decision?” Individual. It is not that Kṛṣṇa is forcing Arjuna. *Yathechasi tathā kuru* [Bg. 18.63] = “Now whatever you like, can do.” That is individuality.”

(Sri Caitanya Caritamṛta Adi-līla 7.7 Māyāpur, March 9, 1974 Class)

You always stated the authorized Acarya’s vāṇī is more important than personal vapu, although of course that was very special nectar. We must become greedy for reading your original unadulterated transcendental Vaisnava literatures and especially hearing your classes.

Srila Prabhupada, your divine appearance was foretold as Mahaprabhu's 'Senapati Bhakta' 500 years ago by Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu Himself...

*nama-guna-sankirtana vaisnavera shakti
prakasa karibe ami nija prema-bhakti*

*ei mate kali-papa karibe sanhara
sabe cala age pache na kara vichara*

*ebe nama sankirtana tikshna khadga laiya
antara asura jivera phelibe katiya*

*yadi papi chadi dharma dure dese yaya
mora senapati-bhakta yaibe tathaya*

“Chanting of the name & qualities of Krsna is the life & energy of the Vaisnavas. I will reveal these activities & rejuvenate pure devotional service unto Myself. In this way, I will destroy all the sins in Kali Yuga. So all of you, My associates, go ahead and take birth on the earthly planet before My advent and don't remain behind. Taking the sharp sword of the congregational chanting of the Hare Krsna mantra, I will root out & destroy the demoniac mentality in the hearts of all the conditioned souls. 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 Krsna consciousness**. (senapati - a military field commander, bhakta - a devotee.) Lord Caitanya will empower His own devotee to spread Krsna Consciousness around the world.”

- Caitanya Mangala (Sutra-khanda, song 12, texts 562-565)

Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur had also made many remarkable predictions about your appearance to fulfill Mahaprabhu's statement...

“Very soon a great personality will appear who will spread Krishna consciousness all over the world.”

“Lord Caitanya did not advent Himself to liberate only a few men in India. Rather, His main objective as to emancipate all living entities of all countries throughout the entire universe and preach the Eternal Religion.... There is no doubt that this unquestionable order will come to pass.... Very soon the unparalleled path of hari-nama-sankirtana will be propagated all over the world.... Oh, for that day when the fortunate English, French, Russian, German, and American people will take up banners, mrdangas, and karatalas and raise kirtana through their streets and towns! When will that day come? ... That day will witness the holy transcendental ecstasy of the

Vaisnava dharma to be the only dharma, and all the sects and religions will flow like rivers into the ocean of Vaisnava dharma. When will that day come?”

- Bhaktivinoda Thakur, Sajjana-Tosani, 1895

Dear Srila Prabhupada, your appearance day is so special, coming directly after Sri Krsna Janmastami and we remain devoted to your service and pray for your continual guidance.

Hare Krsna.

Your fallen servant,
Balaram das
Australia (Feb 1973).

Dasavatar das

Australia

Dear Srila Prabhupada

Once again a year has passed and again we endure without your physical presence. But whenever I get a chance I listen to your voice and wisdom.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi paschatya desa tarine*

*yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi*

By the grace of the spiritual master one is benedicted with the mercy of Krishna. Without the grace of the spiritual master one cannot make any advancement. (quoted SB 6.7.25 purport)

Dear Prabhupada,

You're the only one who could have planted the seed of Krishna-Prema-Bhakti that we all really need.

We've been searching the universe birth after birth, Seeking for pleasure for all that it's worth.

Working hard daily without a true purpose, Now a higher taste found in devotional service.

Serving Lord Krishna can mean many things, Like chanting and reading and sweet offerings.

You told us that it doesn't matter the action, Just do it for Krishna and there will be no reaction.

But higher than service to Krishna I say, Is service to guru who's shown us the way.

How can I repay you for opening my eyes, that were blinded by a covering of illusion and lies.

Our dear Srila Prabhupada, what more can I say? You're deep in my thoughts on this special day.

Your eternal servant, Dasavatar das

Daya Rupa Devi Dasi

India

Your Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

Kindly accept this poem as a humble offering on the auspicious occasion of your appearance day.

At Your Lotus Feet

O Srila Prabhupada, O ocean of grace,
You made this Earth a holy place.
You brought with you the holy name
To lift up souls from Maya's frame

In darkness deep, I wandered blind,
Bound by the knots of my restless mind.
Trapped in the noose of Maya's snare,
Chained by desire, drowned in despair.

When will this pride at last be gone,
The lie that "I" have carried on?
To know, not I, but He is the doer,
Lord Krishna, the soul's eternal mover.

When will I taste the holy name so sweet,
Which now feels dry, yet still I repeat?
O Prabhupada, please hear my plea,
Awaken the Name's true taste in me.

Life is a mess, I am in stress,
Help me know this body's just a dress.
This is a world with no one mine,
In this gloom let your torchlight shine

Full of offence, full of pretense,
Lamenting always and speaking nonsense;
Forgive this sinner, forget not this soul,
Help me surrender with my heart whole.

Hear my cry, O merciful master:
 Let me dance at your will hereafter,
 Endless anxiety, meaningless worry,
 Kindly engage me in service of Lord Hari.

What can I offer? What can I give?
 But this one prayer: may I truly live
 Forever as your servant, life after life,
 Through joy and sorrow, peace and strife.

Hold me close though I stray and fall,
 Lift me again with your merciful call.
 I beg, with tears, though lacking worth,
 Please let me serve you birth after birth.

I long to follow you, life after life,
 Yet I stumble as mother and falter as wife.
 Kindle in me a love so fervent,
 A burning desire to be servant of your servant.

May I dwell with souls so true,
 Who always glorify and honor you.
 I've come to see, they're rare and few,
 They lead me gently back to you.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for love so vast,
 For pulling me away from my karmic past.
 I vow to serve, I vow to try,
 To please your lotus feet or just to die.

This fleeting life will fade and fall,
 Hope your divine instructions I will still recall
 In that crucial hour, at the time of death,
 May I remember you with my very last breath.

At your feet, forever praying,
 Your aspiring servant of servant,
 Daya Rupa Devi Dasi

Dhira Govinda dasa

USA

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviṣeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe
om ajnāna-timirāndhasya jñānānjana-salākayā
caksur unmiḍitam yena tasmai Sri-gurave namah*

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

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

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

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances on the special occasion of your Vyasa-puja celebration.

My favorite thing to do, the activity that brings me most joy, is to read your books. Yesterday, in your purport to Sri-Caitanya-caritamṛta Adi-lila 17.157, I read, “Our Vedic scriptures are not ordinary lawbooks of human common sense; they are the statements of factually liberated persons unaffected by the imperfectness of the senses.” Every vibration, word and motion from you, emanates from that completely liberated platform, and is in no way, shape or form, tinged by material, mundane, cultural conditioning. Thus, whatever our degree of cognitive agreement with what you express, everything from you reveals Truth, and is nondifferent from the Truth it reveals, and therefore is auspiciously transformational and purifying for our consciousness.

Earlier today, reading your transcribed lectures, I came across your description of Srila Sanātana Gosvami, and his Madana-mohana Deity.

“So Madana-mohana was talking with him, ‘Sanātana, you are bringing all these dry capatis, and it is stale, and you don’t give Me even little salt. How can I eat?’ Sanātana Gosvāmi said, ‘Sir, where shall I go? Whatever I get I offer You. You kindly accept. I cannot move; old man.’ You see.

“So Kṛṣṇa had to eat that. [chuckles] Because the bhakta is offering, He cannot refuse. Ye mām bhaktyā prayacchati. Real thing is bhakti. What you can offer to Kṛṣṇa? Everything belongs to Kṛṣṇa. What you have got? What is your value? And what is the value of your things? It is

nothing. Therefore real thing is bhaktyā; real thing is your feeling. ‘Kṛṣṇa, kindly take it. I have no qualification. I am most rotten, fallen, but [weeps] I have brought this thing for you. Please take.’ This will be accepted. Don’t be puffed up. Always be careful. You are dealing with Kṛṣṇa. That is my request.

“Thank you very... [weeps]” (Sri Sri Rukmini Dvarkanatha Deity Installation, July 16, 1969, Los Angeles)

I aspire, or at least want to be sincere to aspire, for such humility, simplicity and purity, in my heart and efforts at serving you.

In your Declaration of Will, that you wrote in June 1977, you wrote, “In the event of the death or failure to act for any reason of any of the said directors, a successor director or directors may be appointed by the remaining directors, provided the new director is my initiated disciple following strictly all the rules and regulations...”

You wrote your Declaration of Will to provide guidance for your movement, for the upcoming decades, centuries and millennia. Thus it is clear that you envisioned and practically planned that there will be your “initiated” disciples leading your movement, for generations and generations into the future.

And this of course is consistent with your teachings and personal example, whereby you established a system for essential and formal initiation, wherein the initiate has no physical interface with you whatsoever. And, in that system that you set up and practiced, you were, and are, the initiate’s current, direct, living link to the parampara, their dikṣa-guru.

And each of us are blessed with the special, wonderful opportunity, to serve as sikṣa-gurus, supporting, inspiring, and caringly challenging others, to establish, develop and cultivate their direct, personal connection with you, with you as the most important person in their Kṛṣṇa conscious life, in the most personal and direct way. In service to you, Srila Prabhupada, we accept responsibility to guide and care for such sincere souls, through sincerely endeavoring to authentically represent your siddhanta and Vaisnava character.

Sadly, some deny that you are, and will continue to be, available, to be the current, living link to the disciplic succession, for those who contact your movement and genuinely accept, follow and serve you in that capacity. Such interference with the relationship with you, is terrible violence to the spiritual lives of innocents. With no basis in any of your teachings, those who deny your full, 100% availability, are, essentially, covertly, saying, “Srila Prabhupada was empowered to do this on November 13, 1977, and as of November 15, 1977, he lost his empowerment, and is no longer capable to impart divya-jnana, the essence of dikṣa, without physical interface with sincere followers.” We are honored, Srila Prabhupada, for the chance in this lifetime to stand strong and clear, for people, communities and the world, that you are completely and perfectly available and accessible, to be the guru, for those who sincerely approach and serve you.

In Srimad-Bhagavatam First Canto Chapter 5, Sri Narada Muni speaks to his disciple, Srila Vyasadeva. In your purport to Narada Muni's statement in Srimad-Bhagavatam 1.5.22, you write, "Human intellect is developed for advancement of learning in art, science, philosophy, physics, chemistry, psychology, economics, politics, etc. By culture of such knowledge the human society can attain perfection of life. This perfection of life culminates in the realization of the Supreme Being..." In this spirit, for decades we've endeavored to dovetail everything for Kṛṣṇa, in areas such as psychology, social science, communication training, leadership training, transformational coaching, and counseling.

Later today I will drive to a seminar retreat site, where soon we'll facilitate a 7-day Satvatove Advanced Seminar. My wish and hope, is to receive your grace, such that everyone involved in the experience, including the participants, the staff, all who are supporting, and myself, will markedly, profoundly, strengthen, the "1", that gives value to the string of zeroes. I pray to you for guidance and inspiration, to be an instrument that in fulfilling my roles, all involved in the event will move quantum jumps towards awakening to realization of their identity, as, not the material body, as eternal spirit soul; towards realization of the futility of attempting to be happy and fulfilled through enjoying matter, and towards enthusiastically studying your books and chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for the association of so many sincere souls who are dedicated to follow you, serve your mission, and practice Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Thank you for your books, and all aspects of the process of bhakti-yoga. Thank you for giving us the lifeline to relieve ourselves of material miseries, and to return to our original, blissful nature and consciousness. Please bless me to grab hold of that lifeline, as if my life depends on it, because it does.

Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Your servant,
Dhira Govinda dasa

Gopika Priya devi dasi

Italy

*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 Kṛṣṇa, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

*namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāñī-pracāriṇe
nirviṣeṣa-śūṇyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

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

Hare Kṛṣṇa

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I offer you my respectful obeisances. All glories to you.

You came to the West, enduring endless hardships, to bring to us mlecchas the divine message of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. You were alone and without money, yet you possessed an immeasurable treasure: complete faith in your divine spiritual master. What you accomplished is superhuman and is largely due to your immense compassion and your intense desire to fulfill his order.

I first met you through your books and Radio Kṛṣṇa Centrale in 1984, and from the very beginning I was captivated by the message you brought and by your divine personality. Your purity conquered my heart, yet still I am unable to be fully surrendered to you. For this reason, I beg you to let even a crumb of your infinite mercy fall upon me, so that I may practice your teachings without deviation—for only in this way will my life ultimately have any true meaning.

I wish I could glorify you as you deserve, but my smallness makes me incapable of describing the greatness of your glories. All I can do is thank you and pray to always remain at your lotus feet—and perhaps one day become able to serve you as you truly deserve.

Hare Kṛṣṇa

Gopikā-priyā d.d.

Hari Katha Dasa

USA

Dear Srila Prabhupada, thank you for coming to the western world to save us all. The world would be a very different place (for the worst) without you. Some say that due to their previous sukṛti they had such an exalted spiritual master like you. The truth is you have created everyone's good fortune. A rich man's distribution of wealth to the poor is not due to high qualification of the poverty stricken; It is due his sweet will and love for others. Similarly your distribution of mercy to the conditioned souls is not due to the qualifications of the conditioned soul but due to your limitless love, compassion and vision that every soul belongs to Kṛṣṇa and awakening their love for the Lord which is the absolute necessity.

Indeed you are an antaranga-bhakta of Sri Chaitanya Mahāprabhu whose is covered in the avesa of Sri Nityānanda Prabhu. The greatest gift you have bestowed upon us all is the holy names of Kṛṣṇa. It is simple for the simple. Your volumes of transcendental literature is to convince everyone to dive deep and immerse themselves in these sweet nectarean names

HARE KṚṢṆA HARE KṚṢṆA KṚṢṆA KṚṢṆA HARE HARE
HARE RAMA HARE RAMA RAMA RAMA HARE HARE.

All perfection is there in the unlimitedly powerful names. Even the greatest sinner can safely burn to ashes all sinful reactions of the past and reawaken their dormant original love for Rādhā Kṛṣṇa. This window of opportunity in this age of Kali is now available to the whole world because of your unalloyed love for the Lord.

Please excuse me if I have offended you knowingly or unknowingly, I am not a vaiṣṇava but hope to one day become one by becoming your faithful dog. I ask you to please keep me as one of your dogs, that will give me great hope.

Your Fallen servant
Hari Katha Das

Hari Prana devi dasi

USA

Dear Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my most respectful and humble obeisance unto Your lotus feet . All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories !!! All glories!!! All glories!!! to You my eternal Spiritual Master and eternal Spiritual Father!

My Dearest Father, no material language and no individual soul is worthy enough to glorify the exalted position You hold in all 14 planetary system. On this most auspicious occasion of Your glorious Vyasa Puja, I stand before you, as a worthless servant and a shameless beggar to express my gratitude for accepting this most fallen soul as Your disciple.

I always felt that I was unworthy to be Your disciple but as You being a “Trikaal-Jnata” and most merciful living entity You showered causeless mercy on this ignorant soul.

“Brahmanda bhramite kona bhagyavan jiva guru-krishna-prasade paya bhakti-lata-bija”

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

My dearest Father only and only You knew how long I have been suffering and like the most loving father who could not see his rebellious child suffering You saved me. Lord Srila Prabhupada, You saved me, You saved my life. I am nothing without you... it's my honor to be Your disciple and success of this human birth. I know I do not hold even a single qualification to receive this greatest gift. Being Your disciple and receiving Your shelter is the only achievement of this soul's existence. Whatever that was achieved by this body materially was nothing but a waste of time and distraction to keep this wretched soul away from You.

My dearest Father, when I look back at my life, I realize You were always with me.. always....it was just my incapability and ignorance to feel your presence... You always guarded me and protected me whenever I was in toughest situation. You have seen all the tears shedded by this body due to material miseries. There is no personality in this entire universe more compassionate and forgiving like You.

I still cannot forget the way You made me come to Radha Damodar temple in year 2022 Sri Vrindavan Dham by making me forgetful of the temple I was actually supposed to visit. I now look back and see what happened in that trip of 2022 was unbelievable. My dear Father, it took 3 years to this fool to understand the reason of that trip. What seemed to be a random mistake of mine at that time looks

like the well-planned strategy to bring this rotten soul back to You. It was You who were waking me up from my deep slumber so that I can come back to You. Little did I know it was the beginning of the beautiful journey You planned for me. I was living like an animal and You made me a human and explained the only goal of this birth.

You have animated ways to make things happen the way you conducted the initiation ceremony looks nothing, but miracle. It's beyond the thinking ability of my brain to process something like that. You made Your presence very evident and understandable to this fool soul.

My dear Father, Your Vani is my only solace. It makes me feel that you are with me and guiding me in whatever tumultuous situation I am in. Your Books are my everything. My Father, I am good for nothing but despite of all of my disqualification, still you chose me to be Your disciple. I am eternally indebted to you. Though I am unworthy and unqualified to ask, I kindly beg You to engage me in Your service birth after birth.

Please never let me forget You again... please always keep me in Your shelter. The material existence of this soul is worthless if it's unaware of You.. My only subsistence is Your causeless mercy. I am nothing without You. I beg for Your mercy to strengthen me to bear all trials and troubles and make this servant of Yours humbler than a blade of grass and as tolerant as tree. The path of devotional service in this kaliyuga is not easy, but by holding onto Your dhoti, all the troubles on this path will be taken care of.

I am eternally indebted to Your Divine Grace for everything You have given to me.

Ebe Jaśa Ghuṣuk Tribhuvana!!!

Your unworthy Daughter
Hari Prana devi dasi

Haripada dasa

USA

Celebrate the Transcendental Appearance of Srila Prabhupada, all the devotees who serve and love Srila Prabhupada make a letter called the Vyasa Puja letter, Vyasadeva is a literary incarnation of God or Krishna, He wrote all the Vedic literature , The Bhagavad-gita, The Srimad-bhagavatam, The Mahabharata, etc., and the birthday of our spiritual master is called Vyasa Puja day, on this day the spiritual master is glorified and thanked for all his mercy All this spiritual knowledge that Vyasadeva gave us is transmitted from the guru to the disciple through the chain of disciplic succession, all those truths are eternal and never change, that is why Srila Prabhupada always said that the philosophy of Krishna consciousness is very easy.

Because we don't have to invent anything, we just have to repeat what the previous spiritual teachers said.

Thanks to Srila Prabhupada we have found the Truth and the Truth will set you free. Thanks to Srila Prabhupada we have come out of ignorance, which is the cause of all suffering.

Thanks to Srila Prabhupada we have understood the purpose of human life, understand and love God or Krishna, and since there is only God or Krishna and His energies, by doing this in a natural way one loves everyone and everything. Thanks to Srila Prabhupada we have understood that this material world is full of envy and is not a place for a gentleman, here there are only deceivers and deceived. Thanks to Srila Prabhupada we have hopes of going home to return to God and Krishna and His devotees, and the experience of having been in this material world will be a bad nightmare.

Thanks to Srila Prabhupada we have understood that we are not the material body, but eternal spirit souls, eternal loving servants of God or Krishna and His devotees. Thanks to Srila Prabhupada we are no longer a ship without a rudder, now Srila Prabhupada is the person we trust the most and love the most. If Srila Prabhupada hadn't come, what would have become of us.

Bhakta Hariprasad and Bhaktin Himangi

India

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

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

*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 Kṛṣṇa, 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.”

By the arrangement of Maya, and by the result of the pious & impious activities a living entity is put into a human mother’s womb, so that he can utilize this human body for endeavouring in the right direction towards the Lord. By the mercy of the Lord, the living entity can remember the sufferings of his past 100 births and thus gets an opportunity to pray to the Lord with his folded hands who is present along with the child while in the womb of his mother, though the Lord being unaffected and changeless. Being put into the horrible condition inside the womb, covered by blood, stool and urine, the child suffering immense pain, prays: “O my Lord, when shall I, a wretched soul, be released from this confinement?” (SB 3.31.17). After 10 months of suffering, the child is pushed downwards all of a sudden by the wind, and he comes out with great trouble, breathless & deprived of memory and forgets all the prayers he offered to the Lord due to severe agony.

Surrounded by his parents and relatives, he forgets the pangs of birth and assumes the world to be a very nice place. He grows up under their care and nourishment, thinking of the body and its relationships to be all in all. Thus he recognizes himself to be the body, wasting his valuable human life in endeavouring for sense gratification, forgetting the promise of serving the Lord after coming out of the womb.

Driven by the ceaseless desires of the mind, the living entity tries to enjoy his senses in this world, thinking himself to be the master of all that he surveys. Out of such millions, some fortunate souls receives the seed of the creeper of devotional service by the mercy of the spiritual master and Lord Kṛṣṇa as stated in CC Madhya 19.151:

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

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

Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura in His bhajan, Emona Durmati, extols the merciful nature of a pure devotee like Yourself, who always endeavours to deliver all the fallen conditioned souls. Taking pity, You come to the fallen souls saying, “O humbled soul, please listen to this good tiding, for it will gladden your heart”. By holding our hand, you deliver us to the Lotus feet of Lord Caitanya whom Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura glorifies to have safely directed many miserable souls such as ourselves across the sea of worldly existence. Like Lord Caitanya himself who freely distributed the holy name to everyone, You endeavoured with unparalleled determination and unflinching faith in the Lord to distribute the same without discrimination following the orders of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakura.

Carrying fabulously wealthy love and devotion for the Lord, more precious than gold purified in ten thousand flames, You sailed to the West always in remembrance of Your spiritual master’s instructions despite the innumerable hindrances. Though people were covered completely in the modes of passion and ignorance, through Your purity, You transformed their hearts by bestowing the transcendental message of Vāsudeva in a short span, which seemed a daunting task for the so-called Swamis, yogis and bhaktas who had previously endeavoured to the west

Dear Srila Prabhupada, You being the manifestation of the internal energy of the Lord - Daivi prakṛti, released the living entities from the clutches of illusion through the propagation of the unadulterated message of the Vedas. Receiving the benediction from the ocean of mercy, You extinguish the blazing fire of material existence from the hearts of those receiving submissive aural reception of the glories of the Lord emanating from Your lotus mouth.

Planting the seed of devotional service in hearts of the living entities, and emanating ecstatic prema, You have been the eternal master, the friend of the fallen living entities birth after birth. The human form of life is said to be a great boon as it is considered the most suitable boat to cross over the ocean of nescience. The spiritual master is considered to be the most able captain in that boat, and the

information from the scriptures is the favorable wind for floating over the ocean of nescience. Those who misuse this human form of life in frivolous activities of sense gratification are committing spiritual suicide.

Thus to attain perfection of the human form of life, we need to make the teachings emanating from Your lotus mouth one with our heart, and not desiring anything else. Attachment to Your lotus feet is the only way to make spiritual advancement. In Your books, You have clearly described prema-bhakti. Hearing about You, associating with You through Your instructions, rendering service to Your lotus feet and glorifying You brings bliss to the hearts of conditioned souls just as a child experiences bliss after prolonged separation from his mother.

Sri Kanakadasa, a Vaishanava saint from the 16th century describes the futility of spiritual practices without becoming a servant of the spiritual master. He says: “Unless one becomes the slave of his Guru, there is no chance of deliverance. Reading of various shastras leads to wasted devotion. What if one has read six shastras and eighteen puranas without associating with noble persons thinking oneself great. What if a garland is worn around the neck, what if the prayer beads are turned in the fingers, and what if one repeatedly rolls in the ash and goes about like a mad man?”

The Srimad Bhagavatam 4.28.50 clearly mentions the role of an ardent disciple. A faithful disciple must consider the words of the spiritual master as his life and soul and thus should take charge of His mission without a second doubt. He must lay down his life to execute the mission. Failing to adhere to this, he must consider his life to be of no value.

Ohe Prabhupada Thakura, You are teaching all thy ignorant living entities to control their six passions, rectify their six faults and thus bestowing upon them the six qualities, by providing them the six kinds of holy association. Without Your mercy, one cannot find strength to carry on alone the sankirtana of the holy name of Lord Kṛṣṇa. Please bless us by giving us just one drop of faith with which to obtain the great treasure of the holy name of Kṛṣṇa.

You have constantly protected Your sincere disciples, but because of the nature of living entities they sometimes fall into the dark well of ignorance, misusing their independence and being allured by maya for sense gratification, which is the result of abandoning the association of Yourself, Who is like the sun rays in darkness.

You are always freely available for those who are distressed and needy and so the humble disciple prays at Your lotus feet to witness all the calamities again and again so that he could see You again and again, for seeing You means that he will no longer see repeated births and deaths.

In good fortune or in bad, in life or at death, You disperse all difficulties from the lives of Your disciples who choose Your lotus feet as their only shelter. The fallen soul prays to be born again even as a worm, if Yourself is present in that shelter, for his only desire is to serve You, Your orders.

Thus please keep guiding us to remove all the false designations from our hearts, so that we may execute devotional service in a materially unmotivated manner. As You have taught us that it is not possible to approach the Lord directly, we pray to You to make us the servants of the servants of Your lotus feet, so that someday we may begin to understand the Lord and Your teachings with our limited capacities.

O Spiritual master, Your fame is spread all over the three worlds. Just as a bee is attracted by a fragrant flower, let our consciousness be attracted to Your lotus feet and let us take shelter of Your divine lotus feet. Solely relying on this shelter will enable us to cross the Bhavāmbudhir - vast ocean of birth and death, making it as small as the water contained in the hoof print of a calf.

By surrendering unto Your divine lotus feet we are sure to go back home to that parama dhama from where there is no falling back into the womb of a mother and be a victim of Lord's illusionary energy, as You have assured in your letter to Nityananda Prabhu dated 12th November 1971 - "I thank all of you very much for accepting me as your spiritual master, and I promise that I will take you back to home back to Godhead."

We are forever indebted to You for putting your glance on us wretched souls, dear Srila Prabhupada. To repay this debt seems an impossible task, yet we want to serve you and please you spontaneously life after life, birth after birth, as we have no other hope than to worship You, my Master, my Lord.

Your aspiring servants,
Bhakta Hariprasad,
Bhaktin Himangi

Imre Horvath

Germany

Dear spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada!

By your grace I came to know Krishna consciousness thirty years ago. The first book I read from you was The Science of Self-Realization. This book of yours, dear Prabhupada, had such an impact on me that I started reading your other books one after the other, became a vegetarian and started chanting the holy name. I have read the Bhagavad Gita 25 times already fifteen years ago, every letter that you have written. I have read a lot of your books, each one at least four times on an average. I have also read all the Srimad Bhagavatams three times each, but there were some that I read as many as five or seven times. These scriptures and your explanations in them are so wonderful that although I have committed many mistakes and sins and unfortunately I still commit them to this day, I am proud of one thing, that I adore you and never want to leave you for any other guru. You are my spiritual master and your loyal devotees are my siksa gurus. By your grace I have learned many verses from the Bhagavad Gita, which I have been chanting daily for years. At present, I am chanting only seven rounds, but I am keeping it up regularly. One day I hope to chant 16 rounds, as you have asked the devotees to do.!

I think of you a lot, dear Srila Prabhupada, and I love you very much. I know that only you can take me back to Krishna, no one else. Again and again I offer my respectful obeisances at your lotus feet.

Hare Krishna.

Your sinful servant,
Imre Horvath

Bhakta Jeff

Singapore

We pay our humble Obeisances unto the Lotus feet. O, Mighty Warrior of Krishna Bagawan, Srila A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada Maharaj who is very dear to Lord Krishna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet. Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Sarasvati Goswami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Chaitanya and delivering the fallen Souls back to Godhead.

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
shrimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-deshatarine*

*kṛṣṇa-śakti-dharam vande prabhupādam jagad-gurum
yena pūrṇāḥ kṛpāmbhodhiḥ kṛṣṇānanda-pravāhinaḥ*

“I offer obeisances to Prabhupada, the spiritual master of the world, who holds the power of Lord Kṛṣṇa, being an ocean of full mercy, and who constantly flows the bliss of Kṛṣṇa Bhagwan to all living beings.”

Glorification of Srila A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

All glories to Srila AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, the empowered Acharya who ignited the flame of Krishna consciousness across the world, carrying the command of his spiritual master on his head. In an age darkened by ignorance, you lit the lamp of the Bhagavatam and Bhagavad-Gita, establishing temples, books, and hearts as sacred altars of Lord Krishna.

We also bow our heads in deep reverence to one of your empowered Ritvik representative, PRABHU SVARAT DAS (FB: @ svaratdas - No. 79, Jalan BSS 1/3B, Bandar Seremban Selatan, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia), who humbly and boldly carries your instructions without deviation, serving as a transparent via medium for your grace. By strictly following your teachings and establishing your Ritvik system of initiation, he protects the Parampara and brings countless souls into your shelter.

How I came into Krishna Conscious through your arrangement, Srila Prabhupada.

I am one of the countless fallen souls wandering in ignorance, completely unaware of Krishna Consciousness, and unaware of you — the true Acharya and saviour of the fallen Souls.

By your Causeless Mercy, I was brought into your shelter in March 2023, when I came in contact by your divine arrangement — through your empowered Ritvik Representative, PRABHU SVARAT DAS, through exchange of engagement in social media.

At that time, I had no clue who you were. I had no understanding of Krishna, bhakti, the soul, or the ultimate purpose of life. But through the clear, uncompromising, and compassionate teachings of PRABHU SVARAT DAS, your divine instructions entered my heart.

He did not speak his own ideas — he simply delivered your words, “as it is” — pure, potent, and non-diluted. By his guidance, I came to understand your exalted position as the Founder of ISKCON, the Jagat-Guru, and the empowered representative of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Because of your empowered Ritvik Representative, PRABHU SVARAT DAS, I now have received an opportunity to chant the holy name. I now understand that this human form is meant to serve Krishna Bagawan through Krishna-bhakti, and that you, Srila Prabhupada, are our Eternal Spiritual Master.

Our offerings to you, Srila A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

1. Bhagavad-gītā 4.34

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

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

2. Bhagavad-gītā 13.8–12

*ācāryopāśanaṁ śaucaṁ sthairyam ātmavinigrahaḥ
indriyārtheṣu vairāgyam anahaṅkāra eva ca*

“Approaching a bona fide spiritual master, cleanliness, steadiness, self-control; renunciation of sense gratification, absence of false ego—these are qualities of knowledge.”

Both Srila Prabhupada and his true followers like Prabhu Svarat Das embody these qualities of transcendental knowledge, especially ācāryopāśanam—perfect worship and service to the acharya. They do not seek personal gain but only to serve the mission of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu, to spread the chanting of the holy name.

O Srila Prabhupada, kindly continue to bless us with firm faith in your teachings. May your empowered representative, Prabhu Svarat Das, remain ever strong and guided by your divine will. May

the world awaken to the shelter of your lotus feet through the Ritvik system you entrusted for the salvation of future generations.

You are the empowered śaktyāveśa-avatāra, sent to deliver the fallen souls of this age and through your authorised Ritvik system to ensure no deviation, and through that mercy gateway, countless jīvatma continue to find shelter at your feet.

Srimad Bhagavad-Gita 18:66 -

*sarva-dharmān parityajya mām ekaṁ śaraṇam vraja
ahaṁ tvām sarva-pāpebhyo mokṣayiṣyāmi mā śucaḥ*

“Abandon all varieties of religion and just surrender unto Me. I shall deliver you from all sinful reactions. Do not fear.”

Bhagavad-gītā 4.2 -

*sa kāleneha mahatā yogo naṣṭaḥ parantapa
tām adyāhaṁ te saṁproktaḥ purātanaṁ yogam uttamam*

“That ancient science of the relationship with the Supreme is today told by Me to you because you are My devotee and My friend; this supreme secret was lost in time.”

Just as Lord Kṛṣṇa revived the lost knowledge through Arjuna, you, Śrīla Prabhupada, revived it again in this age, untwisted and uncontaminated.

Our Prayer to you, Srila Prabhupada,

Satataṁ bhavataḥ caraṇayoḥ śaraṇam mama

Always your lotus feet are my shelter.

Kṛtajñatayā hṛdayam adhaśtāt samarpyāmi

With gratitude, I humbly offer my heart below.

Bhavataḥ dāso'smi

I am your servant always,
Bhakta Jeff
Singapore

Jiva Goswami das

USA

Where would I be without you, Dearest Srila Prabhupada?

Without you:

I would be alone in a hostile and foreign land.

I would be unable to navigate the terrible choices life presents.

I would be unaware of the real mission of my life is to go back Home, back to Godhead as Krishna's eternal servant.

I would not know of the loving, caring Krishna who is my most dear friend.

I would be blind in the method for reuniting with Krishna consciously.

The vast knowledge you have so abundantly given me would be hidden from me.

My daily worship processes would be unknown to me.

I would not have met my wonderful partner in my Krishna Conscious Life, my amazing wife Anda Bahya Devi Dasi.

The devotees like Yasodanandana Prabhu who have preserved your actual teachings and books would be hidden from me.

The daily counsel and guidance you freely give me would be unavailable to me.

The optimism your kindness fosters would be lost and forgotten.

Your kind touch to my heart would not be perceived.

Your smiling countenance would be hidden from me.

The brilliant answers you offer to my numerous questions would be unavailable to me.

The hope your leadership gives would not be with me always.

I pray to Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu that I may become your servant life after life.

Your aspiring servant, Jiva Goswami das

Kersi Mehta

India

Namaste,

Shri Guru Purnima ki Shubhkamnaye

PARAM PUJYA JAGAD GURUDEV HIS DIVINE GRACE A.C.BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI PRABHUPAD, the Founder & Acharya of ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness) is the Jagad Guru, Vishwa Acharya, Great Messiah, Last Prophet of Sanatan Dharma, Great Vedic Scholar, Wonderful Spiritual Master/Teacher/Preacher, Very Great Saint, Pure devotee of Supreme Almighty God Shri Krishna, Confidential Servitor of Supreme Almighty God Shri Krishna in the Spiritual World, Direct Representative of Supreme Almighty God Shri Krishna in the Material World, Great Vaishnav, Commander -in- Chief of the Spiritual Army of Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu - the Most Munificent Golden Yugavatar of Param Ishwar Shri Krishna; the most successful Spiritual Ambassador to the west, the Greatest Spiritual Scientist of modern age, Member of the Royal Societies of English & Sanskrit, Highly Educated, Very Powerful Administrator, Charismatic Personality, Paramhansa Parivrajakacharya & Nitya Siddha Mahabhagavat.

JAGAD GURUDEV SRILA PRABHUPAD is recognized as the incarnation of GREAT SAGE VED VYAS MUNI by the followers of Sripad Ramanujacharya & by many other Vedic Scholars. Shri Hanuman Prasad Poddar, the Founder of Geeta Press Gorakhpur always glorified Jagad Gurudev Srila Prabhupad as the Divine Personality from Spiritual World. Many Vedic/Spiritual authorities have glorified Jagad Gurudev Srila Prabhupad.

His Transcendental Books are the windows to the Spiritual World. The divine teachings of Jagad Gurudev Srila Prabhupad changed the lives of billions. He was sent by the Supreme Almighty God Shri Krishna to deliver many pious souls. Today, He has billions of followers/disciples.

In the name of Param Ishwar Shri Krishna, who is supremely benevolent & magnanimous, we the followers of Sanatan Dharma, boldly declare, after studying the transcendental books of the most worshipable Jagad Gurudev His Divine Grace A.C.Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupad that there is only one Supreme Almighty God - SHRI KRISHNA (most humble obeisances to HIM). Jagad Gurudev Srila Prabhupad (most humble obeisances to Him) is His dearest servant & His last messenger.

Vande Guru Sri-Charanaravindam

I offer my most humble obeisances at the Divine Lotus Feet of Jagad Gurudev - His Divine Grace A.C.Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupad

Please chant the Maha Mantra:-

“Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Ram Hare Ram Ram Ram Hare Hare” & make your human form of life successful.

Hare Krishna

Jai Param Ishwar Shri Krishna

Jai Param Satya Shri Radha Krishna

Jai Jagad Gurudev Srila Prabhupad

Always at your service,

Thanks with best regards,

Kersi Mehta,

“To Krishna we belong, to Him we shall return.”

Kirtan Priya devi dasi

USA

Jaya Srila Prabhupada,

There are no words to describe your incredible dedication & sacrifice towards the spiritually lost & ignorant souls! Ever so grateful to have to come across the path of Krishna Consciousness through you. Trying to follow your teachings at a snail pace, I aspire to please you, & through this, to please Lord Krishna in the many life times to come. There is no match to your stern conviction towards Lord Krishna. Thank you for being the guiding light in my path full of ignorance.

Your's ever so obliged,
Kirtan Priya DD
Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Krishna Katha dasa

USA

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracharine,
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

O master Srila Prabhupada, please accept my respectful and prostrated obeisances at Your lotus feet. On this most auspicious day of Your divine appearance, Your supreme love for Krishna is eternally expanding as You travel the many universes expertly distributing love of Krishna.

Any attempt to describe Your greatness in any language of communication is futile. You, being my representative of Paramatma Super Soul, You already and always know every desire I am desiring. You know every thought I am thinking. Then what is compelling me to beg for Your forgiveness again and again? Why do I sincerely pray for pleasing You in Bhakti and Krishna Prema? By Your divine grace I hold sacred the answer. You exemplify Krishna's All Attractive features eternally and thus, I cannot turn my back to You. I cannot look away ever again. I cannot make any more efforts to be separated from You.

By Your divine grace and limitless mercy, You are teaching us every day to make our best effort to please You. You expertly showed us by Your example serving and pleasing Your Spiritual Master His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura.

Your divine instructions are eternal and non-different from You. You are teaching us that action with measurable results in devotional service is greater than mere words on this paper. By Your grace and causeless mercy, my lowly self, this infinitesimal tiny jiva, is permanently connected to serving Your mission to print and distribute Your greatest gifts to the world. Your divine literature, Your original books. They are perfect, unchanged, and precisely as you performed Your miracle, as Krishna transmitted His words through You onto paper. Your miracle is You never changed a single alphabet.

Your mission is clear Srila Prabhupada. There are no doubts about the Bhakti that pleases You most. I pray every day, all day to be eternally engaged in pleasing You. I am eternally grateful You are my Master and Savior from this disgusting cycle of birth, old age, disease, and death.

I beg to remain Your eternal servant in Your mission to please Your Spiritual Master.

Krishna Katha dasa

Bhaktin Krishnokoli

India

*Nama om Vishnu padaya Kṛṣṇa presthaya bhutale
Sri mate Bhaktivedānta swami iti namine
Namaste Saraswate deve gaura Vani pracharine
Nirveshesha shunyavadi pashchatya desha tarine*

Dear Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble prostrated obeisances to your ever increasingly glorious lotus feet, which are constantly traversing the universe to spread the holy names of Lord Chaitanya around.

The last year has been quite a roller coaster for me, as you would know, apparently living outside the shadow of so-called family life, but in reality able to uninhibitedly experience devotional life and offer seva to namaprabhu to a much larger extent than before. This has been recently hindered again due to interference of family, but I am trying to make the best use of the opportunity to motivate them towards your devotional service.

Thank you for the experiences and lessons every step of the way. In the last few months, I have realized how family, friends, society nothing is permanent, and only Kṛṣṇa and spiritual master remain eternally with the soul. I have also realized how this life is temporary, and we have spent millions of lifetimes with millions of parents, but none with a bonafide spiritual master.

Some recent unfortunate events in the material domain have time and again reminded me of the fragility of human form of life and how the sole purpose of human life is to endeavor to go back home, back to godhead.

It's one thing to read and understand theoretically from your transcendental effulgent pre-1978 purports, but to actually realize them is false ego-shattering, and I am grateful for the experiences that helped me realize them.

I am currently fighting with Maya's attacks but thankfully have been able to thwart most of them by your causeless mercy alone.

I have also had some very profound experiences with Namaprabhu.

I have also been told repeatedly that all female bodied devotees should be ideally married, but you know how this is impractical for me- firstly health wise, and also I am personally disgusted with the idea of marriage, because of many personal factors. I am looking forward to your guidance in this matter.

Hope to continue to receive your boundless causeless mercy eternall, that I don't deserve but definitely need the most being the most fallen.

Your fallen aspiring servant eternally
Bhaktin Krishnokoli

Neel Shyama Das

USA

Param Pujya Srila Prabhupada,

On this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, I bow at your lotus feet, grateful for the mercy and transcendental knowledge you have delivered to all corners of the world. With each word of your teachings, you light the path from darkness to light, scattering ignorance with wisdom and love.

Your compassion knows no boundaries. You crossed oceans and faced great personal difficulty so that the holy name of Krishna would reach souls like me, lost in the fog of material life. Through your books, your lectures, and the movement you established, you give us hope and direction. You teach us the true meaning of compassion, humility, and devotion.

Srila Prabhupada, you have given me the opportunity to serve Krishna, to associate with His devotees, and to taste the nectar of devotional service. I am, life after life, eternally indebted to you. Please bless me to grow as your servant—steadfast, sincere, and pure in motive. Please empower me to follow your instructions, to serve your mission, and to share your mercy with others.

Your presence remains as vibrant as ever in your words, your disciples, and the hearts of all who sincerely seek Krishna. Today, I offer my mind, my words, and my actions at your feet, praying to be an instrument in your hands.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving my life meaning and helping me see the subtle realm beyond birth and death.

Your striving disciple
Neel Shyama Das
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Bhakta Pierangelo

Switzerland

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

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

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-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 Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesha-sunyavadi-pascatya-desat-tarine*

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

*krsnaika-ceta mada-moha-vinasa-karin
mad-drsti-gocara prabho prabhupada-svamin
dosabhivrtti-paridusita-manda-buddhe
sancintayami caranau tava bhakti-heto*

“O Lord, O Prabhupāda, may you always be the object of my vision. Only the name of Kṛṣṇa can destroy my pride and illusion. Although my mind and intelligence are contaminated by wicked inclinations, I nevertheless take shelter of Your Divine Grace by constant meditation upon your lotus feet in causeless devotion.” (Srila Prabhupada Stotram by Ananta Rama Sastri)

My dear Srila Prabhupada,

I am endlessly expressing my appreciation for the immense work you have done bringing Krishna to the western countries. Without you I will still be in the deepest Maya. You are an ocean of mercy.

I offer my respectful obeisances unto You.

I am grateful to have the possibility to be in direct contact with you through your wonderful books. They open a door to the spiritual sky and make me having a drop of transcendental bliss. By your association, I may encounter Lord Chaitanya, Sri Krishna and Radharani.

You are my eternal spiritual director. Your lotus feet are everything to me.

I offer my respectful obeisances unto You.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, you guide me in my life, you are so magnanimous, spreading love of Krishna to the most fallen souls. Giving away love for Krishna.

I love you. I love you. I love you.

*Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare,
Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare.*

Bhakta Pierangelo
Genève,
mardi 12.08.2025

Prema Rupa Devi Dasi

Russia

*nama om vishnu-padaya ksna-presthahaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedānta-svāminn iti nāmine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracariee
nirvishes-sunyavadi-pāṇḍitya-desa-tārīne.*

I offer my humble obeisances unto His Divine Grace AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada.

I heartly thank you Srila Prabhupada, because of your mercy and blessings, hearing your vani has really healed me so much from anxieties and fear. Because of your mercy, I am able to associate with sincere devotees that is following your instructions seriously without any misinterpretation, and helping me in devotional service. Your teachings on Krishna Consciousness and Chanting of Hare Krishna mahamantra, has saved me from disastrous situations in my life

Because of your mercy Srila Prabhupada, I got the chance to understand the true meaning of Bhagavad Gita, and all other scriptures you have written. You made me realise how valuable one has to become a devotee and practice Krishna Consciousness without any deviation or misinterpretation.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, my only prayers to you that I am begging at your lotus feet, is to always shower me your blessings and mercy, so that I am able to enthusiastically follow all your instructions seriously and simply serve this Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's cult, without any hurdles, hindrance and disturbance from Maya. Please always keep me in association of sincere devotees, that I may continue to serve you and all Guru Parampara together with Sri Krishna Chaitanya birth after birth.

Your Servant,
Prema Rupa Devi Dasi.

Rahul Sah

India

Dear His Divine Grace Abhaya Charana Bhaktivedanta Swami SRILA PRABHUPADA,

Hare Krsna. Please accept my humble obeisances on to your Lotus feet.
Remembering you on the special occasion of your appearance day, Vyas Puja.

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-śūṇyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

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

Myself and whatever words I speak in your glorification is not sufficient to describe the glories and causeless mercy emanating from yourself. Let alone speaking, I am not even eligible to glorify the magnificent, ever soothing shelter of your lotus feet, the protection from onslaught of the material modes (Maya), guidance in the conditioned material world every now and then, the timeless and boundaryless eternal family relationships, and many more, all due to your causeless mercy.

I always share these words very very proudly in front of anyone and everyone that, “To anyone surrendered to the instructions of SRILA PRABHUPADA namely chanting, reading and listening to your vani. Being a proud disciple of yourself, with a great and undeterred faith I guarantee on your behalf that if anyone is seeking any answers about any situation/queries with utmost surrender as said in Bhagavad Gita 4.34 *tad viddhi praṇipātena paripraśnena sevayā*, then he/she will get all his/her answers within 24 hours, I repeat, within 24 hours word to word so much so they do not even have to bother about explanations or indirectly trying to understand. Everything will be direct and crystal clear.” Such is the magnanimity of your transcendental vani. I have felt such guidance every moment, every day. Having humbly remained under the divine shelter of your Lotus feet, I always rest assured that, Yes, I do not need to worry about the turbulence of this material world for there is always your protection guarding our path back to home back to Godhead.

Time and again, you have protected me from deviating to wrong channels of advancement in the course of Krsna Consciousness. From the path I have walked till now in my journey towards Lord Krsna, I can definitely say that you are always there holding me by my hand making me stick to right

paths of advancement in devotional services. I am very very grateful to you for always being there and will once again submit my prayers on to your lotus feet, O Dear SRILA PRABHUPADA ! :

*ṭhākura vaiṣṇava gaṇa, kori ei nivedana,
mo boro adharma durācāra
dāruṇa saṁsāra nidhi, tāhe ḍubāilo vidhi,
keśe dhari more koro pāra*

[O saintly Vaisnavas, although I am very fallen and misbehaved, I still place this appeal before you: My destiny has plunged me in the fearsome ocean of repeated birth and death. Please grab me by the hair and pull me to the opposite shore.]

I can't thank you enough for you are the only hope for ever conditioned soul like me in this vast ocean of nescience and misery. Without you everyday I am bound to plunge even further deeper and deeper with no chances of recovery at all. I am a person of great animalistic tendency always engaged to gratify my senses by means of eating, sleeping, mating and defending with no sense of knowledge about my real self as a part and parcel of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, it is by your unconditional and causeless mercy only that I am right now able to remember you, able to associate among the surrendered disciples of yourself, able to feel confident in further learning through your guidance and instructions. I once again submit my prayers on to your Lotus feet, "In between the strong tides and currents of Maya, please always hold me tight and firm and provide this useless soul a small space at your Lotus feet."

Glorifying you, my dear Spiritual Master, words will always fall short. I will never ever be able to comprehend the magnanimity of your shelter for a rascal like me. Thank You for providing me opportunities after many births to engage my senses in reception of and following your instructions. I plead, I am so fallen and incapable of contributing to the great Hare Kṛṣṇa Movement visioned by Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu propelled under your respected commandership. I, with a great sense of guilt, submit myself on to your Lotus feet and request you to provide me with knowledge, intelligence and might to serve you in this great movement. Dear Srila Prabhupada, please make this menial fallen soul your instrument and please please engage me in serving you, so that I can live to the instructions of Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu gopī-bhartur pada-kamalayor dāsa-dāsa-dāsānudāsaḥ [I identify Myself only as the servant of the servant of the servant of the lotus feet of Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the maintainer of the gopīs.]

Thank You Dear SRILA PRABHUPADA, for always being there.

Thank You Dear SRILA PRABHUPADA, for helping me to understand the real identity of a jivatma.

Thank You Dear SRILA PRABHUPADA, for helping me to understand the glories of Hari Nama & chanting his names.

Thank You Dear SRILA PRABHUPADA, for making me aware of always honouring the divine Prasadam blessed by Lord.

Thank You Dear SRILA PRABHUPADA, for starting the process of Ceto-darpaṇa-mārjanam for my soul.

Thank You Dear SRILA PRABHUPADA, for providing me with the bhakti-latā-bija.

Thank You Dear SRILA PRABHUPADA, for providing me the sanga of the prabhupadanuga family.

Thank You Dear SRILA PRABHUPADA, for distributing the nectarean drops of transcendental knowledge.

Thank You Dear SRILA PRABHUPADA, for distribution of Kṛṣṇa prema bhakti to everyone.

Thank You Dear SRILA PRABHUPADA, for providing shelter of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and the great lineage.

Thank You Dear SRILA PRABHUPADA, for providing the divine SRI SRI RADHA KṚṢṆA.

Thank You Dear SRILA PRABHUPADA, Thank You my Dear spiritual master, for many more things that this incapable mind of mine cannot comprehend for.

ALL GLORIES TO YOU !! ALL GLORIES ON TO YOUR LOTUS FEET !!!

ALL GLORIES TO SRI GAURA NITAI !!

ALL GLORIES TO SRI SRI RADHA RADHANATH !!

Once again I offer my respectful obeisances unto you Lotus Feet. Please forgive me for always committing offences on to your Lotus feet. Please forgive me

Insignificant and Fallen servant of yours

Rahul Sah

Rama Raghava dasa

USA

*nama om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta svamin iti namine*

*namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatya desa tarine*

My Dear Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept my respectful obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to your divine grace.

In the Caitanya-caritamṛta, Madhya Lila, Chapter 22, Text 54, Lord Caitanya states

*‘sādhū-saṅga’, ‘sādhū-saṅga’--sarva-śāstre kaya
lava-mātra sādhū-saṅge sarva-siddhi haya*

“The verdict of all revealed scriptures is that by even a moment’s association with a pure devotee, one can attain all success.”

On this auspicious occasion of the 129th anniversary of your appearance on this planet, let me offer my heartfelt appreciation for your providing your association in the form of your books. The books that you so tirelessly translated in the early hours of the morning are able to bless the fallen souls like me in kali yuga, with many a lava of your association. One lava is defined as one eleventh of a second.

We are so fortunate that your original, unadulterated books are being revived by your sincere servants in the Prabhupada Disciples Association. Thus we can imbibe the philosophy and way of life that you wanted to provide access to for all sincere souls for the next 10,000 years. I pray that you please bless me with an earnest hankering to spend as much time reading your books as I can.

In the Srimad Bhagavatam you mention in the first canto, chapter 5, verse 25 purport: “Pure devotion is as much infectious, in a good sense, as infectious diseases. A pure devotee is cleared from all kinds of sins.” Thus you are providing any human being in this age of quarrel and hypocrisy, the chance to associate with you and get “infected” with the qualities of pure devotion and thus get cleared of sins, that are so prominent in this age.

Although I have been trying to practice devotional service for so many years, it is clear to me that there is a lot of work to do, and am hoping against hope that I will be able to clear all the anarthas or unwanted habits and desires, in this lifetime, so that I can think of serving your lotus feet at the time of death. Ha ha prabhu koro doya, deho more pada chaya. Please have mercy on me, and give me the shade of your lotus feet. Ebe yash ghushuk tribhuvana. Your fame is spread all over the three worlds.

Your fallen servant,
Rama Raghava Dasa
Augusta, Georgia, USA

Ramya devi dasi

UK

My Generation

Dear Srila Prabhupada

My generation were pioneers
In your Krishna Consciousness movement
Giving up our youthful years
For the highest cause and benefit

First to come, take initiation
Build and live in the temples
With all the problems and austerities
Everything was experimental

First to marry by fire sacrifice
We tried our best to serve you
First to bear our children
Try to keep them happy and pure

First to open the Gurukulas
And send our children for training
In pure Krishna Consciousness
Now we know they were failing

First to watch the children grow
To hope they keep some faith
Through therapy, children of their own
To watch them find their place

First to face the insidious creep
Of old age, loss, disease
Many of us scattered or alone
Still chanting to find our peace

Although we were first with all of this
In your ISKCON dear Spiritual Master
So much was learned from our mistakes
To benefit those coming after

Now so much is established, secure
Temples, courses, Gurukulas
Paraphernalia readily available
Books, Internet, lectures, recordings

Pioneers we surely were
So much we learned, endured, got wrong
Prabhupada your instructions with us still
Though the years march on and on

ISKCON life may be easier now
Established, settled, less austere
Yet Srila Prabhupada I'll always miss
The sweetness of those early years

When all was focused on you alone
And the perfection of our lives
Was when the kirtan roared aloud
“Srila Prabhupada is here!”

From your aspiring servant
(and not much of a pioneer)
Ramya Devi dasi

Rocisa Devi dasi

Canada

August 9th, 2025

Saint-Michel-des-Saints, Qc, Canada

Vyasapuja 2025

I offer my countless dandavats to the lotus feet of
my absolute Spiritual Master;
His Divine Grace A.C.Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

You granted the greatest gift to all without discrimination;
the Holy name of the Lord.

You are an ocean of Divine knowledge and
you bestow the seeds of devotional service through
the Authorized Disciplic Succession.

You have descended from the Spiritual Abode Goloka Vrindavan
to save the whole world.

You are an ocean of pure love of God and a Divine realized soul.
By your Grace you eliminate illusion and ignorance .
Because You preached by example, You are a source of inspiration.
You are Glorious and full of Splendour !

You possessed unlimited qualities and you provided
guidance and support to the devotees.
You are a desire tree !

Finally, I have found my Spiritual Father as well as
a large family of dedicated and sincere God brothers and God sisters.
I implore that their association will never end.

There is nothing more important in my life than
devotional service to you, and I pray that life after life,
I will be engaged in serving your devotees.
Please accept my prayer.

Your lowly servant,
Rocisa Devi dasi

Bhaktin Roxy

Argentina

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

I offer my respectful obeisances to my spiritual teacher, who with the torch of knowledge has opened my eyes, which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance.

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

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

*namaste sārāsvate deve gaura-vānī-pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-śūṇyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

We offer our most respectful obeisances, oh spiritual master, servant of Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Goswami. You kindly preach the message of Lord Chaitanyadeva and liberate the Western countries, which are dominated by impersonalism and nihilism.

Thank you, A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, my spiritual master.

Thank you for opening my eyes, which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance.

The ignorance of believing that I am this body composed of bones, blood, bile, mucus, feces, and urine.

The ignorance of believing that something belongs to me, of believing that my children are my children and my parents are my parents.

The ignorance of believing that my house is mine and my possessions are mine too.

The ignorance of believing that birth is beautiful.

The ignorance of believing that illness would not come.

The ignorance of believing that old age was wisdom and that death was far away.

The ignorance of believing that I was not ignorant and that I knew everything.

I no longer want to be ignorant. I want to be conscious of Krishna.

Thank you, A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, my spiritual master.

My eternal father.

Hare Krishna.

Bhaktin Roxy.

August 17, 2025. Day of the advent of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

La Plata, Buenos Aires. Argentina.

Rupa Goswami das

India

*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 Kṛṣṇa, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.”

*namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracārīṇe
nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-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.”

[Śrīla Prabhupāda Praṇāti]

*bhaktisiddhānta-śiṣyāya bhaktivedānta nāmine
prasannāya prasāntāya tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

“Let me offer my obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master, who is a disciple of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura, who is always calm and joyful, and who is known by the name of Bhaktivedanta Swami.”

[Śrīla Prabhupāda-Stotram]

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

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

[Gautamīya Tantra]

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

“By the mercy of the guru, even a dumb man can become the greatest orator, and even a lame man can cross mountains. Therefore I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master, who is the deliverer of the fallen souls.”

*vṛndāvane ramaṇa-reti prasiddha-bhūmau
tatrāpi kṛṣṇa-balarāma-su-pāda-mūle*

*jñānaṁ paraṁ parama-kṛṣṇa-sudhārmṇyaṁ uktam
daṇḍas tu deva prabhupāda namo namas te*

“In the most holy land of Vṛndāvana, in Ramaṇa Reti, at the lotus feet of Śrī Kṛṣṇa-Balarāma, you are preaching the topmost knowledge of Kṛṣṇa the Supreme Personality of Godhead who is the fountainhead of religion. O master of the senses, O my Lord, Śrīla Prabhupāda, let me offer my obeisances unto you.”

[Śrīla Prabhupāda-Stotram]

Dear Beloved Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

I am very grateful to you. Thank you very much for appearing in our time. Otherwise, who would deliver sinners like us? I don't know whether I will go back to Godhead in this lifetime, but if I get human life again, I would like to become your disciple only. As stated in the scriptures:

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

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

[Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Madhya-līlā 19.151]

You have preached day and night, and for this I offer my repeated obeisances to you.

You stayed awake all night translating books, and for this I offer my repeated obeisances to you.

You distributed bhakti to all without discrimination based on gender, race, age, caste, or country, and for this I offer my repeated obeisances to you.

You made bhakti simple and accessible for us: easy deity worship, fewer rules and regulations, reducing from 64 to 16 rounds of chanting, etc. You are very merciful like Lord Gaurāṅga-Nitai. Your mercy has no limit. There is no doubt that you are the ambassador of Lord Chaitanya. You possess all 26 qualities of a Vaiṣṇava.

Srila Krishnadas Kaviraja Goswami listed the twenty-six good qualities of a Vaisnavas:

- (1) He is very kind to everyone.
- (2) He does not make anyone his enemy.
- (3) He is truthful

- (4) He is equal to everyone.
- (5) No one can find any fault in him.
- (6) He is magnanimous.
- (7) He is mild.
- (8) He is always clean.
- (9) He is without possessions.
- (10) He works for everyone's benefit.
- (11) He is very peaceful.
- (12) He is always surrendered to Kṛṣṇa.
- (13) He has no material desires.
- (14) He is very meek.
- (15) He is steady.
- (16) He controls his senses.
- (17) He does not eat more than required.
- (18) He is not influenced by the Lord's illusory energy.
- (19) He offers respect to everyone.
- (20) He does not desire any respect for himself.
- (21) He is very grave.
- (22) He is merciful.
- (23) He is friendly.
- (24) He is poetic.
- (25) He is expert.
- (26) He is silent.

What you accomplished in 11 years seems as if you stopped time itself, as mentioned in the scriptures that a pure devotee is not bound by time, place, etc.

I don't know if I will ever receive your mercy. If you show a little mercy to a fallen soul like me, then my preaching will have some effect; otherwise, everything is in vain. Therefore, I am trying to serve your disciples like HG Yasodanandana Prabhu and HG Vishwakarma Prabhu as the servant of the servant of the servant of your servant.

Thank you for sending your sincere disciples to guide us and give hope that you are still living in sound through your vani incarnation. Devotees all over the world are still feeling your presence. You are still living through your instructions and books, as you taught us.

You are the living example of how human life should be used. You followed the entire varnashrama dharma. Pure devotees are not bound by this, but still, to show by example and be a living demonstration for all, you practiced:

- Brahmacharya in your young age
- Grihastha life when married

- Vanaprastha after that
- Sannyasa in your later years

In sannyasa, you explained that there are four stages—kuṭīcaka, bahūdaka, parivrājakācārya, and paramahaṁsa—and you practiced all of them. According to the Vedic system, when one accepts the renounced order, he stays outside his village in a cottage, and his necessities, especially his food, are supplied from home. You practiced this kuṭīcaka stage.

When a sannyāsī advances further, he no longer accepts anything from home; instead, he collects his necessities, especially his food, from many places. You also practiced this system called mādḥukari, which literally means “the profession of the bumblebees.” As bumblebees collect honey from many flowers, a little from each, so a sannyāsī should beg from door to door but not accept very much food from any particular house. This is called the bahūdaka stage.

When a sannyāsī is still more experienced, he travels all over the world to preach the glories of Lord Vāsudeva. You also followed this and preached all over the world. He is then known as parivrājakācārya.

The sannyāsī reaches the paramahaṁsa stage when he finishes his preaching work and sits down in one place, strictly for the sake of advancing in spiritual life. You were going to do this also, but you left your physical body. Of course, you are already a paramahaṁsa, the topmost pure devotee of Radha-Krishna, the soldier of Lord Chaitanya who predicted that all over the earth His name would be spread, which you fulfilled.

I request all Gaudiya Vaishnavas to take shelter of Srila Prabhupada, which will deliver them and others also.

You are very dear to Lord Gaurāṅga, the son of mother Śacī, unparalleled in service to the Supreme Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. You are that great saintly spiritual master who bestows intense devotion to Kṛṣṇa at different places throughout the world.

By you alone, the holy name of Lord Gaurāṅga has spread throughout all the countries of the Western world. In all the cities, towns, and villages on the earth, from all the oceans, seas, rivers, and streams, everyone is chanting the holy name of Kṛṣṇa.

You ordered us to preach this mission. I am not worthy or fit to do it. I am very fallen and insignificant. Therefore, O Lord Srila Prabhupada, now I am begging for Your mercy so that I may become worthy, for You are the wisest and most experienced of all.

As stated in the Caitanya-caritāmṛta:

guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde pāya bhakti-latā-bīja

“By the mercy of the spiritual master and Krishna, one gets the seed of devotional service.”

If You bestow Your mercy, by serving the spiritual master one attains the Absolute Truth—one's life becomes successful. If that service is obtained, then one becomes happy and gets Krishna's association due to good fortune.

O Srila Prabhupada, You are so kind upon this useless soul.

Most of the population all over the world nowadays is covered by the material modes of ignorance and passion. Absorbed in material life, they think themselves very happy and satisfied, and therefore they have no taste for the transcendental message of Vāsudeva. I do not know how they will be able to understand it. It looks impossible!

But I know Your causeless mercy can make everything possible because You are the most expert mystic. I am simply praying for Your mercy so that I will be able to convince them about Your message. I wish that You may deliver them.

By your teachings only will they be able to understand the message of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam. The words of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam are Krishna's incarnation, and if a sober person repeatedly receives it with submissive aural reception from a bona fide spiritual master like you, he will be able to understand the message of Lord Krishna 100%. But because they are not hearing from authorized devotees, this is not happening.

My Small Preaching Efforts

I want to inform you about my small preaching effort that I am trying to do with HG Yasodanandana Prabhu, HG Vishwakarma Prabhu, and some other devotees who sincerely want to follow in your footsteps:

- I am trying to distribute your original books; now a total of 170 books have been distributed
- I am trying to cook and distribute prasadam
- I am trying to guide devotees who sincerely want to follow you, giving as much time as I can
- I am trying to conduct house programs

I don't know how long I will be able to continue, but I am giving my 100%. As I told you before, my family is still not supporting. They don't listen. Of course, little change has come, but their mood is the same.

I am very unfortunate, unqualified, and the most fallen. Therefore, I am seeking Your benediction so that I can convince them, for I am powerless to do so on my own.

Somehow or other, O Srila Prabhupada, You have brought me to this stage of bhakti. Now, my Lord Srila Prabhupada, please help me.

O my spiritual master, I can simply repeat what You said—the same message as it is—like a postman. I have no devotion, nor do I have any knowledge, but I have strong faith in your words.

We have passed our lives so frivolously and wasted not minutes, or hours or days, but we have wasted years of our precious lives, hovering in the dream that we will somehow do what no one has ever done before and achieve happiness in family and friendship.

Oh, Srila Prabhupada, what fools we are to again and again get trapped by the illusory energy of Lord Krishna! How will you forgive us for being such fools? You warned us that our strength is in our unity—like a bunch of sticks together that could not be broken, but a single stick easily breaks. My prayer is that all those who profess faith in Lord Gaurasundara will unite in one overwhelmingly powerful spiritual army, realizing fully that Guru is One because Krishna is One. By your blessings, may all the sectarian defects in us be removed, and may the blazing fire of pure devotion like a tidal wave flood the hearts of all the suffering jivas.

Modern Challenges and Your Continued Presence

Srila Prabhupada, I see in today's world so much facility for delivering HARE KRISHNA to the fallen souls. Yet I see that we have failed to utilize it. Why do we not have satellites broadcasting the transcendental sound through the ethers into the homes and offices of everyone on this earth?

Why do devotees continue to argue for so many years after your disappearance about what your orders are? Your orders were never in doubt—they are crystal clear. If I am an obedient disciple, then I carry your order, and if I am disobedient, then I am not. Srila Prabhupada, you wrote that the “highest realization is to save yourself.” We so easily think that we are already freed from the clutches of illusion, but the reality is the opposite.

Srila Prabhupada, personally I have never had one doubt in you. My troubles are all done by me. I am helpless, and I know that there is no way out of my delusion other than your blessings, your causeless mercy.

I beg you not to toss me away. I beg you to remember whatever small service I am trying to offer to you, and I beg you to keep me eternally connected with you, birth after birth. I pray that one day you will grace me with a smile when you are pleased by my service mood.

I pray, Srila Prabhupada, that your vision for every home to become a temple and for the people on this earth to be happy with simple living and high thinking will manifest more far and wide.

Your Universal Message

It is so wonderful that you have given everyone an understanding of God that all can relate to, regardless of whether one is Christian, Muslim, Jewish, or Buddhist. You have simply promoted love of God.

Srila Prabhupada blessed this planet with his presence on September 1, 1896, in Calcutta when the sun was traveling through the heart of the astrological sign of Leo.

Leo's symbol is the lion, whose qualities are nobleness, kingliness, patience, perseverance, and bravery. Srila Prabhupada exhibited all of these qualities. Prabhupada showed extreme patience and steadfastness with only one goal to achieve: the mission given to him by his guru maharaja. He persevered through severe obstacles, including heart attacks while crossing the ocean on the Jaladuta. But his compassion for the suffering of humanity and his guru's blessings gave him the courage to reach the American shore. He had only 40 rupees, a few books, his invincible bravery, and strong will to carry out his guru's desire to bring the message of Lord Chaitanyadeva to these Western countries.

Śrī Krishna Himself spoke of His pure devotee Srila Prabhupada in this way:

*ya idam paramam guhyam mad-bhakteṣv abhidhāsyati
bhaktim mayi parām kṛtvā mām evaiṣyaty asaṁśayaḥ*

“For one who explains the supreme secret to the devotees, devotional service is guaranteed, and at the end he will come back to Me.” (Bhagavad-gita 18.68)

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

“There is no servant in this world more dear to Me than he, nor will there ever be one more dear.” (Bhagavad-gītā 18.69)

*yad yad ācarati śreṣṭhas tat tad evetaro janaḥ
sa yat pramāṇam kurute lokas tad anuvartate*

“Whatever action is performed by a great man, common men follow in his footsteps. And whatever standards he sets by exemplary acts, all the world pursues.” (Bhagavad-gītā 3.21)

And Prabhupada is much more than just a great man—he is a śaktyāveśa avatar and pure, unalloyed servant of God, Śrī Krishna. He is more than just a saint or sadhu; he is jagat guru Srila Prabhupada, at whose feet all gurus and saints are sitting.

Your Eternal Presence Through Vani

When Srila Prabhupada departed from his physically manifest body on September 14, 1977, everyone who ever heard of him or knew him felt great sorrow and vacancy in this world. Actually, great fear overcame his followers everywhere. It was a selfish fear, like that of a child who felt they would be helpless and in danger without their mother or father. Indeed, Srila Prabhupada was this planet's true guardian, the real compassionate refuge and spiritual strength for all of earth's creatures.

But due to the modes of passion and ignorance, so many did not recognize him. Those who were fortunate to recognize him could not keep themselves from loving him and wanting to selflessly follow his teachings.

The day his lotus feet stepped down upon this planet, everyone became immediately spiritually benefited, whether they knew it or not. And that is the śakti of the pure devotee of Radharani. That is the inconceivable acintya śakti of Lord Krishna's beloved emissary, Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Prabhupada always arranged wonderful celebrations on his guru maharaja Srila Bhaktisiddhanta's disappearance day. Some of Srila Prabhupada's most devotional and intimate speeches occurred on those days and reveal Prabhupada's perfect and undying love for his spiritual master. Through His Divine Grace AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Śrīla Prabhupāda followers today, we see the inspiring devotion continuing in this same way to glorify their guru maharaja.

Srila Prabhupada came to save everyone through his vani (words), and when his physical body no longer functioned, his vani continued to change the hearts and minds of countless souls in this Kali Yuga. In this way, Srila Prabhupada never left us—he never died.

As Bhaktivinoda Thakura wrote:

“He reasons ill who tells that Vaisnavas die, when thou art living still in sound.
The Vaisnavas die to live, and living try to spread the holy name around.”

Concerning vani, in his January 13, 1969 Los Angeles lecture, Srila Prabhupada said:

“Vapu means the physical body, and vani means the vibration. So we are not concerned about the physical body. Not concerned means... We are concerned, of course, because the spiritual master, those who are acharyas, their body is not considered as material. ‘Arcye sila-dhir gurusu nara-matir’—just like the statue of Krishna, to consider that ‘This is a stone...’ Similarly, ‘arcye sila-dhir gurusu na...’ gurusu means those who are acharyas; to accept their body as an ordinary man's body is denied in the sastras. So although a physical body is not present, the vibration should be accepted as the presence of the spiritual master—vibration. What we have heard from the spiritual master, that is living.”

Although we understand this theoretically, it is impossible not to feel the loss and sadness when the pure devotee apparently leaves his body and leaves us here without his transcendental bodily presence.

But he will continue to live through sound vibration, and as long as his followers keep his books and memory alive without addition and alteration, he will remain alive for everyone. Thousands of years from now and beyond, Srila Prabhupada's vani will still be the words and laws of salvation for all mankind. Those who take advantage of it will be the most fortunate.

Prabhupada didn't really leave us after all. We should remember his words: "The spiritual master lives forever by his divine instructions, and the follower lives with him."

This reminds me of the pastime of Lord Krishna's departure when Arjuna lost all his powers and abilities out of sorrow and separation but regained them when remembering his beloved friend and spiritual master Śrī Krishna's song on the battlefield of Kurukshetra—the words of Bhagavad-gītā. It was now up to us, his followers, to take that spark and build it into a beautiful fire of devotion to jagat guru, or to let it die out or get smoldered by offenses and concoctions of our own design, forgetting his perfect instructions.

Your Continuing Mercy

Today, Srila Prabhupada's blessings are experienced even by people who never met Prabhupada personally. Therefore, people need not think they are missing out on his mercy. They should know also that Prabhupada's vani is the transcendental vibration that is meant for them personally, and when they hear it on CDs or tapes, or read his words from his books (unedited, unadulterated, unchanged), he is directly talking to them. Jagat Guru came to save everyone—past, present, or future—not just a few thousand souls that happened to be here and get initiated while he was in his physical body.

In his October 20, 1972 Lecture in Vrindavan, Srila Prabhupada said:

"But in this life, if we develop Krishna consciousness by association of devotees... As Narottama dasa Thakura has sung, 'tandera carana-sevi-bhakta-sane vasa.' One's aim of life should be to serve the acharyas. 'Acharya upasanam.' So our acharya in the Gaudiya Vaishnava Sampradaya—the sri-rupa sanatana bhatta-raghunatha, sri-jiva gopala-bhatta dasa-raghunatha, the Six Gosvamis—if we associate with them... this book, Nectar of Devotion, Bhakti-rasamrta-sindhu, if you read regularly, try to understand, this means you are associating with Srila Rupa Gosvami directly. And if you act accordingly, then you are serving their lotus feet."

Similarly, as long as Prabhupada's vani is around, he is there personally to guide all humanity back home, back to Godhead. Otherwise, why would he write books? Why record his speaking? Why make videos? Why make CDs? Because future generations would then also get the blessings of the pure devotee, the śaktyāveśa avatar of God Himself, Srila Prabhupada.

As Prabhupada has instructed, the secret of getting his direct divine mercy lies in the realization of his vani and transcendental purports and putting them into action. Prabhupada said that we should read all of his books and understand them—they are not only for distributing to others. Not only is

Prabhupada there personally, but the entire disciplic succession going all the way to Śrī Krishna are all there in Prabhupada's vani.

Every word in Prabhupada's teachings is just as valid today and tomorrow as it was in his physical presence. This is the amazing spiritual potency of the pure devotee. He knows everyone personally on the spiritual platform. He doesn't have to personally take an airplane to your hometown in order to save you from illusion and bestow his blessings. And Prabhupada can speak through his pure representatives also. If the purity is there, if they are following his instructions purely, it will have the right effect. As Prabhupada said, "Purity is the Force."

Your Unique Position

But no one will ever be able to imitate Srila Prabhupada. No one can ever take his place as the Founder-Acharya of ISKCON and the one and original initiator of the pure chanting of the Hare Krishna maha-mantra around the world! No one had ever before on such a grand scale delivered the mercy of Śrī Chaitanya and Śrī Krishna to the entire world through books, his harināma-saṅkīrtana movement, profuse prasādam distribution, deity worship, and the establishment of hundreds of beautiful temples worldwide! He was the first in all these transcendental aspects.

We hear the phrase, "What can one person do?" The answer depends on the person and the opportunities available to that person. All Srila Prabhupada had was only one instruction from his guru maharaja and his devotion to fulfill it. Śrī Krishna then supplied the opportunities to His pure devotee, and Prabhupada achieved what no one previously could ever do. He made "Hare Krishna" a household word.

The amazing thing about Bhakti-yoga, as Prabhupada taught us, is that you don't have to be a genius or a Sanskrit scholar or have any material talent whatsoever to receive the highest blessings and highest stage of human life—Krishna prema. What matters most is sticking to the task that Prabhupada gave us. He always taught that the key to efficiency and spiritual success is doing the best you can do with the talents Krishna gave you, always attempting to improve your sadhana, whether or not you are congratulated for your service. Krishna will reward. He said, "Don't try to be a great devotee; just try to be a good devotee."

Your Perfect Example

Srila Prabhupada never desired a reward for his miraculous work; he never considered all the temples and properties to be his own possessions. Everything belonged to his guru maharaja and to Krishna, including his own self. He always educated us by his perfect example. He was the ideal of Vaishnava humility and pridelessness. He said:

“So sometimes people give me very much credit that I have done wonderful throughout the whole world. But I do not know that I am wonderful man. But I know one thing, that I am speaking what Krishna has spoken. That’s all. I am not making any addition, alteration. Therefore I am presenting Bhagavad-gita As It Is.” (July 15, 1975, San Francisco)

Anyone can repeat what Prabhupada said and share his teachings with others. Then his mercy continues like the torch that lights a candle, then another candle, and so on into eternity. Prabhupada continues to dispel the darkness around us with his torchlight of pure bhakti.

caṅkṣu-dān dilo jei, janme janme prabhu sei, divya-jñān hṛde prokāśito

“He opens my darkened eyes and fills my heart with transcendental knowledge. He is my Lord birth after birth.” [Guru Vandana, Verses 03]

Your Final Instructions

I’ll conclude with this awesome quote by Srila Prabhupada.

In his May 17, 1977 conversation in Vrindavan, Prabhupada said:

“So I cannot speak. I am feeling very weak. I was to go to other places like Chandigarh program, but I cancelled the program because the condition of my health is very deteriorating. So I preferred to come to Vṛndāvana. If death takes place, let it take here. So there is nothing to be said new. Whatever I have to speak, I have spoken in my books. Now you try to understand it and continue your endeavor. Whether I am present or not present, it doesn’t matter. As Kṛṣṇa is living eternally, similarly, living being also lives eternally. But kīrtir yasya sa jīvati: “One who has done service to the Lord lives forever.” So you have been taught to serve Kṛṣṇa, and with Kṛṣṇa we’ll live eternally. Our life is eternal. Na hanyate hanyamāne śarīre [Bg. 2.20]. A temporary disappearance of this body, it doesn’t matter. Body is meant for disappearance. Tathā dehāntara-prāptiḥ [Bg. 2.13]. So live forever by serving Kṛṣṇa. Thank you very much.”

And thank you very much, Srila Prabhupada, for all your gifts of immeasurable spiritual value. Your mercy is an unfathomable ocean, and we are so fortunate to obtain even a drop of that ocean. Thank you again and again.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada !!

Your servant,
Rupa Goswami Das

Sameer Epari

India

My Respected and Beloved Gurudev, Srila Prabhupada,

You have entered my life like the radiant sun, dispelling the darkness of ignorance with your divine mercy. I am utterly unqualified, yet you have showered your compassion upon me—so much so that I find myself at a loss for words to express my gratitude.

In this world where spiritual practice and devotional service are often dismissed as blind faith, your teachings shine like a beacon of truth. Every word you have spoken is like a law in the spiritual constitution—logical, scientific, and deeply transformative. When properly heard and understood, one cannot help but be awestruck.

While most are confused about God and His position, by your causeless mercy, I have come to know that Lord Krishna is undoubtedly the Supreme Personality of Godhead. The ultimate aim of life is to fully surrender at His lotus feet. Your purports on the Bhagavad Gita reveal its profound wisdom in a way that continually reminds us of the true purpose of life and how to live it in full Krishna consciousness. By your mercy, my faith in Sanatana Dharma—the eternal duty of the soul—has been firmly rooted. In this world of dualities and contradictions, your teachings alone bring peace and harmony.

Before your divine presence entered my life, I felt lost and without purpose. I believed I was unworthy, unloved, and incapable of contributing to this world. But now I realize that true love and care come only through your mercy. You have given meaning to my life.

I humbly beg you—please never withdraw your shelter from me. Kindly keep me forever at your lotus feet.

I am so unfortunate that I am unable to perfectly follow your instructions and often fall into illusion. Still, I beg for your mercy. Please protect me from this material entanglement and bless me with the strength to serve you more and more. I understand that the only way to please Krishna is to please you—and vice versa.

May your glories be known in every corner of the universe, and may your divine message spread everywhere.

Your unworthy and undeserving servant,
Sameer Kumar Epari

Bhaktin Shreya

India

My dearest Guru-Father Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my most humble obeisance at your lotus feet. All glories to you, my eternal father, who has never abandoned me, even when I was lost in this world for so long.

I was born into a ritualistic family, raised to do deity puja of various demigods as taught by my grandparents. My grandfather would listen to the Bhagavad-gita, and I would enjoy the sound of the tunes though I hardly understood the meaning. My grandmother's Tulasi puja was something I loved too—I would decorate the plant, make offerings, and circumambulate at the end of the ritual. But these were just glimpses; my heart did not yet know you.

As I grew older, bogus gurus were rising everywhere. My aunts would invite me to satsangs, and I began to dislike the system. My faith weakened.

In the year 2000, when I was 15, I visited ISKCON with my grandparents. Being a book lover, I bought a few of your books. But I never read them. I was more of an auditory learner, longing for audiobooks instead.

By 2004, I had joined one of the biggest companies at the time, AOL. Corporate life was intense. I was searching for the purpose of life, asking spiritual questions but finding no answers. The 1.5-hour cab rides to and from work gave me time to reflect. I decided to listen to spiritual audiobooks, and by your mercy, I found a narration by Tatikshva Karuna Das, produced by Kamlesh Patel. I also bought the tiniest Bhagavad-gita from BBT. Deep down, I knew it was your divine arrangement that brought these into my life.

I kept listening, but applying the teachings in daily life felt impossible. Corporate culture crushed me—humiliation, endless competition, ego battles. My colleagues would laugh at me, saying, “What people should be doing at 65 or 70 after retirement, you’re already doing now, listening to spirituality!” But, Guru-Father, I couldn’t wait for old age. My soul was aching for shelter.

I tried listening to many other gurus. Each one gave some comfort, but the questions always came back. The thirst never ended.

Then in 2021, when COVID hit, one day, I saw you again. It was during an 18-day Bhagavad-gita course by ISKCON, and I felt as though it was a fast-track course meant just for me. In lieu of providing volunteering services, I got into the groups and started serving. Suddenly, one fine day, I encountered one of my worst experiences—the president privately called to harass me and humiliated me.

In the midst of all the personal and professional challenges I was already facing, spirituality had been my only place of solace, and now there was another paradox. I went completely silent. Hurt. Disappointed.

I was almost ready to believe that no truth existed in this world anymore. And just when I was on the edge of giving up completely, you sent your most trusted devotees to rescue me. I found myself in the company of Vasishth Krishna Prabhu and Ramachandra Ronald Singh Prabhu. I didn't know who to trust, but they cared for me, guided me, and showed me your mercy. This cannot be a coincidence.

Now in 2025, I am blessed to be in your revered disciples' group under the guidance of Yasoda Nandana Dasa Prabhu and Visvakarma Dasa Prabhu.

Guru-Father, now I understand: it was you who arranged everything, step by step, to bring me home to you.

It has taken me twenty-five years to finally reach your devotees. When I think about that, I feel so small. Karma and my own foolishness held me back for so long. Yet you never let me go. You carried me back with the same fatherly patience you have for all your children.

Now I finally understand why I am here. My journey is only beginning, but I no longer feel lost. I surrender to you, my Guru-Father Srila Prabhupada. Please give me the strength to remain at your lotus feet, always in the association of your devotees, chanting Krishna's holy names and serving your mission.

I offer you this heart, Guru-Father. It has taken too long, and it is still cracked and imperfect, but it is yours. Please hold me close and never let me drift away again.

And finally, I offer my deepest gratitude to my devotee family in this group. You are the living extensions of my Guru-Father's mercy, the brothers and sisters I had been searching for all my life. Thank you for holding on so strongly to Srila Prabhupada's teachings and for welcoming me into this sacred family. Guru-Father, thank you for giving them the strength to carry your mission forward so that children like me, lost for decades, could be found.

Guru-Father, please never let me go again. Let me stay forever at your lotus feet, serving you and my spiritual family until my last breath.

Your ever-grateful child,
Shreya

Shyamasundara das

Australia

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-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 Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-sunyavadi-pascatya-desat-tarine*

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

Dear Srila Prabhupada, all glories to you on this most auspicious day of your appearance. Thank you so much for coming to this hellish realm to mercifully wake up the sleeping souls. Without your munificent compassion and kindness we would all be suffering the most extreme nescience.

He reasons ill who says that Vaiṣṇavas die, When thou art living still in sound! The Vaiṣṇavas die to live, and living try To spread the holy name around.
(Nārada Bhakti Sūtra – Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura)

Unfortunately the house you built for the whole world to live in has split into two factions, vapuh vadis who believe you are no longer living and vani vadis who know you live forever in sound. Exoteric and esoteric.

Philosophical conflict in this age of Kali Yuga is rampant. Those who seek truth will always unite in understanding, based on their inherent desire for honesty. An honest heart requires an open mind and introspective nature, freedom from dogma, material ambition and blind following.

For us in the Prabhupada Disciples Association your vani association is more accessible than when you were physically present. You are here in your books, conversations, lectures, letters, murti form, pictures, videos, memories from those who were with you, places of pilgrimage where you preached, temples that you built and prayers offered to you everyday from all over the realm. Your Pranam mantras permeate the ether, purifying the collective consciousness.

Our Vaisnava philosophy teaches us that vipralamba or separation from our loved one is the topmost form of love. In that state we are always thinking of our beloved and anticipating meeting them. Although we are separated physically from you Srila Prabhupada, we are connected spiritually by our meditation. This is the highest level of love.

We hope and we pray for the day when all members of your society will understand the esoteric meaning of vani incarnation, until then, we will go on with our service, patiently persevering to undertake your mission and direct sincere souls to your Lotus Feet.

All glories to you Srila Prabhupada.
Your loving disciple,
Shyamasundara das

Sri RadheyHari Dasi

USA

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svaminn iti namine*

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

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desatrine*

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

O dearest Srila Prabhupada, O unlimited ocean of mercy, compassion, tolerance, forgiveness, kindness, humility, liberalness, strictness, courage, spiritual strength—and all the other auspicious qualities that comprise the character of a nitya-siddha associate of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Lord Nityananda Prabhu, I fall at your feet and beg you to accept me as your eternal servant. The shelter of your lotus feet is everything to me. You are my life and soul. On this holiest of days, your Vyasa-puja, please allow me to rededicate my life to serving you and your mission of making everyone happy by reading your books out loud to whomever I meet.

You wanted everyone to use the knowledge contained in your books, Srila Prabhupada, no matter what position they hold. To bring about peace in human society we all must apply the principles taught in the holy scriptures to purify and develop our character. And that process begins by each of us correcting ourselves by thinking, feeling, willing, and acting according to the spiritual standards set by the great exemplars and then explaining and demonstrating that spiritual knowledge and culture to others.

“To hear and explain them is more important than reading them. One can assimilate the knowledge of the revealed scriptures only by hearing and explaining. Hearing is called *sravana*, and explaining is called *kirtana*. The two processes of *sravana* and *kirtana* are of primary importance to progressive spiritual life. Only one who has properly grasped the transcendental knowledge from the right source by submissive hearing can properly explain the subject.” (SB 1.1.6, purport)

You state in your purport to Bhagavad-gita 2.72, “One can attain Krsna consciousness or divine life at once, within a second—or one may not attain such a state of life even after millions of births. It is only a matter of understanding and accepting the fact.”

Your purports provide that understanding, Srila Prabhupada. By hearing your books repeatedly over a long period of time—especially out loud—and by sincerely trying to understand them can we learn all the mysteries of the universe, what is true and what is false, and how to live in the truth.

I'm very thankful to you Srila Prabhupada to be in my life please promise me you will never leave me alone and will always guide me.

Hare Krsna!

Begging for any place in the dust of your lotus feet,
Sri RadheyHari dasi

Bhaktin Sushma

India

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshtaya bhu-tale,
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine.
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine,
nirvishesha-sunyavadi-pascatya-des-tarine.*

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

Hare Krsna Gurudev,
Dandwat Pranam,

I don't know from where to start and what to say, I am not eligible to say anything.

First of all how are you?? I know this is very silly question as you are with Krsna of course you are very happy there. Thank you so much for accepting me even after so much fall down at every step, so much aparadha I have done, still you never rejected me.

Last year I asked you to help me with my anger issues and thank you so much, you literally helped me with that. You sent so many best god brothers and sisters to help me with the same... and I can see changes within me by your mercy. There are some other drawbacks also within me, I beg you please help me with that as well, so that I can be your good daughter and preach as you always wanted.

Also I want to get initiation and we have some plans for that I hope and pray whatever steps I would take that leads me near you and Krsna only not to maya Devi...as there are so much things going on.

Many times I had doubt about this Ritvik System and all and I sometimes think to take initiation from some brajwasi guru, but I have already accepted you as my Guru maharaj I can't give this position to anyone else, so I just beg you to accept me I know I don't deserve it but still you are patita pavana so please accept me as your disciple and guide me how to follow all your rules and regulations and from whom to take it on your behalf.

Also I want to learn more and more about preaching, Vaishnav bhajans and deity worship. Please always be with me and guide me through every step and path. I want to be in your association please please please tell Krsna and Srimati Radharani to give me Brajwasi as soon as possible, so that I can be with you there always, away from this world.

I want to talk to you and I'm waiting to meet you, and serve you, hope to meet you soon Gurudev. Please give me some spiritual name ASAP, I am eagerly waiting for that.

Your most rascal Child.
Bhaktin Sushma

Bhaktin Susila Rajan

Malaysia

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I feel you found me when I was lost, a soul wandering without knowing my true home. I had no idea I was forgetting my eternal relationship with the Supreme Lord but through your mercy, you opened my eyes.

Even in my weaknesses, you never turned me away. Though I am not qualified, you gave me shelter. You taught me that devotion is not about perfection but about sincerity. Step by step, you have been guiding me closer to Bhagwan Sri Krishna, patiently helping me transform my heart and my life.

I pray to always serve you with gratitude, to hold your instructions in my heart and to walk the path you have shown me until the day I return home, back to Godhead.

All glories to Jaya Srila Prabhupada.

Regards,
With humble obeisances,
Susila

Svarat dasa

Malaysia

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-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 Krishna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

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

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet. On this most auspicious day of your Divine Grace 129th Vyasa–Puja day, this very fallen and lowly servant of yours would like to make and humble prayers at your divine lotus feet. My only wish that Your Grace will grant me to remain as a speck of dust at your Divine lotus feet.

Srila Prabhupada you are the savior of the most fallen (patita pavan) therefore you have mentioned in Your purport of Srimad Bhagavatam that the disciple and spiritual master are never separated because the spiritual master always keeps company with the disciple as long as disciple embrace the teaching and follow the instructions of the spiritual master. This is called association of by vani (words). As Your Divine Grace mentioned that “ I shall remain your personal guidance, physically present or not physically, as I am getting personal guidance from my guru Guru Maharaja”- Room Conversation July 14, 1977, Vrindavana

My dear Lord The supreme personality of servitor godhead, I’m so fallen that even after reading these illuminating purports and instructions I have examined and understood that Im neither fit nor able to follow your Divine grace instructions strictly and Im always your unworthy disciple. However my only solace is your causeless mercy that you have given us your transcendental books, lectures and a society of wonderful devotees whom I’m able to associate with. Is an irrevocable fact that through your divine instructions given in your transcendental books you are able guide all the till the next 10,000 years to come. Therefore it’s an undeniable fact that a fallen soul like me can still be recipient of your causeless mercy in many birth to come. This is the proper way to understand the real meanings of “chaku dhan dilo yei, janme janme prabhu sei”.

Only through the causeless mercy of the Supreme personality of Godhead Sri Krishna that one can get a bonafide spiritual master. “Krishna kripate guru mile, guru kripate Krishna mile” and only through the causeless mercy of guru that one gets Krishna. So, I feel so fortunate to get your divine grace as my spiritual master birth after birth. I’m praying to you that I will never forget you in any birth or in any species of life. Oh Merciful lord , forgetting your instructions we have fallen into a perilous life of repeated birth and death as the saying goes, what profiteth a man who gains the whole world but he loses his eternal soul? My Lord you have descended on this auspicious day just to deliver us and assure and guarantee us an eternal life by going back home back to Godhead. Unless a spiritual master is a resident of Krsna loka, how can he give us an eternal life full of knowledge and bliss? What great fortune we have done to obtain your Divine Grace as our eternal spiritual master. Due to your unlimited mercy that you gave and distributed Krsna Prema freely to everyone like Lord Chaitanya

I’m sure that only through your mercy one can be delivered from the clutches of maya. “sadhu- sastra kripayaya yadi krishnamukha haya, sei jiva nistare maya tahare chadaya” Only by your blessings and the transcendental books that you have given us, all the condition souls become devoted to Krishna and finally be liberated from the clutches of maya. We considered ourselves as bhagyavan for getting your divine grace as our spiritual master ”bramanda bramite kona bhagyavan jiva, guru Krishna kripaya paya bhaktilata bija”

After wondering through so many birth in so many planetary systems undergoing so many species of life, such a person who meets a bona fide spiritual master is the most fortunate. Srila Prabhupada, a liberated soul like you is not bound by time and space, neither do your causeless mercy which is distributed freely in the form of holy name Hare Krsna Hare Krsna, Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama ,Rama Rama Hare Hare. Now, there is no need for us to us hesitate or worry, we need just to take shelter of your lotus feet, where there is no fear of birth ,death, old age and disease. We only need to open up our heart to receive your benediction in the form of transcendental knowledge, which is being distributed freely to everyone without any condition and consideration. Thank you again Srila Prabhupada, for everything that you have given us...we are greatly indebted to you birth after birth. Jaya Srila Prabhupada.

Your eternal and insignificant servant,
Svarat dasa (Malaysia)

Bhakta Vaibhav Borde

India

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

I offer my respectful obeisance's unto His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, who is very dear to Lord Krishna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

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

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisance's at your divine lotus feet. This transcendental knowledge is distributed by You is a mercy to all of us fallen souls. By taking advantage of this may we be surrendered to you eternally and try to become your humble servants eternally.

In Sri Caitanya Caritamṛta it is stated -

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

According to their karma, all living entities are wandering throughout the entire universe. Some of them are being elevated to the upper planetary systems, and some are going down into the lower planetary systems. Out of many millions of wandering living entities, one who is very fortunate gets an opportunity to associate with a bona fide spiritual master by the grace of Kṛṣṇa. By the mercy of both Kṛṣṇa and the spiritual master, such a person receives the seed of the creeper of devotional service. (CC MADHYA 17.151)

By both Yours and Kṛṣṇa's mercy this seed is given to the most unfortunate souls like us, this seed must be taken care properly and nourished for advancing in spiritual life. By Your causeless mercy, love and affection towards this fallen soul, I could render some service otherwise I'm incapable.

The purports in the Books - Srimad Bhagavad-Gita & Srimad Bhagavatam by You are very beautiful and I hope by Your mercy I can come to an understanding this transcendental knowledge. Your everything is perfect - Your smile, Your laughter, Your way of doing things, Your examples that any

child can understand. It is a blessing to us that we can hear Your transcendental voice even after being so much sinful.

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

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

I hope I can to surrender to Your Lotus feet and humbly try to serve You, and become your instrument as these threefold material miseries are always a source of entanglement which means Maya - that which is not, and for millions of years I serve my senses, parents, my country and so many things and I think that I'm enjoying but this material world is only a suffering which us poor souls have no idea about.

I hope I don't sleep in the Lap of Maya, and waste my days instead of serving You, I hope that I share Your Transcendental Books to the unfortunate souls who are trying to understand Lord Kṛṣṇa but are being cheated by many. When I see someone who is simply thinking themselves a follower of Iskcon but they don't know about You and simply they render service to someone who is incapable of delivering the fallen souls, my heart aches and I feel very bad for them. I pray to You my Spiritual Master, please be merciful on these souls, they don't know that their so called Guru is actually a cheater they cannot advance in their Spiritual life by serving these Gurus. Please give them intelligence.

As Srila Narottama Das Thakur sings :

*caksu-dān dilo jei, janme janme prabhu sei,
divya jñān hrde prokāśito*

He opens my darkened eyes and fills my heart with transcendental knowledge. He is my Lord birth after birth.

Please My Lord I beg you to let me serve you birth after birth, let my heart want only this thing and nothing else.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

Your unworthy Servant,
Bhakta Vaibhav

Venkata bhatta dasa

India

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

Srila Prabhupada, please give me the intelligence and discipline to become a worthy disciple of yours. Every day I fail to live up to the standards that you have set forth for your disciples. But kindly have mercy on me and don't give up on me. You are the most merciful.

You have mercifully given us your instructions and books. I have found shelter in them. They are nectarian and they are the only respite from the clutches of maya. Reading your books dissipates all illusion instantly. I always wish to remember the instructions given in your books and never forget them.

I beg for your forgiveness for all my mistakes and offenses.

Your aspiring servant,
Venkata bhatta dasa

Bhaktin Veronica

Italy

*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 Kṛṣṇa, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

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

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

My Dear Spiritual Master,

It is difficult for me to write to You. The Scriptures recognize in You the qualities of a Master who is non-different from God Himself. They proclaim Your virtues as those of one fully engaged in loving service to Your own Spiritual Master, thus teaching us the behavior of a true disciple, just as Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu did.

A pure devotee of the Lord cannot be separated from His lotus feet, even for a moment. A nitya-siddha never forgets Śrī Kṛṣṇa throughout his life. The Scriptures declare that You have come from the spiritual world. There will never be enough words to describe Your presence and Your origin, always absorbed in Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

The worship of a devotee is more powerful than the worship of the Lord; therefore it is the duty of everyone, on the transcendental platform, to hear from pure devotees, as explained by such servants of the Lord. Indeed, neither the Lord nor His devotee can be understood unless one is oneself a pure devotee.

Every spiritual place we have been blessed to visit is only by Your mercy; every joy is only by Your mercy. Nothing can come without You, for from You comes every blessing. You have taught us to be responsible, to accept ‘with knowledge from Your books’ the consequences of our past actions, to be honest with You, with Śrī Kṛṣṇa, and with ourselves. Without Your teachings, we would not have understood our true relationship with this material world and our real nature: eternal servants of God. My true ego is to serve You eternally.

I feel blessed, though unworthy of such a blessing; yet I treasure it and have full faith in You. I am no longer alone: I find You close to me in Your books. Infinite thanks!

I offer my most sincere obeisances at Your lotus feet.

Your servant,
Bhaktin Veronica

Vijaya Pandita dasa

Italy

*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 Prabhupada, who is very dear to Lord Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.”

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe,
nirviśeṣa-śūṇyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

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

All Glories to You, Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda, all Glories to this day of valiant auspiciousness, Your transcendental appearance.

My dear Spiritual Master, Śrīla Prabhupāda,

You regarded book distribution as the foremost activity of the Kṛṣṇa-consciousness movement and the most effective means for spreading Kṛṣṇa’s message and imparting spiritual knowledge to conditioned souls. You repeatedly stressed that distributing your books is a direct way to please both yourself and your own spiritual master, and that, ultimately, it leads to liberation.

You stated unequivocally that book distribution is the movement’s most crucial aspect, more important even than building temples or performing other rituals. You saw your books as a powerful instrument for reaching vast numbers of people, giving them the opportunity to encounter Kṛṣṇa consciousness and, potentially, to transform their lives. Indeed, distributing your books is, for you, a direct way to satisfy your guru, Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura, and, ultimately, Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu.

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, you view book distribution as the very fulfilment of your mission to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness throughout the world; you compared it to “dropping bombs” on the material energy (Māyā), signifying a direct engagement in the struggle against illusion.

You often emphasized that if the devotees would focus on distributing books, every other necessity would automatically be met. You encouraged all devotees, regardless of their other services, to take an active, ongoing part in this endeavour, making it constant rather than seasonal or occasional. Even if someone read only a single page, you believed it could have a profound, positive impact on that person’s life.

You once wrote:

“I am so much pleased to hear how you are so enthusiastic for distributing our books and literatures. Krishna will surely bless you. This book distribution program is our real propaganda work and Krishna is giving you intelligence how to do it nicely. Thank you very much.”
(Letter to: Madhucara — Nairobi 25 September, 1971)

Again, addressing Balavanta Prabhu, you declared:

“I am very glad to hear how the book distribution is increasing more and more. This is our greatest weapon. The more the books are distributed, the more the ignorance of the Age of Kali will be smashed. The world is feeling the weight of this Hare Krishna Movement, especially in your country. We have to increase this book distribution work more and more to firmly establish this Movement, which is the only hope for the suffering living entities.”
(Letter to: Balavanta — Vrindaban, 23 November, 1976)

Other times you told us:

These are the Bhāgavata. There is no comparison. There is no literature throughout the universe like Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam. There is no comparison. There is no competition. Every word is for the good of the human society. Every word, each and every word. Therefore we stress so much in the book distribution. Somehow or other, if the book goes in someone’s hand, he will be benefited. At least he will see, “Oh, they have taken so much price. Let me see what is there.” If he reads one śloka, his life will be successful. If one śloka, one word. This is such nice things. Therefore we are stressing so much, “Please distribute book, distribute book, distribute book.” A greater mṛdaṅga. We are chanting, playing our mṛdaṅga. It is heard within this room or little more. But this mṛdaṅga will go home to home, country to country, community to community, this mṛdaṅga.

For your pleasure alone, we have now printed your first canto of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam in three volumes, exactly as you first published it in New Delhi. We have produced 6,000 books (2,000 sets), and this will be followed by all the other nectar you left us. We shall not stop here, Śrīla Prabhupāda; I wish to continue contributing to the distribution of your books.

Always at Your Lotus Feet, your insignificant, tiny servant of your servants,
Vijaya paṇḍita dāsa

Bhakta Vinay Sandeep

India

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to your divine grace on this auspicious day of your appearance.

I feel deeply fortunate to have the opportunity to write this offering in your honor. Your teachings have illuminated the path of bhakti in my life, and I am eternally grateful for your mercy.

With a sincere heart, I express my desire to become a Brahmachari and to surrender fully at your lotus feet. I humbly seek your acceptance as your disciple and wish to take first initiation from you, through one of your senior disciples at the Hare Krishna Society / Prabhupada Disciples Association, if you so desire. Please keep me under your shelter, guiding me in my spiritual journey.

Your servant,
Bhakta Vinay Sandeep

Viprahita Dasa and Rasikesvari Devi Dasi

USA

Our Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

*nama om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta svamin it namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatya desa tarine*

Hare Krishna. Please accept our respectful obeisances. All glories to you, our spiritual master, who has changed our lives completely from materialism to trying to be devotees of Lord Sri Krishna. We know you are the pure devotee of the highest caliber, an uttama adhikari and mahabhagavata, coming in disciplic succession and personally sent by Lord Chaitanya to deliver the fallen souls of this age of kali. You can save us all from this material world and deliver us to the abode of the Lord, Sri Krishna, Goloka Vrindavan, and save us from repeated birth and death in the cycle of samsara. Krishna is yours and you can give Him to anyone you desire. We are simply running after you begging for one drop of your mercy. If we do not become qualified for that abode in this lifetime, we humbly pray for another chance to serve your lotus feet in another human birth. We beg that much mercy from you.

All glories to Guru and Gauranga.

Sincerely, your aspiring servants in Georgia,
Viprahita Dasa and Rasikesvari Devi Dasi.
Rakesh K. Sharma

Visvakarma dasa

Canada

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-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 Krishna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

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

*yad yad acarati sresthas
tat tad evetaro janah
sa yat pramanam kurute
lokas tad anuvartate*

Whatever action is performed by a great man, common men follow in his footsteps. And whatever standards he sets by exemplary acts, all the world pursues. (Bhagavad-Gita Chapter 3 Text 21)

On the holy day of your Vyasa Puja Celebration, we honor you as the bona fide representative of His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Goswami Maharaja Prabhupada. You are also a strict follower of the six Goswamis of Vrindavana. The Six Goswamis of Vrindavan are a group of prominent acharya's in the Gaudiya Vaishnava tradition, known for their role in rediscovering and revitalizing Krishna's holy places in Vrindavan, India, and for establishing the philosophical and devotional practices of our Vaishnava tradition. They are: Srila Rupa Goswami, Srila Sanatana Goswami, Srila Raghunatha Bhatta Goswami, Srila Raghunatha Dasa Goswami, Srila Jiva Goswami, and Srila Gopala Bhatta Goswami.

You are also the bona fide representative of the Supreme Personality Godhead Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu who appeared in West Bengal in the 15th century.

You taught us that Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu God Himself and also known as the Yuga Avatara, appeared in the form of a devotee in the 15th century, to teach the path of bhakti-yoga and spread the

chanting of the holy names Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.

This is the sublime method to uplift all conditioned souls lost in this temporary world of illusion. You revealed Chaitanya's mercy and his role in delivering the fallen souls globally, irrespective of race, color or creed. Your movement is also known as the non-sectarian yuga dharma for the Kali Yuga.

The Kali Yuga is the current age we are living in and is characterized by hypocrisy, quarrel and a decline in religious principles namely truthfulness, cleanliness, forgiveness, mercy with a shortened lifespan, reduced bodily strength, and loss of memory. It will last for 432,000 years and it's a time when people are easily misguided, prone to laziness, and plagued by all kinds of material disturbances. Prabhupada you emphasized that despite the challenges of Kali Yuga, there is a path to liberation through the mission of Lord Chaitanya which you promoted throughout your life and I was fortunate to join in 1971.

You are a perfect example of pure devotional service, and this inspired myself and thousands of other people to become your initiated disciples in your mission. Lord Chaitanya set the perfect example of a devotee in sanyasi order of life.

A Sannyasi is considered to be a dead man materially. He is not interested in any material business affairs, and exclusively devotes all his time to the transcendental service of his spiritual master and the mission of Lord Chaitanya,

The Sikshashtakam, or "Eight Prayers," are a set of eight Sanskrit verses composed by Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, the Yuga avatara of this age of Kali yuga that you have taught us. Lord Chaitanya's verses express the core principles of Vaishnava philosophy and devotion, focusing on the power of chanting the holy names of Krishna and further demonstrating the path of loving service to God.

*na dhanam na janam na sundarim
kavitam va jagad-isha kamaye
mama janmani janmanishvare
bhavatad bhaktir ahaituki tvayi*

O almighty Lord, I have no desire to accumulate wealth, nor do I desire beautiful women, nor do I want any number of followers. I only want your causeless devotional service, birth after birth.

Srila Prabhupada you accepted the sannyasa order, on September 17, 1959, at the Keshavaji Gaudiya Math in Mathura. You were initiated by Bhaktiprajnana Kesava Maharaja and given the name Bhaktivedanta Swami. That event was significant, as it marked your next step towards fulfilling your spiritual master's instruction to preach in the West. This fallen servant is now part of your great mission.

Unfortunately, a large group of my whimsical godbrothers interested in personal success, have gone into the guru business after your departure from this mundane plane, for profit, adoration and distinction which you termed the “guru business.” You explained in a recorded class that the same thing that happened in the Gaudiya Matha in India after the disappearance of your Srila Bhakisiddanta Saraswati Goswami Prabhupada.

Although thoroughly warned by you not to turn your institution like the Gaudiya Matha, the current Iskcon group has directly disobeyed your orders. On this Vyasa Puja celebration day we promise to restore your position as Founder-Acharya of your movement living in sound in your Vani incarnation.

I received my first initiation from you in July 1971, in Detroit, Michigan. The temple room in that house on Jefferson Avenue was packed with new devotees, all eager to the message of Lord Krishna from the lips of you, the pure devotee. When I stepped up to the Vyasa Asana in front, you announced my new spiritual name Visvakarma, loud and clear to the assembly of devotees. A dull roar of approval swept over the room from the attendees in attendance.

I had never heard that name spoken before in my life. I had no idea what it even meant? Visvakarma means the universal worker or the chief engineer. You looked at me and said, “but you should never consider yourself the chief engineer but the servant of the servant of the chief engineer in this way you can become great.” These words are still guiding in my service to you

Prabhupada you were speaking from your own experiences and example as the servant of the servant of your guru and Lord Chaitanya. Despite all the difficulties and hardships you experienced in the early years of Iskcon, you never gave up on that order to preach the message of Lord Chaitanya to the Western-speaking nations.

Your successes are many. You translated and wrote purports to 18,000 verses of Srimad Bhagavatam. You translated and wrote the purports to the 700 verses of Bhagavad Gita. You translated and wrote the purports to the 17 volumes of Caitanya Caritamrita - in total 2,170 pages or 11,555 verses! You also wrote Teachings of Lord Caitanya, Nectar of Devotion, Teachings of Lord Kapiladeva and Sri Isopanisad.

You created Back to Godhead magazine which reached a monthly distribution of 1 million copies. After the Fake gurus appeared in 1977 your magazine failed and is now on the verge of closure in 2025. You wrote 7000 letters to your disciples which were published in 5 volumes of books. We at PDA hope to reprint them unchanged and unedited.

Your Srimad Bhagavatam lectures have been compiled in 11 volumes of books. Your Bhagavad Gita lectures have also been compiled in 7 volumes. Your conversations in 37 volumes of books.

You produced over 50 recordings of kirtans and bhajans. You established 108 temples. And traveled around the world 14 times preaching the glories of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and Srimad-

Bhagavatam. Further you initiated approximately 4700 disciples in the process to carry on your mission after your departure from this material world.

There are more items to add to your history, but this list practically demonstrates the potency of you, the pure devotee of Krishna the bona fide representative of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Gosami Prabhupada. In the Krishna book it is explained in the chapter delivering the message of Krishna to the Gopis how, “Uddhava’s messages and instructions saved the gopīs from immediate death, and the gopīs acknowledged the benediction from Uddhava.”

“Uddhava practically acted as the preceptor spiritual master of the gopīs, and in return they worshiped him as they would worship Kṛṣṇa. It is recommended in authoritative scriptures that the spiritual master be worshiped on the level of the Supreme Personality of Godhead because of being His very confidential servitor, and it is accepted by great authorities that the spiritual master is the external manifestation of Kṛṣṇa. The gopīs were relieved from their transcendental burning condition by realizing that Kṛṣṇa was with them. Internally, they remembered His association within their hearts, and externally Uddhava helped them associate with Kṛṣṇa by his conclusive instructions.”

Srila Prabhupada you are the external manifestation of Krishna, and are worshiped on that level by we, your fallen servants. My godbrothers have described you as a “worker for hire” in the Iskcon movement, in documents submitted to the U.S. copyright office by them. Srila Prabhupada you are called Jagat Guru, and amongst Gurus you are the topmost Guru.

Here is a very important instruction from you in this regard.

Reporter: What will happen to the movement in the United States when you die?

Prabhupada: I will never die.

Prabhupada: I shall live for my books, and you will utilize them.

Vani and vapu, and vapu means the physical body, and vani means the vibration. So we are not concerned about the physical body. Not concerned means we are concerned, of course, because the spiritual master, those who are acaryas, their body is not considered as material. Arcye sila-dhir gurusu nara-matir. Just like the statue of Kṛṣṇa, to consider that “This is a stone similarly, arcye sila-dhir gurusu na.

Gurusu means those who are Acaryas, to accept their body as an ordinary man’s body, this is denied in the sastras. So although a physical body is not present, the vibration should be accepted as the presence of the Spiritual Master, vibration, what we have heard from the Spiritual Master, that is living.”

Unfortunately the Iskcon group and their self-appointed diksa gurus and managerial group, the GBC, have ignored these important directions from you, and have changed everything to suit their own misguided personal goals.

In a recent lecture, I heard you say, “People say I have created miracles, miracles are many, but I do not know any miracles. If there was any miracle I did not change anything.” Everything the acharya speaks is sastra and it is the responsibility of his disciples to learn his teachings and preach them to others and not change them for so-called corporate bridge preaching success.

Our mission is to preserve the Absolute Truth through the words of our Spiritual Master. This is the mission of PDA/HKS, and we pray on this holy Vyasa puja day to serve you in this way without any fear or hesitation. All glories to the Delhi Bhagavatams, which we have printed and now distributing to all serious students for your pleasure and satisfaction.

Visvakarma dasa

Camp: Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. June 29th, 2025

Yasoda nandana dasa

USA

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

namah—obeisances; *om*—address; *viṣṇu-pādāya*—unto him who is at the feet of Lord Viṣṇu; *kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya*—who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa; *bhū-tale*—on the earth; *śrīmate*—all beautiful; *bhaktivedānta-svāmin*—A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami; *iti*—thus; *nāmine*—who is named.

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

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

namah—obeisances; *te*—unto you; *sārasvate deve*—servant of Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Gosvāmī; *gaura-vāṇī*—the message of Lord Caitanyadev; *pracāriṇe*—who are preaching; *nirviśeṣa*—impersonalism; *śūnyavādi*—voidism; *pāścātya*—Western; *deśa*—countries; *tāriṇe*—who are delivering.

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

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

“I offer my respectful obeisances unto my Spiritual Master who has opened my eyes from the darkness of ignorance with the torchlight of knowledge.” (Gautamiya Tantra)

*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.” From Arcana-Paddhati

*bhaktisiddhanta-sisyaya bhaktivedanta namine
prasannaya prasantaya tasmai sri guruve namah*

“Let me offer my obeisances unto my guru maharaj, who is a disciple of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, who is always calm and joyful, and who bears the name Bhaktivedanta.”

*tvam nah sandarsito dhatra
dustaram nititirsatam
kalim sattva-haram pumsām
karna-dhāra ivārnavam*

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. (Srimad-Bhagavatam 1.1.22)

*adadanas trinam dantair idam yace punah punah
shrimad-rupa-padambhoja-dhulih syam janma-janmani*

Clasping a straw between my teeth, I repeatedly beg to attain the dust of the lotus feet of Shrimad Rupa Gosvami birth after birth. (Shri Mukta-carita, Raghunatha dasa Gosvami)

*amso bhagavato 'smy aharṇ sadā dāso 'smi sarvathā amśo
tat-kṛpāpeksako nityaṁ tat-presthasāt karomi svam*

“I am a tiny part and parcel of the Supreme Lord, and I am always and in every way His eternal servant. As I am always hoping for His mercy and kindness, I offer myself to His most dear servitor, my spiritual master.” (Arcana Paddhati)

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

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

*akṣṇoḥ phalaṁ tvādr̥śa-darśanaṁ hi
tanoḥ phalaṁ tvādr̥śa-gātra-saṅgaḥ
jihvā-phalaṁ tvādr̥śa-kīrtanaṁ hi
sudurlabhā bhāgavatā hi loke*

“My dear Vaiṣṇava, seeing a person like you is the perfection of one’s eyesight. Touching your lotus feet is the perfection of the sense of touch. Glorifying your good qualities is the tongue’s real activity, for in the material world it is very difficult to find a pure devotee of the Lord.’” (Caitanya-caritamṛta Madhya Lila 20.61)

*bhavati vicintya vidusa niravakara guru-paramapara
nityam ekantitvam sidhyati yayod ayati yena hari-tosam*

A discriminating person pleases Lord Hari by remembering the faultless disciplic succession of bona-fide spiritual masters, who enable one to attain the perfection of unalloyed devotional service. (Prameya Ratnavali.1.4)

*‘sādhū-saṅga’, ‘sādhū-saṅga’--sarva-śāstre kaya
lava-mātra sādhū-saṅge sarva-siddhi haya*

“The verdict of all revealed scriptures is that by even a moment’s association with a pure devotee, one can attain all success.” (Caitanya-caritamṛta Madhya Lila 22.54)

Dear Srila Prabhupada, My respectful obeisances at your lotus feet. A well-meaning friend recently asked: “Did Srila Prabhupada ever give warnings to his disciples about potential problems which may occur in His movement?”

Let us submissively hear from Your merciful Divine Grace:

Guravo bahavo santi

Srila Prabhupāda: *Guravo bahavaḥ santi vittāpahārakaḥ.*

Nitāi: Yes, right.

Srila Prabhupāda:

*guravo bahavaḥ santi
[śiṣya] vitta-pahāraḥ
taṁ tu gurum na paśyāmi
śiṣya-santā-pahāraḥ*

“There are many gurus. They are very expert in plundering disciples’ money, but it is very difficult to find out a guru who can take out all the anxieties of the disciple.” *Śiṣya santa-pahāraḥ*. Guru is meant for taking away the santāpa. *Samśāra-dāvānala-liḍha-loka-trāṇāya kārunya-ghanāghanatvam*. “The śiṣya will be peaceful”—objective of life—that is the business of guru, not to take away his money.

Haṁsadūta: In one lecture you were explaining those prayers, samśāra, and you said the first business of the guru is to take away the anxiety of the disciple.

Srila Prabhupāda: Yes. Now, our people, they have got some hope that they’re going back to home, back to Godhead. And all other rascals-zero. Who is endeavoring for zero? What is this endeavor?

Haṁsadūta: There’s nothing to do for that.

Srila Prabhupāda: Hare Kṛṣṇa. In Bhāgavata also—*gurur na sa syāt*. He should not be guru unless he is able to protect his disciple from the imminent danger of death. *Na mocayed yaḥ samupeta-mṛtyum*. This cycle of birth and death is going on. Guru’s business is how to stop this cycle of birth and death. And it is not very difficult. Teach him to understand Kṛṣṇa, and Kṛṣṇa is assuring, “If anyone understands Me nicely, then after giving up this body he comes to Me.” Where is the difficulty? Give him Kṛṣṇa consciousness, and he is saved from birth and death. There is nothing wonderful. There is no jugglery. *Tyaktvā dehaṁ punar janma naiti mām eti* [Bg. 4.9]. [break] ...only institution for mitigating the sufferings of humanity. But they don’t know what is the real suffering of humanity. *Dehaṁ punar janma naiti mām eti*. That is the real suffering, cycle of birth and death

(Morning Walk Conversation, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. February 4, 1975)

If you want God, then go to Bhaktivedanta Swami.

Srila Prabhupāda: Yes. My only business is to serve Kṛṣṇa. I don’t mind what will happen next.

Puṣṭa Kṛṣṇa: That desire to serve Kṛṣṇa, though, that Kṛṣṇa....

Srila Prabhupāda: Don't talk like foolish. That desire everyone has. He is serving. He is serving so many things, but he doesn't want to serve Kṛṣṇa. That is his foolishness. He is serving māyā; still, he denies to serve Kṛṣṇa. That is his misfortune. *Ei rūpe brahmāṇḍa bhramite kono bhāgyavān jīva* [Cc. Madhya 19.151]. So unless one is very fortunate, he does not agree to serve Kṛṣṇa.

Madhudviṣa: So that future is determined by the great souls, such as yourself.

Srila Prabhupāda: No, that...

Madhudviṣa: Because you are creating people's good fortune.

Srila Prabhupāda: Fortune, there. It is already there. I am simply informing.

Madhudviṣa: No, but you actually engage them in *ajñāta-sukṛti*, meritorious activities, even unwillingly performed.

Srila Prabhupāda: But this is the duty of everyone. One should not.... That is enjoined in the.... *Gurur na sa syāt*: "One should not become a guru if he cannot do that." Otherwise he is cheating. Why he should become guru? Why he should accept service from so many people if he cannot rightly direct them? Then he becomes bound up by the karma laws. If I take one paisa from you without any service, I have to pay you four paisa.

Mahāmśa: In the spiritual world the living entity is full of knowledge, so does he...

Srila Prabhupāda: That is enjoined, ordered, "You should not become guru if you cannot save him. You should not become father if you cannot save him." This is sastric injunction. First word is *gurur na sa syāt pitā na sa syāt*. Why you are claiming? Just like.... We are not going to become guru like that.... What is that rascal? Yogi....?

Gurukṛpā: Guru Mahārāja.

Revatīnandana: Which one? There's many rascals.

Srila Prabhupāda: That big rascal, transcendental meditation.

Madhudviṣa: Maharishi.

Srila Prabhupāda: Maharishi. He is giving assurance, "If you practice this yoga, then you'll be very able to do your business nicely. Your..." These things are.... And he is guru.

Mahāmśa: And he charges them a fabulous amount of money.

Srila Prabhupāda: Yes. No, unless...

Gurukṛpā: That verse, *guravo bahavo santi śiṣya-śāntopahārakāḥ*...

Srila Prabhupāda: No, no, they say to their friend that “These people want to be cheated. Why shall I not cheat?” He says. One of his secretaries came to him.... “If you want God, then go to Bhaktivedanta Swami.”

Pañca-draviḍa: He said that.

Srila Prabhupāda: He said, this Mahesh Yogi. “My business is cheating because the rascals wanted to be cheated. So why shall I not cheat and get some money?”

Gurukṛpā: But he doesn’t give the money to you, though. He knows you are real.

Srila Prabhupāda: No.... Not.... That is another thing, but he knows that “God consciousness you can get there.”

Mahāmśa: Yesterday you said that one cheater takes from the other cheater; so he is a cheater, he is taking from other cheaters.

Gurukṛpā: You mentioned in the Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam that one cheater takes the money, another cheater takes it...

Srila Prabhupāda: No, no, his business is cheating. His business is cheating. He said, “These rascals want to be cheated, so why not cheat?”

Madhudviṣa: So we shouldn’t be so angry at him. Some people are serving coffee because people want coffee. Some people are selling biḍīs because people want biḍīs. So if some people want to be cheated, so he is simply performing a function of society. Srila Prabhupada Morning Walk, Mayapura, West Bengal, India. March 14, 1976.

Beware of self-interested people after personal aggrandizement who deviate others from the actual path.

A bona fide spiritual master is in the disciplic succession from time eternal, and he does not deviate at all from the instructions of the Supreme Lord as they were imparted millions of years ago to the sun-god, from whom the instructions of Bhagavad-gītā have come down to the earthly kingdom.

One should, therefore, follow the path of Bhagavad-gītā as it is expressed in the Gītā itself and beware of self-interested people after personal aggrandizement who deviate others from the actual path. The Lord is definitely the supreme person, and His activities are transcendental. One who understands this is a liberated person from the very beginning of his study of the Gītā. Gita As It Is 4.42 purport

Srila Prabhupada: “This is our movement. We are not going to exploit anyone.”

Srila Prabhupada: “...The formula is already there. *Bhagavad-gītā* is the guidance, as it is. “Be happy here, and next life hope. Why you are disappointed? Take this way and be happy.” This is our movement. We are not going to exploit anyone. We are giving the right path: “Be happy in this life and next life also.” This is our mission. *Para upakāra...*” Srila Prabhupada Conversations. Bhuvanesvara, Orissa, India. January 21, 1977

Srila Prabhupada: Do not make it a stool society, make it a honey society.

“... So, he is comparing all the books written by Vyāsadeva, including the Vedānta philosophy. He says that this is *vāyasam tīrtham*. *Vāyasam tīrtham*. *Vāyasam* means crows. And the crows, and their place of pleasure. Have you seen crows? In India we have got many crows. In your country crows are not very... But in India the crows, they take pleasure in all nasty things. The crows. You’ll find they will take pleasure in a place where all nasty things are thrown, garbage. They’ll pick out the garbage, find out where there is mucus, where there is pus. Just like flies. They’ll sit down on the stool. *Mākṣikam bhramarā icchanti*. And the bees, they will try to take honey. Even in the animals you’ll see. The honey... The bees will never come to the stool. And the ordinary flies, they never go to collect honey. Similarly, there are divisions in the birds, divisions in the beasts, divisions in human society. So, you cannot expect that ordinary person will come to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. You see? Because they have been trained to become flies, they will taste stool. You see? The modern education is to teach people to become flies, only stool. Not here, Kṛṣṇa consciousness. But you make it a honeycomb. Those who are after, seeking after honey, they will find, “Here is something.” You see? **Don’t make it a stool society. You see? Make it a honey society.** At least, give chance, those who are seeking after honey. Don’t cheat people. So, they’ll come...”

(Srila Prabhupada Srimad-Bhagavatam Lectures. [Sb.1.5.9-11,] New Vrindavana, Moundsville, West Virginia, USA. June 6, 1969.)

Srila Prabhupada’s warning about not turning His temples into pandemonium.

Srila Prabhupāda: Therefore, my Guru Mahārāja used to say, “This is not a place for a gentleman.” Formerly, therefore, they used to go away from the society, go in the forest, to give up this bad association. Live alone.

Hari-śauri: Practically speaking, that’s what we’ve done. By your establishing these temples, it’s given us someplace to go where we can get out of Kali-yuga.

Srila Prabhupāda: Therefore, our temples should be very carefully managed. It may not become again another pandemonium.

Devotee: Pan-demon. Pan-demon-ium.

Devotee: Says that in the dictionary.

Devotee: Place of demons.

Srila Prabhupāda: Kṛṣṇa has given us many nice places. People can live very comfortably. There will be no scarcity. Cultivate Kṛṣṇa consciousness very seriously. That is wanted. Therefore, in this old age I am struggling so much to see that things are going on nicely. So far, I have seen, it is going on nice. But maybe the management is lacking. It may be the *māyā* is very strong. So be careful. All, you are all old students, and try to organize more and more solidly. The children should be taken, you can give lectures to the mothers, that children should be taken care of. They are future hopes. Child is the father of man. They say that we escape. What we are escaping? We have got all types of social society. There is *grhastha*, there is *sannyāsī*, there is *brahmacārī*. Whichever position is suitable, you accept and keep yourself sincere, that's all. Unnatural there is nothing. Is there anything unnatural? And if they think that we're prohibiting this meat-eating, this is unnatural, that we cannot. That is not unnatural, that is natural.

(Srila Prabhupada Room Conversation. New Mayapura, Paris, France. August 2, 1976.)

We have got practical experience how a great institution was lost by whimsical ways.

Just like Caitanya Mahāprabhu said, *āmāra ājñāya guru hañā* [Cc. *Madhya* 7.128], “You become a spiritual master under My order.” So if you carry out the order of Caitanya Mahāprabhu, Kṛṣṇa, then you become guru. *Āmāra ājñāya guru hañā*. Unfortunately, we do not wish to carry out order of the *ācāryas*. We manufacture our own ways. **We have got practical experience how a great institution was lost by whimsical ways. Without carrying out the order of the spiritual master, they manufactured something and the whole thing was lost.** Therefore Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura stresses very much on the words of the spiritual master. *Vyavasāyātmikā buddhir ekeha kuru-nandana* [Bg. 2.41]. If you stick to the order of spiritual master, then, without caring for your own convenience or inconvenience, then you become perfect.

*yasya deve parā bhaktir yathā deve tathā gurau
tasyaite kathitā hy arthāḥ prakāśante mahātmanaḥ* [ŚU 6.23]

This is the confirmation of all authorities. We have to carry out very faithfully the order of the bona fide representative of Kṛṣṇa. Then our life is successful. Then we can understand Kṛṣṇa in truth. *Vadanti tat tattva-vidastattvam* [SB 1.2.11]. We have to hear from the *tattva-vit*, not from the so-called scholars and politicians. No. One who knows the truth, you have to hear from him. And if you stick to that principle, then you understand everything very clearly. Thank you very much. (end) Srila Prabhupada Srimad-Bhagavatam Class [Sb. 1.2.11], Vrindavana, Uttar Pradesh, India. October 22, 1976.

As soon as this poison will come—“Suppress guru and I become Brahman”—everything finished. Spiritual life is finished. Gauḍīya Maṭha finished, that..., violated the orders of Guru Mahārāja.

Our mission is to serve bhakta-viśeṣa and live with devotees.

Not that you take the place of the guru. That is nonsense, very dangerous. Then everything will be spoiled. As soon as you become ambitious to take the place of guru-guruṣu nara-matiḥ.

Srīla Prabhupāda: This is our position. That is very easy for us. We haven’t got to manufacture. To manufacture idea is troublesome. Why should we take trouble? And as soon as you want to manufacture something, to . . . (indistinct) . . . that is dangerous. *Guru-mukha-padma-vākya, cittete kariyā aikya, āra nā kariha mane āśā.* This is . . . you are singing every day, **“What our guru has said, that is our life and soul. We do not want...”** *āra nā kariha mane āśā.* And your guru’s article, you have given. Do you think is all right? We are reading every day, *yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādaḥ.* **As soon as this poison will come—“Suppress guru and I become prominent”—everything finished. Spiritual life is finished.** Gauḍīya Maṭha finished, that . . . violated the orders of Guru Mahārāja.

Srīla Prabhupāda: So, it is easy for us. What Kṛṣṇa says and Vyāsadeva says, that’s all. We haven’t got to manufacture. And as soon as you manufacture, fall down. *Evaṁ paramparā-prāptam imaṁ rājarṣayaḥ . . . (BG 4.2).* This manufacturing idea is very, very dangerous in spiritual life. Whatever little success is there for me, I did not manufacture any idea.

Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: Neither you take any credit.

Srīla Prabhupāda: No. Why shall I take?

tāṇdera caraṇa-sevī-bhakta-sane vāsajaname janame mor ei abhilāṣa (Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura)

Our mission is to serve bhakta-viśeṣa and live with devotees. **Not that you take the place of the guru. That is nonsense, very dangerous. Then everything will be spoiled. As soon as you become ambitious to take the place of guru—guruṣu nara-matiḥ . . .** that is the material disease. The article clearly says that it is everything “Your city,” “His city.” That is clearly intimated that, “You have dropped from the sky to give this city to the world.” That is the sum and substance. Is it not? What is this nonsense? (pause) So do the needful.

Patita-pāvana: All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. (devotees offer obeisances) (end)

(Conversation, Bombay, Maharashtra, India. April 20, 1977)

Srila Prabhupada regarding the parampara system.

Srila Prabhupada warning: “You cannot change a single alphabet.”

“... The parampara system means... Just like we claim parampara system from Kṛṣṇa. So whatever Kṛṣṇa says or He said 5,000 years ago, we are repeating the same thing. That is called parampara system. Not that “The world has changed. Scientific advancement is very great. Now we can interpret in this way and that way.” This is all nonsense. All nonsense. **You cannot change a single alphabet.** They are all unmistakable. They cannot be changed. So that is *niscayam atmanah*. If you want to know positively, what is God, then we should take lesson from a self-realized soul who has understood, who has seen. *Jnaninas tattva-darsinah*. Just like here it is *tattva-niscayam atmanah*. So *tattvam*, the truth, so one must have seen the truth, realized the truth. *Tad-vijnanartham sa gurum evabhigacchet*. That is guru. Means one who has seen the truth. How he has seen the truth? Through the parampara system. Kṛṣṇa said this, and then Brahma said the same thing, then Narada said the same thing, Vyāsadeva said the same thing, and then disciplic succession, Madhvacharya, Madhavendra Puri, Isvara Puri, Lord Caitanya, Śaḍ-Gosvami, Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja Gosvami, Srinivasa Acarya, Narottama dāsa Thākura, Viṣvanātha Cakravartī Thākura. In this way. Jagannātha dāsa Bābajī, Gaura Kīśora dāsa Bābajī, haktisiddhanta Sarasvatī. Then we are speaking. The same thing. Not that “Because we are modernized... Your modern science has changed.” Nothing has changed. It is all foolishness...”

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture. Los Angeles, California, USA. June 24, 1976)

“I am not much fond of the idea of changing things to accommodate the public — better to change the public to accommodate us.”

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, December 28, 1971)

“...If a previous acarya has already written about something, there is no need to repeat it for personal sense gratification or to outdo the previous acarya. Unless there is some definite improvement, one should not repeat...”

(Sri Caitanya-Caritamṛta, (1975) Original unrevised edition. Madhya-Līla 12.150)

“Sometimes they come, however, by the order of the Lord not to hold any administrative post, but to associate with the Lord in person or to propagate the message of God in human society. Such empowered representative[s] are called *saktyavesha-avatars*, or incarnations invested with transcendental power of attorney.”

(Srimad-Bhagavatam 3.5.21)

Because these [books] are representative of God.

Prabhupāda: Anything they say nice, that means it is guaranteed, next life. Or even in this life it will definitely help. As soon as he reads some pages, then it is guaranteed. Those who are enquiring, that means they are liking. Their life is guaranteed.

Amogha: One man who joined us about Rathayātrā time last year was a solicitor. He used to buy our books but he never read them. But he would keep them on his bookshelf. And he used to always think, “Those are such beautiful books.” He used to think like that.

Prabhupāda: This is appreciation.

Amogha: He never got time to read it.

Prabhupāda: It doesn’t matter. If he keeps the books with appreciation, that makes his life sure, insured. He immediately becomes in touch with God. Who keeps the book with reverence and love, immediately he becomes in touch with God. Because these are representative of God.

Amogha: When we go to a school, I first ask, “How many students have seen us chanting in the streets?” Immediately they all raise their hands.

Prabhupāda: It is a very nice service you are doing. Kṛṣṇa will be satisfied, *hari-toṣaṇa*. As soon as Kṛṣṇa is satisfied, your preaching is perfect. (end)

(Morning Walk — May 9, 1975, Perth)

Prabhupāda: So there is no doubt about it that I am the representative of God.

Pr̥thu-putra: ...to show me. They were telling me that “You are going to see the representative of God.” And when I came to that vision, I saw the person. At that time I didn’t know who (it) was. But I had some doubts in my mind, and I was thinking, “Oh, that’s probably another kind of propaganda.” This was all in the dream. But when I came to that person sitting on the elevated seat in that forest, surrounded by many, many devotees, that person looked at me and proved to me that he was the representative of God. But after, I forgot. Maybe one year or something like this. One or two years after...

Prabhupāda: So there is no doubt about it that I am the representative of God.

Pr̥thu-putra: Yes. But when I was...

Prabhupāda: Either you dream or not dream, I claim.

Pr̥thu-putra: Yes. But this thing was just confirming. When I saw you the first time in Amsterdam, you were the same person that I saw in my dream one or two years previously.

Prabhupāda: That... You have read *Caitanya-caritāmṛta*? *Guru-tattva*. *Guru-tattva*. So there it is clearly said that guru is the manifestation of God. So it is confirmed in the *śāstra*. And all the *ācāryas* accept it. *Yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādah* **.

Satsvarūpa: But is it possible to also learn spiritual truths from this..., from representatives on the subtle plane?

Prabhupāda: There is no question of subtle plane. You are on the gross plane. You first of all study gross things, and subtle, we shall see later on.

Prthu-putra: Of course, that was never a doubt. That's just the way I came to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. And when I saw you...

Prabhupāda: So, the guru is the representative of God. That's all right. Then what is your misunderstanding?

(Room Conversation — January 28, 1977, Bhuvaneśvara)

We pray to your Divine Grace that we should always remember your lotus-like instructions. Let us always remember your divine instructions and beg Your Divine Grace to always follow in your footsteps.

“... In a song we sing every day, Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura says, *cakṣu-dāna dila yei, janme janme prabhu sei*: the guru gives spiritual insight to the disciple, and therefore the guru should be considered his master, life after life. Under no circumstances should the guru be disrespected, but the demigods, being puffed up by their material possessions, were disrespectful to their guru. Therefore Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam (SB 11.17.27) advises, *ācāryaṁ mām vijānīyān nāvamanyeta karhicit/ na martya-buddhyāsūyeta*: the ācārya should always be offered respectful obeisances; one should never envy the ācārya, considering him an ordinary human being...” (Srimad Bhagavatam 6.7.21 Purport)

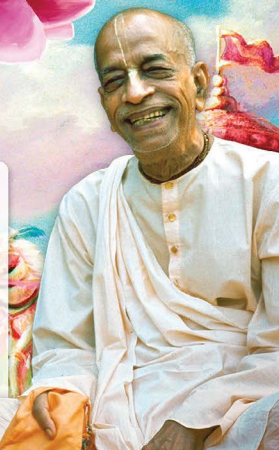
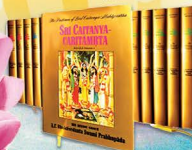
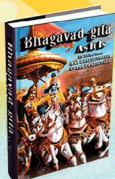
Let us always remember your divine instructions and warnings.

Your eternal servant
Yasoda nandana dasa



FREE Online Zoom Classes

**Self-Improvement, Mental Health,
Self-Realization
&
Bhakti-yoga**



Weekly Classes

Bhagavad-gītā	Sat 10 AM EST (7 AM PST)
Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam	Sun 10 AM EST (7 AM PST)
Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta	Wed 8 PM EST (5 PM PST)

Join our mailing list for regular email updates,
class invitations and free monthly newsletter:

harekrishnasociety.org

HKS/PDA Offices

Head Office

Twain Harte, California

Branch Offices

Sacramento, California

San Diego, California

Cedarville, California

Dallas, Texas

Alachua, Florida

Hauula, Hawaii

Hilo, Hawaii

Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Dueville, Italy

Saint-Étienne, France

Nashville, Tennessee

Cairns, Australia

Kansas City, Missouri

Fort Lauderdale/Miami, Florida

Mexico City, Mexico

Yauatepec Morelos, Mexico

Bangalore, India

Connect with Devotees Worldwide

Join the Mailing List: harekrishnasociety.org/join

HKS YouTube channel: youtube.com/@HareKrishnaSociety

HKS Website: harekrishnasociety.org

HKS Facebook page: fb.com/HareKrishnaSocietyOfficial

PDA on WhatsApp: chat.whatsapp.com/JevdrxyE15R9xdEOGWHsUC

PDA Facebook group: fb.com/groups/PrabhupadaDisciples