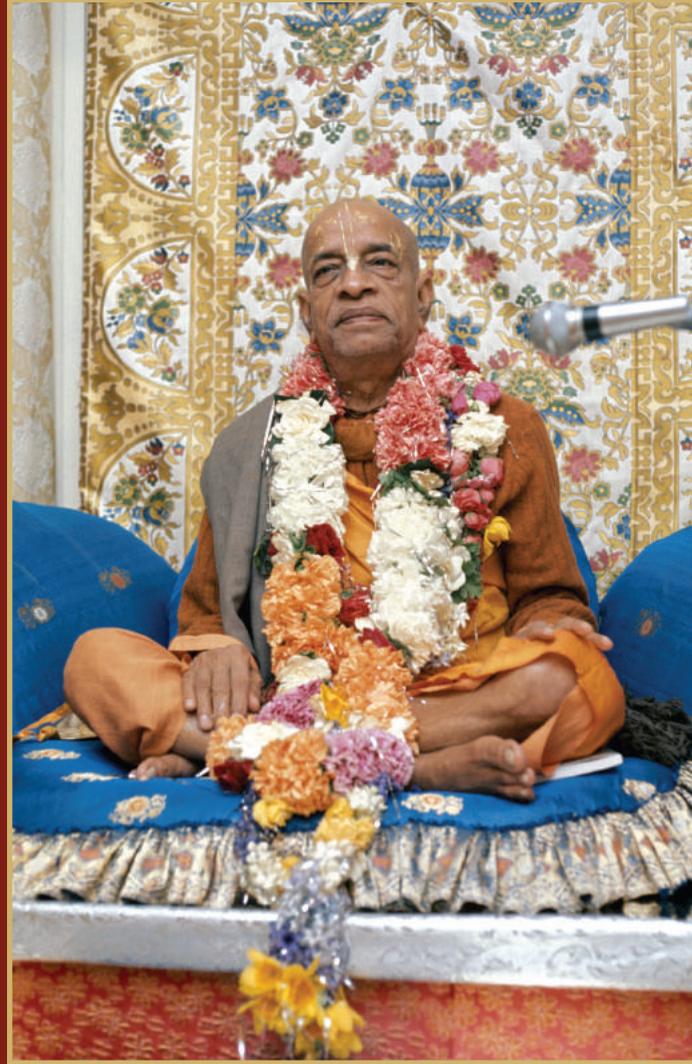


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PREFACE

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THE 2019 EDITION of BBT Africa's pan-African Śrīla Prabhupāda Vyāsa-pūjā book contains 398 offerings from an increased number of countries across Africa.

This year, the international Vyāsa-pūjā book celebrates its 50th edition, and although the African version is still in its infancy (this being the third edition), we hope it will appear in many blissful years to come.

During the period of Śrīla Prabhupāda Vyāsa-pūjā celebrations and the act of writing a Vyāsa-pūjā offering, we can individually and collectively reflect on the magnitude of Śrīla Prabhupāda's positive contribution to our lives. Śrīla Prabhupāda's teachings, literature, preservation of timeless Vedic knowledge, access to the holy names of Lord Kṛṣṇa, the organisations he established, his management template, and his pastimes have benefited the world

on an unquantifiable level. Thus that great personality remains our 'ever well-wisher'.

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THE MEANING OF VYĀSA-PŪJĀ

🌸 NANDA KUMĀRA DĀSA

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

 VYĀSA-PŪJĀ IS THE CELEBRATION of the spiritual master as a representative of Śrīla Vyāsadeva. The process of Kṛṣṇa consciousness follows a transcendental bureaucracy embodied in *gopī-bhartur pāda-kamalaḥ dāsa-dāsanudāsa*. Yet, what does Śrīla Vyāsadeva signify, and why is the essence of supreme transcendence a bureaucratic one?

Śrīla Vyāsadeva, pre-empting the cognitive changes to be experienced by the *jīva* in the Age of Kali, divided the Vedas and iteratively adjusted its size and format for greater spiritual digestibility. Yet, in spite of achieving success, Śrīla Vyāsadeva felt a lack, for the ontological pursuit of the essentiality of his endeavor was bereft of Lord Kṛṣṇa Himself, the quintessence of totality. Upon receiving instruction from his spiritual master Śrī Nārada, Vyāsadeva embarked on writing *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, the ripened fruit of Vedic knowledge which details the

description of Lord Kṛṣṇa, His pastimes, associates, and paraphernalia.

When Lord Viṣṇu lies down, His breathing not only results in creating and annihilating universes but also in emanating the Vedas. Śrīla Vyāsadeva replicated this latter action. By virtue of being the literary incarnation of the Lord and a disciple, he was thoroughly proficient and well positioned to emanate the lotus-like Vedic literature with the Supreme Person as the whorl, petals, stem, and leaf of the lotus. Śrī Guru represents the enriched lake in which the prime ingredients are present for the lotus to grow and blossom. One can only emanate that which is contained within oneself. As Lord Vāmanadeva took three steps and covered the three worlds, the Lord similarly takes three paces within the heart and occupies the Bhūr, Bhuvar and Svar of Śrī Guru's existence and rightly occupies the position as the King on the throne of the heart of His dearest confidante.

Thus the celebration of Vyāsa-pūjā is the glorification of the spiritual master, who, by virtue of having captured the lord within his heart of hearts and having tied Him to every thought and every action at every moment and with every breath, is able to give Kṛṣṇa himself. By the spiritual master's desire to glorify Kṛṣṇa and because of his perfect love for Him, Kṛṣṇa opens the channels to the infinite nectarean ocean of divine love. Everyone can bathe in these cooling and rich waters strewn with spiritual treasures. The enactment of this pastime is indicative of the importance of āśraya-tattva superseding viṣaya-tattva.

Lord Kṛṣṇa is viṣaya-tattva, the object of love whilst Śrī Guru is āśraya-tattva, the abode of divine love. Śrī Kṛṣṇa himself declares that he is unable to fully and in totality give Himself to his devotees, yet His devotees, being the abode of divine love, āśraya-tattva, are able not only to give Kṛṣṇa as the object of love but also the abode, associates, and paraphernalia of the Lord. Being the āśraya-vigraha, Śrī Guru is able to fully give Kṛṣṇa as viṣaya-vigraha through perfected kīrtana of Śrī Nāma, Śrī Mantra, and Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, who will never manifest without Śrī Guru. Accordingly, in Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam (11.19.21) Lord Kṛṣṇa declares, mad-bhakta-pūjābhyadhikā: "The worship of My devotees is better than worship of Me." In a lecture on 4 September 1976, Śrīla Prabhupāda said,

"To worship Vyāsadeva, worship the bona fide spiritual master and worship the Lord, they are the same. Rather, Kṛṣṇa says that if you worship His bona fide representative, that worship is better than directly worshiping. Directly it is not possible to worship the Supreme Lord. One has to go through the ācārya. Therefore Vyāsadeva is the original ācārya."

Approximately 500 years ago, Śrīla Vyāsadeva incarnated as Śrīla Vṛndāvana dāsa Ṭhākura, and under the guidance of his spiritual master, Lord Nityānanda, he wrote Caitanya-bhāgavata, a biographical

detailing of the life, pastimes, associates, and paraphernalia of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu assumed the form of a devotee to experience the āśraya-tattva.

*kṛṣṇa-varṇaṁ tvīṣākṛṣṇaṁ
sāṅgopāṅgāstra-pārśadam
yajñaiḥ saṅkīrtana-prāyair
yajanti hi su-medhasaḥ*

"In the Age of Kali, intelligent persons perform congregational chanting to worship the incarnation of Godhead who constantly sings the names of Kṛṣṇa. Although His complexion is not blackish, He is Kṛṣṇa Himself. He is accompanied by His associates, servants, weapons and confidential companions." (Bhāgavatam 11.5.32)

In establishing the saṅkīrtana movement, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu combined two principles from each of the four sampradāyas and developed acintya-bhedābheda-tattva, simultaneous oneness and difference. In the Parikrama-khanda (Chapter 16) of Śrī Navadvīpa-dhāma-māhātmya, Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura delineates the two principles derived from each of the four sampradāyas:

- (1) From the Brahma-sampradāya, Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu accepted the two essential principles of (a) the refutation of kevalādvaita (exclusive monism) and (b) service to Śrī Kṛṣṇa's deity form, having accepted this form as eternal;
- (2) From the Śrī-sampradāya, He accepted (c) exclusive devotion (ananya-bhakti) and (d) service to devotees;
- (3) From the Rudra-sampradāya He accepted (e) the sentiment that Bhagavān Śrī Kṛṣṇa alone is one's everything (tvadīya-sarvasva-bhāva) as well as (f) the path of spontaneous devotion (rāga-mārga);

- (4) From the Kumāra-sampradāya He accepted
 (g) exclusively taking shelter of the lotus feet
 of Śrīmatī Rādhikā (*ekānta-rādhikāśraya*) and
 (h) the sentiments of the *gopīs*.

Worshipping the *arcā-vidyā* form of the Lord; engagement in *vaiṣṇava-sevā*; becoming followers on *rāga-mārga*; and worshipping Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī and her confidential associates positively transformed the Brahma-Madhva-sampradāya, and the incorporation of these principles present through *acintya-bhedābheda-tattva* was the ‘Gaudiya’ contribution to the *sampradāya*.

Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu is *prema-puruṣottama*. He embodies *āśraya-tattva* and gives *viṣaya-vidyā*. He gives *kṛṣṇa-premā*, which is like an unlimited ocean, but an ocean that previously was inaccessible. Whereas Lord Kṛṣṇa as the Supreme Personality required full surrender from his devotees before He would give all of Himself to Them, Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu shows that devotees of the Lord apply no such discrimination. In *Śrī Caitanya-candrāmṛta*, Śrīla Prabhodānanda Sarasvatī Ṭhākura writes:

“Now that Lord Caitanya, His heart filled with the ocean of mercy, has descended to this world, those living entities who had formerly never practised yoga, meditated, chanted mantras, performed austerities, followed various Vedic restrictions, studied the Vedas, performed spiritual activities, or refrained from sins, have become able to easily plunder the crest jewel of all goals of life, which is *prema-dhana*.”

Śrī Guru does not consider whether a person is qualified or not. He does not see who is his own and who is an outsider. He does not consider who should receive and who should not. He does not consider whether it is the proper time. Śrī Guru at once gives that nectar of pure devotional service that is difficult to attain even by hearing the message of the Lord, seeing the Deity, offering obeisances, meditating, or following a host of spiritual practices.

While Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu, being

prema-puruṣottama Himself, revealed the nectarean ocean of divine love, He appointed Lord Nityānanda as the custodian of that storehouse of divine love and Śrīla Sanātana Gosvāmī as the doorkeeper. Sanātana Gosvāmī wrote *Bṛhad-vaiṣṇava-toṣaṇī*, a commentary on the tenth canto of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, and by doing so he unbolted the door and opened it for everyone to freely relish. Without the mercy of these two personalities, no one can understand *bhāgavata-dharma-tattva*.

Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu, the combined form of *viṣaya-* and *āśraya-tattva*, positively transformed the Brahma-Madhva-Gauḍīya-sampradāya by adding the eight principles from the four *sampradāyas* and revealed the path of *rāgātmikā-bhakti*, spontaneous devotional service. A new lineage was created predicated upon *gopī-bhartur pāda-kamalar dāsa-dāsanudāsa*, whereas previously worship in the *sampradāya* was strictly oriented around Śrī Kṛṣṇa as the *svayam bhagavān*.

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu did not advent Himself alone but came with His dearest associates. And He, too, propounded worship of His devotees vis-à-vis strict worship through *vaiṣṇava-sevā* in words and deed. Furthermore, Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu established that *acintya-bhedābheda-tattva* is also applicable to Śrī Guru. This is poetically described in *Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura’s Śrī Gurvaṣṭakam*:

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

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

master is an embodiment of *viśaya-tattva* and *āśraya-tattva*. Śrī Guru is simultaneously the gardener of the orchard of divine love as well as the ripe fruit of the tree of *premā*.

In his 52nd Vyāsa-pūjā address, Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura made the point that “Vyāsa-pūjā is a celebration of all Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava Ācāryas.” This is explicitly visible in a mantra for Vyāsa-pūjā:

*śrī dāmodara svarūpa, śrī rūpa, śrī sanātana,
śrī raghunātha, śrī jīva, bhaṭṭa yuga, śrī
kṛṣṇadāsa kavirājādi, śrīmad bhaktivinoda,
śrīmad gaurakīśora dāsa, śrīmad bhaktisid-
dhānta sarasvatī, śrīmad bhaktivedānta
svāmī padāṅka sarvebhyo gurave namaḥ*

“I offer my obeisances to the footprints of all the gurus, Śrīla Dāmodara Svarūpa, Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī, Śrīla Sanātana Gosvāmī, Śrīla Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmī, Śrīla Jīva Gosvāmī, Śrī Gopāla Bhaṭṭa Gosvāmī, Śrīla Raghunātha Bhaṭṭa Gosvāmī, the devotees beginning with Śrīla Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja Gosvāmī, Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura, Śrīla Gaurakīśora dāsa Bābājī, Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura, and Śrīla A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swami Prabhupāda.”

Thus, the celebration of Vyāsa-pūjā is the glorification of the spiritual master as a representative of Śrīla Vyāsadeva and this subsequently entails two meanings. Firstly, Śrīla Vyāsadeva gave us *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, which is the ripened fruit of Vedic knowledge. It has been written in *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* (1.1.3):

*nigama-kalpa-taror galitaṁ phalaṁ
śuka-mukhād amṛta-drava-saṁyutam
pibata bhāgavataṁ rasam ā-layaṁ
muhur aho rasikā bhuvi bhāvukāḥ*

“O expert and thoughtful men, relish *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, the mature fruit of the desire tree

of Vedic literatures. It emanated from the lips of Śrī Sukadeva Gosvāmī. Therefore, this fruit has become even more tasteful, although its nectarean juice was already relishable for all, including liberated souls.”

This transcendental *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* – *bhagavat-premā* – was in Goloka Vṛndāvana. The parrot Śuka (who appeared in this world as Śukadeva Gosvāmī) took that fruit of the *Bhāgavatam* in his mouth and tasted its sweetness. Simply because Śukadeva Gosvāmī tasted it, that fruit has become most sweet. Śukadeva Gosvāmī then brought that fruit from Goloka Vṛndāvana to this earth and gave it to Parīkṣit Mahārāja. And gradually, up to the present time, this knowledge and *premā* is coming to us by *guru-paramparā*.

Secondly, in his incarnation as Śrīla Vṛndāvana dāsa Ṭhākura and through the divine literature of *Caitanya-bhāgavata*, Śrīla Vyāsadeva has given us an even sweeter form of Kṛṣṇa, Who manifested His mercy and compassion in his superlative experience of *vipralambha-bhāva*.

The beautiful bureaucracy of Kṛṣṇa consciousness is witnessed most clearly on the appearance day of the spiritual master, because the spiritual master accepts the offering of the disciple and offers it to His spiritual master, who then offers it to his spiritual master — a process whereby the offering reaches the beautiful long and effulgent arms of the Divine Couple. Without our spiritual master and the bureaucratic *paramparā* system, our offerings would never be accepted, for our offerings would be illegitimate due to being bereft of Śrī Guru. It is by the mercy of Śrī Guru and the Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava *paramparā* that the Ontological Truth is able to be passed down in His multifarious forms. And, once again, it is only due to the Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava *paramparā* that the *jīva* can worship the Ontological Truth. In Śrīla Prabhupāda’s words,

“As we come to this Kṛṣṇa consciousness understanding through this long *paramparā*,

similarly, in the Vyāsa-pūjā ceremony, whatever respect, honor and presentation you give, that goes to Kṛṣṇa through that *paramparā* system, from down. As it is received through the *paramparā* system, so similarly, your offerings also goes through this *paramparā* system to the Supreme. The connection.”

Śrīla Prabhupada said,

“We have got debts to so many people. First debt is to the demigods. Just like the sun-god, moon-god, they are supplying heat, light... In this material world we have got so many debts. But people do not care for it. Just like we are receiving light from sun, but what we are paying to the sun? Therefore we remain debtor. This is Vedic idea. You are getting this electricity. If you don't pay the bill, how long you will be able to use it? After some days the connection will be cut off. But although we do not pay any bill to the sunlight, because it is the order of Kṛṣṇa, it is giving us light. But how long it will go on? This is sinful. If you take something from a person and if you do not repay, that is sinful. *Ṛṇa*. So there are so many debts. First to the demigod, then to the *ṛṣis*, saintly persons. Because we get knowledge, Vedic knowledge, from the *ṛṣi*, we must be debtor. *Guru-ṛṇa*: debtor to the spiritual master, to the sages, to the saintly persons, because we are getting knowledge from them. Therefore the Vyāsa-pūjā is there. Once in a year the disciples are worshipping the

spiritual master and trying to repay that he has received from the spiritual master.” (Lecture on *Bhāgavatam* 1.16.21, 11 July 1974, Los Angeles)

Realizing their indebtedness, disciples pray:

“I am by nature the eternal servant of Kṛṣṇa. But because of my bad fortune, I have been inimical toward Him from time immemorial, and thus I have identified myself with my body and continuously wandered in the cycle of birth and death in the material world, suffering the burning threefold miseries. Now, as a result of some unimaginable good fortune, my spiritual master's mercy has enabled me to know that I am Kṛṣṇa's eternal servant, an infinitesimal spiritual being completely apart from the gross and subtle body. And so by the order of my spiritual master I have obtained the good fortune of serving his lotus feet and, following in his footsteps, the lotus feet of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu and Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Śyāmasundara.”

And realizing their foolishness in trying to enjoy the *ketaki* flower (which grows among many thorns), they take shelter of the soothing rays that emanate from the lotus feet of Śrī Guru.

On this auspicious day of your blessed Vyāsa-pūjā, we pray that the moon rays of your lotus feet may shatter the armour of material desires that surround us and may allow us to reach the shoreless ocean of divine love.





ŚRĪ

GURVAṢṬAKAM

*Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī
Ṭhākura*





1

*saṁsāra-dāvānala-līḍha-loka-
trāṇāya kārūṇya-ghanāghanatvam
prāptasya kalyāṇa-guṇārṇavasya
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

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

*mahāprabhoḥ kīrtana-nṛtya-gīta-
vāditra-mādyan-manaso rasena
romāñca-kampāśru-taraṅga-bhājo
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

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





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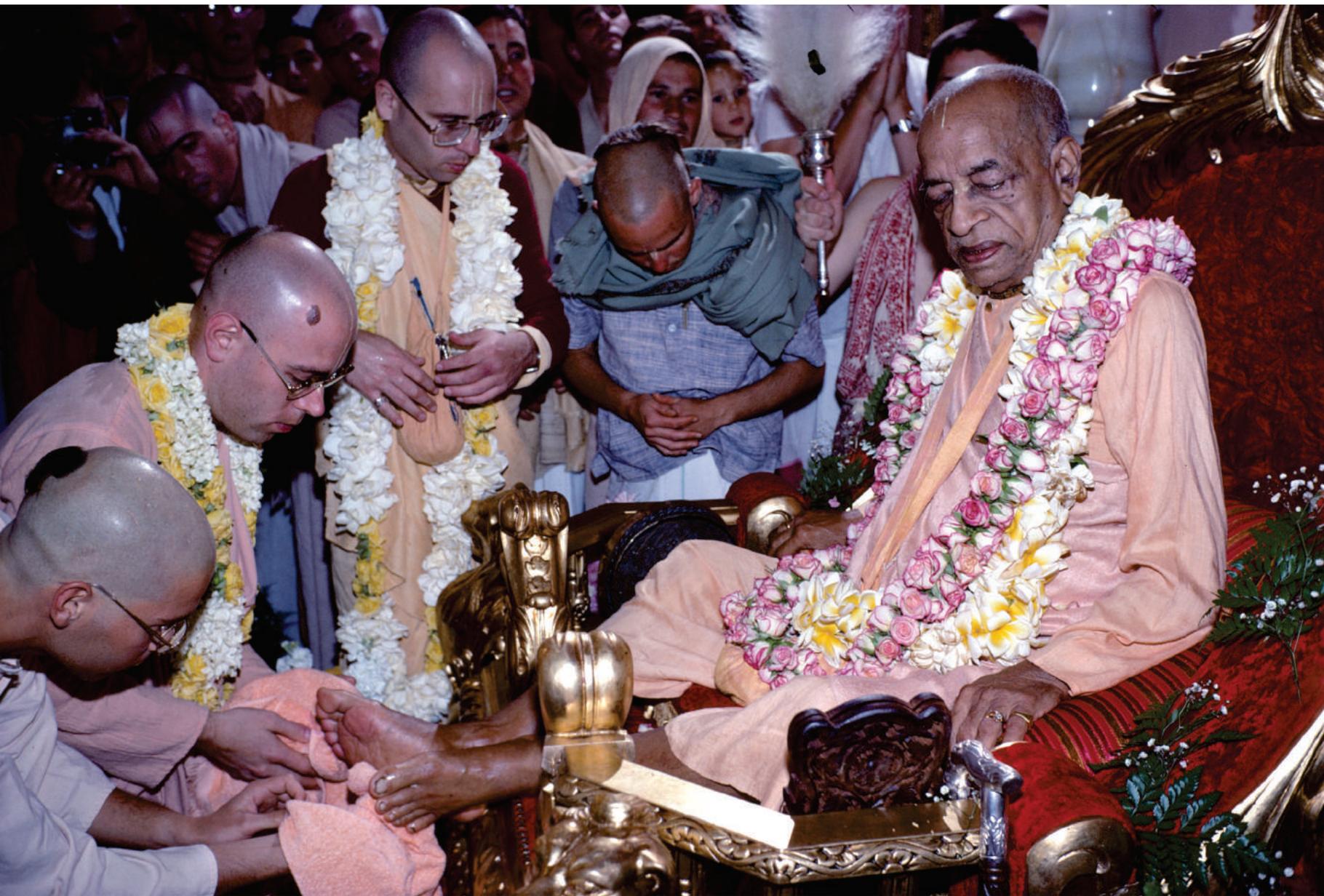
*śrī-vigrahārādhana-nitya-nānā-
śṛṅgāra-tan-mandira-mārjanādau
yuktasya bhaktāṁś ca niyuñjato 'pi
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

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

4

*catur-vidha-śrī-bhagavat-prasāda-
svādv-anna-tr̥ptān hari-bhakta-saṅghān
kṛtvaiva tr̥ptim bhajataḥ sadaiva
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

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





5

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

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

6

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

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





7

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

THE spiritual master is to be honored as much as the Supreme Lord, because he is the most confidential servitor of the Lord. This is acknowledged in all revealed scriptures and followed by all authorities. Therefore I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is a bona fide representative of Śrī Hari [Kṛṣṇa]. 

8

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

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





OFFERINGS BY SANNYĀSĪS







My dear Lord and Master Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you, the saviour of the fallen.

Bhakti Caitanya Swami

I REMEMBER YOU OFTEN, SRILA PRABHUPADA, and I wonder how I got the good fortune to get your shelter and association. It is inconceivable. A most foolish person who was wandering aimlessly in this material world, trying but failing to find some satisfaction here, somehow meets the most merciful and capable spiritual leader of our time.

Other than causeless mercy I can think of no other possible explanation for this.

As Srila Rupa Gosvami and Srila Sanatana Goswami said to Lord Caitanya when they met him first in Ramakeli:

*na mrsa paramartham eva me
srnu vijnapanam ekam agratah
yadi me na dayisyase tada
dayaniyas tava natha durlabhah*

“Let us submit one piece of information before You, dear Lord. It is not at all false but is full of meaning. It is this: If You are not merciful upon us, then it will be very, very difficult to find more suitable candidates for Your mercy.” (*Caitanya-caritamrta, Madhya-lila 1.203*)

We can admire these great goswamis for their humility despite already being exalted devotees of the Lord, but for us it is simply the truth. If it were not for your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, our lives, and mine in particular, would have been hopeless. My life was already fully hopeless and pathetic.

So now our eyes have been opened, and we can

see something of the way forward, under the shelter of your lotus feet. We are standing on the threshold of eternity, and all we have to do now is step through. You have revealed to us the otherwise unimaginable beauty of the process of Krishna consciousness, and of Lord Krishna Himself.

As Srila Jiva Gosvami says in his *Sankalpa Kalpadruma*: “I offer my respectful obeisances to the Sri Krishna who is known as Nanda’s son, who is the protector of the cows, who fills the three worlds with bliss, who is the master of the birthless and perfect gopis, who is as dark as a monsoon cloud, and whose eyes are lotus flowers.”

In great humility he then talks of himself “A *jiva* gradually growing old in Vrndavana tells his mind: Fool, now you are close to death. Drink this nectar I give you. O mind, as you drink this nectar, think of yourself as being in Gokula, and think of the loving service you wish to offer the Lord. May the *gopaprince* Krishna, who makes the devotees blossom with happiness, and who is the auspiciousness of all the worlds and the gopis’ beloved, protect us.”

We are struggling through old age ourselves, and are praying for the protection our *acarya* is requesting. By your grace, Srila Prabhupada, it may be possible. We prostrate ourselves at your lotus feet.

Hoping this meets you well.

*Your eternal servant,
Bhakti Caitanya Swami*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your divine lotus feet, all glories to your valuable service and contribution to this world. May your glories spread all over this planet forever.

MY ATTEMPT TO GLORIFY YOU on this auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja is practically useless as it is not possible to find the appropriate words and required mental attitude for that. But please bear with me and kindly accept the offering of this unfortunate lost soul.

People of generation did not personally meet you but I that your success in establishing ISKCON all over the world is mostly due to your submissive attitude towards your spiritual master. He instructed you to raise money, print books and travel to the western countries to preach the glorious message of the Sanatana Dharma. You broke the law of human logic by travelling alone at a very advanced age to an unknown place and beside all without money. Everyone thought you would never succeed but the result is there.

By the mercy of your spiritual master and Krishna you defied old age and disease. In fact you effectively preached the message of the Bhagavad Gita as a real Acharya. You demonstrated that you were a spirit soul beyond the physical body, thus you achieved success beyond imagination. How could an ordinary person do all what you did?

To be frank and honest, the whole world is indebted to you and it is not possible to pay you back by any attempt.

By your exemplary life you revealed the real

meaning of life, the real purpose of religion and the true objective of yoga practice.

You brought the light of knowledge in this world of darkness. It is said somewhere in the Vedas that in this age of kali everyone is born as a *sudra*. But the reality is that we are even below the *sudra* standard, lacking the basic common qualities of human life like cleanliness etc...

As I said we can't pay you back for removing us from the deep ignorance and exposing us to the divine light of the vedic culture.

I can't pretend that I am different from others; I also can't pay you back.

Therefore from this offering I am acknowledging this incapacity to please you so I simply beg your mercy to allow me to remain in the midst of your sincere servants so that one day I can also develop the desire to be a true Vaisnava and expect to taste of serving the servants of your servants and remain fixed in this wonderful Krishna consciousnesses.

Dear Grandfather, thank you so much for allowing me to encounter your sincere and pure disciple in the person of Srila Bhakti Tirtha Swami Maharaj who took the responsibility to guide me towards your divine lotus feet, the safest refuge.

Your grandson,
Bhakti Carudesna Swami



Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.

TODAY IS THE DAY WE ARE COMPELLED TO MEDITATE upon Your Divine Grace and assess the inconceivable gifts we received from you.

Forty-three years ago, I found the shelter at your lotus feet that totally transformed my existence.

Prior to that, my life was a saga of continuous suffering. Although I tried to enjoy in so many ways, all my attempts ended as a source of endless suffering. Today I feel so embarrassed to even think of them. But then I found you, and your mercy inundated my

heart with abundant joy. I am eternally indebted to you for all that you have given me, Śrīla Prabhupāda.

It is due to your causeless mercy that I came to know that the Supreme Lord is not only a person but that He is Kṛṣṇa whom I considered to be the greatest hero from my childhood. You taught me that His Deity in the temple is non-different from Him. Although He is not moving, He is omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient Supreme Lord, who is also present in my heart as the Super Soul. He is seeing me from both within and without and waiting for me to develop my loving relationship with Him.

Although I was born in Bengal and heard about Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu from my childhood, no one ever told me that He is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Rather, I witnessed all kinds of abominable activities being conducted in the name of His teachings. Therefore, I never thought of following Him. You are the one who made me aware that He is Kṛṣṇa Himself, came as a devotee to elevate us to the topmost region of the spiritual sky, Goloka Vrindavan, where we can become engaged in His eternal pastimes. Had you not come to pick me up from the gutter in which I was rotting, how would I ever have received such inconceivable good fortune?

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, it is through you that the world today got to know that the Supreme Personality of Godhead is not an object of fear but our dear most friend who is waiting for us to go back to Him in the spiritual world where He sports with His eternal consort, Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. When we establish our lost relationship with Him by surrounding

unto His lotus feet, He allows us to enter in that world of endless joy.

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, you made us realize that Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is the transformation of Kṛṣṇa's love. She is His pleasure potency. Although They are one, They separated Themselves to enjoy each other in Their transcendental love affairs. Unfortunate souls, who do not want to accept the existence of the spiritual reality that exists beyond their sight, mistake this most exalted spiritual relationship to be mundane and find fault in the Transcendental Couple. By so doing, they miss the golden opportunity that you created for them to enter in the world of endless ecstasy.

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, one afternoon in Bombay I was seated at your lotus feet overlooking Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Rāsavihāri temple from the balcony of your quarters. I told you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, "Although you taught me that Kṛṣṇa is the Supreme Personality of Godhead still I feel that I do not know Him. However, I know you, and you are my everything. All I want is to be with you life after life." Without saying anything, you smiled in a way that conveyed everything to me. I offered obeisances to you with a voice ringing with gratitude, "Śrīla Prabhupāda, although I am totally unqualified, please let me stay at your lotus feet forever engaging my entire existence in your service."

*Desiring to remain at your lotus feet forever as your humble servant,
Bhakti Charu Swami*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Meeting My Perfect Master

I WISH TO TELL YOU ABOUT MY JOURNEY TO MEET YOU—and how your journey to meet me was effective.

In my youth I aspired to attain perfect happiness, and soon I realized that such happiness could not be achieved materially, but only spiritually. And,

through reading spiritual books, I came to understand that to achieve spiritual perfection I needed a guru. In fact, I read that I didn't even have to *choose* the guru. He was already there; all I had to do was find him. So, whenever I heard about a guru

 Giriraj Swami

anywhere, even a thousand miles away, I would go to meet him.

One teacher I met was a Zen master, supposedly enlightened and certified by another enlightened master in Japan. I had read a book he had written, and when I heard he was holding a three-day retreat at his ashram in Rochester, New York, I went. Upon my arrival I found that his students were not very happy. But I thought, “Anyway, they’re just students. Let me meet the master.”

During the retreat he held meditation sessions in which everyone had to sit up straight and look at the wall, concentrating on some object he had placed there. The master walked around with a stick, and if he thought any of us was falling asleep or that someone’s mind was wandering, he would hit the offender. After one such session, some of his students asked him about his recently having become angry. “Yes, it’s true,” he said. “I lost my temper; I shouldn’t have.” I started to doubt whether he was my guru. Still, I had read that a Zen master might appear ordinary and that one might not recognize him, so I thought, “Maybe this is part of it.” But my doubt remained. Later, he came to Boston, near Brandeis University, where I was studying. After his talk and demonstration, someone in the audience asked about Vedanta. “I have enough trouble keeping up with Zen,” he answered. “How do you expect me to know about Vedanta?” My previous doubt was confirmed: “He is not my perfect master.”

Then a hatha-yogi came to Brandeis to give a lecture. He had long hair and a beard and flowing robes. He said that by yoga you could attain complete mastery over your bodily functions, including the movements of the bowels. You could actually command your intestines: “Ascending colon, advance! Transverse colon, advance! Descending colon, advance!” and finally, “Rectum, pass!” I was really looking for a guru, so I thought, “Anyway, maybe.”

After the lecture, I tried to meet the swami, but he was leaving for the airport. I wanted to ride with him in his car, but there was no room, so I rode with some of his students. On the way, they discussed the

various foods they missed since they had joined the ashram. So, I started to have some doubts. But then I thought, “Anyway, they are just the students; the master may be on a much higher level.”

When we arrived at the airport, I beheld the swami. There he was: long flowing hair, beard, draping orange robes, a flower in his hair, a twinkle in his eyes—the very picture of Indian spirituality. But then I saw him tightly embracing his women disciples. And I knew: “He is not my perfect master. I have to keep looking.”

Next, I heard of an “enlightened” psychology professor who was teaching at Antioch College, in Ohio, which was known as a progressive university, and I wanted to meet him immediately. Ready to do anything to find my guru, I got in my car and drove the seven hundred miles. When I arrived, with great anticipation and eagerness I searched out the professor’s office and inquired about him from his secretary. “He’s playing golf,” she informed me. “Playing golf?” I asked incredulously. “I thought he was supposed to be enlightened.” “That is his Zen,” she replied. “Oh, no!” I thought. “Playing golf? He is not my perfect master.”

Although I was disappointed about the professor, the Antioch campus was full of people interested in spiritual life, and while I was there I spoke with some of them. Some students in the Student Union told me about a guru who had recently visited the campus. “The guru is in the heart,” he had said, “where he sits on a lotus flower. You can actually see him and speak with him.” “Wow!” I thought; “*that* sounds attractive.” That night I tried to really focus on my heart. And indeed, I got a definite impression that there *was* a divine personality there, with whom I could have a sublime, personal relationship. And he seemed just about to speak. I was very excited, and I became eager to meet him.

Back at Brandeis, one of my psychology professors invited J. Krishnamurti to speak. I attended the lecture, and during a break I told my professor that I wanted to meet Krishnamurti. “Why?” my professor asked. “I may want him as my guru,” I replied.

“Oh, he doesn’t accept disciples,” my professor said. “He doesn’t even touch money.” My professor was impressed. But I wasn’t. I thought, “If he is actually able to help people, why should he refuse to take disciples? Just to be renounced? He is not my perfect master.”

I kept searching. I already had the idea that you don’t have to choose your guru, that he is already there. I even had a mental picture of what he looked like—and he didn’t have hair. All the swamis and yogis I had encountered had long hair and beards, so I was starting to despair: “How am I ever going to meet my guru?”

Then one day I saw a poster on campus: “Lecture—Bhagavad-gita As It Is—Swami Bhaktivedanta.” My friends and I were supposed to go to the movies that night, but I wanted to attend the lecture instead. When I suggested that, however, one friend in particular got really upset. “Why can’t you be normal like other people?” she complained. “All you want to do is see swamis and yogis.” And the argument became so intense that I decided not to go. I didn’t want to disappoint my friends, so I tried to go along with their idea. But something inside me was impelling me to go to the lecture. Finally, I said, “Okay, let’s go to a later show. But first I have to go to the lecture by the swami. I promise, he will be the last one I go see.”

My friends reluctantly came along, but because we’d been arguing, we arrived at the auditorium late and missed the lecture.

Entering the auditorium, I beheld an elderly Indian gentleman—you—sitting on a cushion onstage. To the side, a young devotee (Satsvarupa dasa) sang into a microphone, and other devotees were dancing in a circle around you. The sound of Satsvarupa’s singing was reverberating off the bare brick walls. One by one, students from the audience jumped onto the stage and joined in. I felt like going up, too, but I knew my friends wouldn’t approve; that would have been too much for them. More students were jumping up, climbing on the stage, and joining the circle, dancing. I kept trying to focus my eyes on

you, but I couldn’t; your effulgence was too great.

When the kirtan ended, one of the devotees announced that they needed a lift to Harvard Square or to Boston. As my friends and I were still going to the movie and it was at Harvard Square, I invited the devotees to ride with us, and everyone piled into my station wagon. I was driving, and also in front were two ladies. In the back seat were three or four devotees, and in the rear compartment were my friends and I don’t know how many more—I don’t think we could have fit anyone else.

Satsvarupa was squeezed in the rear with my best friend, Gary. Because of our impersonal readings, my friend was saying that ultimately everything was void. And Satsvarupa was saying, “There is no void in the creation of God.” But my friend kept insisting: “Everything is ultimately void.” I was overhearing them from the front, and puffed up as I was, I thought, “Oh, how silly that they are arguing over this.” I thought I had it all figured out. So I turned to the back and announced something I had read in some Zen book: “It is not void, and it is not not-void, but to give it a name, we call it the void.” I thought I had resolved the whole controversy. But still, they kept arguing.

One of the ladies up front with me was Jahnavi. I had been trying to understand all the different paths and philosophies, so I asked her about Zen. “This world seems real,” she said, “but it is illusory, like images on a movie screen. Now, if you withdraw your consciousness from the screen, you will find that there is a beam of light.” I thought, “This is the best explanation I’ve ever heard, even better than the Zen books.” “And if you keep following that beam of light back,” she continued, “you come to a point.” I thought, “Wow, this is getting to the void.” But then she said, “But behind that point there is a projector, and behind the projector there is a person.” Then I thought, “This philosophy encompasses everything that Zen does, and more.”

Then I asked her about Yogananda. She dismissed him out of hand: “Oh, he is just a shopkeeper. Whatever you want, he keeps in stock. You want

yoga, he will give you that. Whatever you ask for, he pulls off the shelf.” Then she said, “At his ashram in California he has a Gandhi peace memorial. But Gandhi wasn’t a worker for world peace. He was a politician who wanted to drive the British out of India.” She just dismissed him: “He doesn’t even know who Gandhi is.”

“She is speaking with authority,” I thought. But I sensed that it couldn’t all be coming from her. How was it possible for a girl of only twenty or so to have so much knowledge and speak with such authority? Then I thought, “This must be coming from her teacher. I want to meet him.”

When we got to Harvard Square, I let the devotees out. But as I was driving away, I realized that I didn’t know how to get in touch with them. How would I meet the guru? I immediately stopped the car, jumped out, and ran after them. I caught up to one, Patita Pavana. When he stopped, he turned his head and pointed to the crowd around us. “You see these people?” he said. “They’re all sleepwalkers. They don’t know what they’re doing, or why. They’re just conforming.” His words were so intriguing and deep; I wanted to hear more.

Suddenly I became aware of the honking of horns all around us. I’d left my car in the middle of the roundabout, and the traffic at Harvard Square was backed up. The honking kept getting louder. “I want to meet the Swami,” I said. “Quick, give me the address.” He jotted down the address on a piece of paper and handed it to me. “Come at seven,” he said, “tomorrow night.” I could hardly wait.

The next evening when I arrived, the small storefront temple was packed with young people. You were sitting on a cushion at the far end. The walls were decorated with exotic paintings, and the aroma of incense filled the air. When you began speaking, I had difficulty understanding what you were saying. You had a thick Bengali accent, and the philosophy was new to me. But I did hear you say that out of many thousands of men, one would seek perfection. “That’s me!” I thought. “He’s talking about me!”

After the lecture, you called for questions. Someone asked, “Since everything comes from God, or Krishna, does maya also come from Krishna?” You replied that everything comes from Krishna, just like everything comes from the sun. The cloud also comes from the sun, although it covers our vision of the sun. But the sun is never covered by the cloud; only our vision is covered.

I was burning to ask my question. “There are so many swamis and yogis,” I began, “and each recommends a different process of self-realization, and each says that his is the best. So how do I know which is actually best?”

You responded, “What is your goal? Do you want to serve God, or do you want to become God?” How brilliant—how perfect! I was asking about the means, but to determine the best means, we must first establish the end, the goal.

“When you seek after God, then God, who is situated within your heart, will give you all facility. But if you want to *become* God, you will be cheated; you are cheating yourself. How you can become God? You are trying to become God, then how you became a dog? God cannot become a dog. God is always God.

“The Mayavadi philosopher says that ‘I am God, but by maya I am thinking I am not God. So, by meditation I shall become God.’ But that means he is under the punishment of maya. God has come under the influence of maya? How is that? God is great, and if He is under the influence of maya, then maya becomes greater than God.

“So, the idea is that as long as we shall continue this hallucination that ‘I am God,’ there is no question of getting the favor of God. Then you do your own business and try to find yourself whether you are God or something else. As soon as I think ‘I am God,’ I am cheating myself. Who will help you? That is going on. Everyone is thinking, ‘I am God.’

“So, what you are thinking? You are trying to become God? What is your idea? Or you are thinking there is no God?”

“I am thinking that there is God,” I replied.

“There is God? You are thinking like that?”





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But I knew that I couldn't cheat you, so I replied, "Yes. But I can see that I was trying to become God."

"So, you are trying to become God—that means you are not God. Is it not? How you became not-God? God is so great that He never becomes not-God. So, your conclusion should be that 'I am not that God who is great. I am a different God who becomes sometimes not-God.' Therefore, you are a different God from that God who is great. Is it not?"

"That is a fact. Because you are part and parcel of God, you are minute God; therefore, you have the potency of becoming not-God. Just like a fire and a spark of the fire: A spark, when it is in the fire, is bright fire, but as soon as it goes out of the fire, it becomes extinguished. But the big fire never becomes extinguished. Similarly, you are not that big fire; you are that small spark. You have fallen down; therefore, you are not God. Now you have to raise yourself again to the fire, you will again be a blazing spark.

"So, that is the difference. That is stated in the Vedic literature. Every living entity is Brahman, but the Supreme Brahman is Krishna. He never becomes not-God. We see in Krishna's life, when He was a child on the lap of His mother, He was God. So many demons were killed. He didn't have to meditate to become God. While He was playing, He was God, and when He was fighting on the Battlefield of Kurukshetra, He was God. That is God. Not that sometimes not-God, sometimes God. That is not God. God is always God, in any circumstance. That is God."

As you were speaking, I got the clear impression that you knew everything about me, that you were seeing right into me, into Waltham, into my apartment, into my bathroom, right to the wall on which I had pasted a sign I had inscribed in beautiful ornate lettering: YOU ARE GOD.

My search was over. I offered my obeisances. I had found my spiritual master.

The devotees put their heads on the floor and offered obeisances. I also kept my head on the floor in surrender—for a long time. I felt so glad. I had

finally found my perfect master and wanted to surrender fully. At the same time, I also felt ashamed and humiliated. My abominable desire to become God had been exposed; everyone there knew I had wanted to become God.

After some time, I heard the sounds of devotees bringing plates of food, *prasadam*, [to their guests. Something inside prompted me to look up. I expected everyone would be glaring at me, but no. People were blissfully taking *prasadam*, and when they saw me get up they simply smiled.

Moments earlier, when a devotee had offered you a large plate of *prasadam*, you had responded, "I am not God; I cannot eat so much."

The *prasadam* I was given looked just like everything else in the temple—colorful, attractive, and variegated. Because of macrobiotics and other speculations, I never expected a feast. Where to begin? I picked up what must have been a cauliflower *pakora*, put it in my mouth, bit into it. . . and felt an explosion of taste. One by one, I sampled the preparations: *badas*, sweet rice—every taste new, incomparable. I thought everything was perfect: the guru, the *prasadam*, the chanting.

I loved the chanting. The devotees had a sign with the Hare Krsna mantra written in Indian-style lettering. During the kirtan, as I was looking at the letters on the sign, they started to move, dissolve, form, and un-form themselves. This was the kind of indication I'd been looking for, and everything convinced me that you were indeed my spiritual master.

From the time you answered my question and I bowed my head, I surrendered. From that first meeting, my whole life's purpose became to bring people to meet you. And I was able to do that for many years. But when you passed away, I wondered, *What will be my service now?* My whole service had been to bring people to you.

Now I understand that you are always present, and that by speaking of you, hearing about you, remembering you, and, most significantly, by studying your books and following your instructions, by practicing and preaching Krishna consciousness,

serving your mission, we can experience your presence. So, I can continue doing what I was doing when you were personally present—introducing souls to you—which is what I feel most natural doing. Because I know that somehow or other, if someone

comes in touch with you, his life will be successful.

Hare Krishna.

Your eternal, humbled servant,

Giriraj Swami

Jayadvaita Swami 



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvīsesa-sunyavadi-pascatyā-desā-tarīne*

LIKE BOMBAY, LIKE MAYAPUR, like Los Angeles and London, New York City stands out as a place to which you gave special mercy and attention. Here is where you first set up camp in the West.

For your pleasure, therefore—and for your glorification, because your ongoing movement shows your ongoing glories—I'd like to give you a brief report from New York.

In your last days, in Vrindaban in 1977, one day you asked whether anyone had come from New York. No one had, but I'd stopped there on the way from Los Angeles, so you asked, "What's the report?"

I gave you news I thought might please you: The Deities look beautiful, book distribution is strong. You listened. But then I mentioned prasadam distribution. Devotees were going out with food carts selling prasadam in the City. And you focused in: What are they serving? How do people like it? How much do they pay? How many customers a day? And so I followed up by mentioning the temple restaurant. And again the same questions: What are they serving? How do people like it? . . .

At that time you were hardly eating at all. Sometimes some juice, some Horlicks. . . But you were pleased to know that people in New York were enjoying Krishna prasadam.

Again I'm happy to report that Krishna

prasadam is still enlivening the people of New York. At Divya's Kitchen, sophisticated and discerning people can easily spend fifty dollars a head for a beautiful prasadam meal. At Tompkins Square Park, people can line up every day for a plate of prasadam for free. And in ISKCON Brooklyn, Govinda's is now back in action, and people give eight or ten dollars or so and enjoy a sumptuous prasadam lunch.

And apart from prasadam. . .

The team of brahmacharis at the Yuga Dharma Ashram are going out every day—steadily for years—to chant the holy name for the people of the city and distribute your books. Sometimes people take books in stacks—seven or twenty-one at a time. And the ashram holds a weekly Sunday feast way uptown in Harlem.

At 26 2nd Avenue, programs are steadily going on, including one especially for Russians. The temple has just signed a new twelve-year lease, and plans are afoot for programs on the evenings not yet filled in.

At the Bhakti Center, young and dynamic devotees are attracting and carefully cultivating an expanding crowd of well-grounded Westerners—what Your Divine Grace might sometimes call "respectable people"—who are getting a taste for devotional service and the holy name.

There are efforts elsewhere too—a Ratha-yatra

festival in the Bronx, Nama Hatta gatherings in Queens. . .

And at ISKCON Brooklyn—a work in progress—much has been done, and much is yet to do. Success there is sure. But for all success, we must always depend on your guidance and your blessings. We must go on trying to serve you and Sri Sri Radha-Govinda—with sincerity, with humility, with intelligence—and try our utmost to serve those who serve, or have served, or could serve.

You wrote of your spiritual master:

*tara iccha balavan pascatyete than than
hojate gauranger nam
pṛthivite nagaradi asamudra nada nadi
sakalei loy krsna nam*

“By his strong desire, the holy name of Lord Gauranga will 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 will chant the holy name of Krsna.”

Srila Prabhupada, your guru maharaja’s desire is also your desire. Of all the countries in the West, you began spreading the holy name in America. And of all cities, New York. And so: From the Hudson, to the East River, to the Atlantic Ocean—and everywhere else in the world—may everyone chant the holy name of Krsna!

May your movement in New York City grow ever more strong and healthy and expansive. May those who feel hurt or humiliated recover their full spiritual enthusiasm, clear vision, and strength. May Maya be defeated, may Krishna consciousness shine forth. And may we always be fixed in devotional service to your divine lotus feet.

Jayadvaita Swami



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

YOU ARE CARRYING THE POWERFUL MERCY of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu in a pure and unadulterated form in huge quantities enough to flood all directions. Anyone who gets touched by it becomes transformed.

It happened to us. Now we are carrying the mercy of Mahaprabhu, not in the same quantity as you do, but we are carrying some mercy as your servants. And it acts and transforms people and we are amazed to see this potency. Even when ordinary men like us carry and distribute this mercy it does

miracles and people change. What to speak when a great and pure devotee like yourself carries the mercy of the Lord, then the whole world can change.

So we simply wish to express our gratitude that we are allowed to be your servants and carry a few drops of that mercy of which you carry an ocean. We bow at your feet in great happiness.

*Your insignificant servant,
Kadamba Kanana Swami*



 Kadamba Kanana Swami



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my unlimited humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

THE SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM (11.5.37) STATES, “Indeed, there is no higher possible gain for embodied souls forced to wander throughout the material world than the Supreme Lord’s sankirtana movement, by which one can attain the supreme peace and free oneself from the cycle of repeated birth and death”.

By your causeless kripa — and only yours — we find ourselves in the Supreme Lord’s sankirtana movement. Your ISKCON, which is a branch of the tree of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu’s mercy in the western world, was established solely and wholly by Your Divine Grace.

“So Lord Caitanya’s sampradāya. [laughter] That is my joy, that we have now a sampradāya, a party of Lord Caitanya in the Western country. That is my success. That’s all. I have no value—insignificant—but somehow or other you cooperated and you are still cooperating, as Lord Caitanya’s sampradāya. That is my life. Thank you very much.” Lecture 4 July 1970, San Francisco

As your obedient and dedicated followers, it is our responsibility to at least maintain what you have established, and if possible, expand your divine mission, the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

Being a member of your institution, ISKCON, means we are participating in Lord Caitanya’s pastimes.

Caitanya Caritamṛta (Antya-līla 5.88, purport), “The present Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement is non-different from the pastimes performed by Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu when He was personally present, for the same principles are being followed and the same actions performed without fail”.

As your followers mature in their devotion so will their appreciation for each other and the profound realization that ISKCON is an actual pastime of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

We are blessed and fortunate to be part of this

līla of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and by your grace we can attain saksad darshan (direct darshan) of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and His numerous parīkas as listed in the Caitanya Caritamṛta (Adi-līla Chapter 10, 11 and 12).

Srila Prabhupada, you are the world Acarya in this Kali-yuga. You have the power to enter into your devotees’ hearts and enthuse them, inspire them, and propel them further in their respective spiritual journeys. In other words, you can invest your potency in the heart of your followers and bring them to the status of sakti-avesa. You are personally empowered by Lord Nityananda, who is the kripaavatara, and as already seen in the life and activity of your sincere followers, you can empower them. As the supreme Acarya you are not frozen in time like a Paleolithic prehistoric animal frozen in ice.

To think that you are not personally with us is a material conception. You will always be present in the lives of your followers. You give inspiration, you give meaning, you give life, you give spiritual emotion, you give vigour, you give enthusiasm, you give direction, and you are like a volcanic eruption.

In the future, we will be able to see you face to face, in the groves of Vrndavana or on the banks of Radha Kunda, along with Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, Srila Gaura Kisora Das Babaji, Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura, and their numerous followers. That is our ultimate goal—to personally serve you in that special place along with my exalted god brothers, god sisters, and sincere followers.

Your soft compassionate heart is overflowing with liquid prema, just like the Ganges flows uninterrupted and forcefully from the Himalayas to the Bay of Bengal.

If by good fortune we can obtain one-millionth of a drop of your affection for Sri Sri Radha-Krishna we will drown in the special prema that Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu came to give.

Thank you for making this available to the conditioned souls in this dark and ominous age. By your grace and desire, I came to Africa forty-five years ago. In the divine association of your disciples, we tried to establish your mission in a country run by the apartheid policy. Some success is here and it is due to your ardent desire to spread Krishna consciousness in the southern tip of Africa.

I bow down to you in every direction, I bow down to the dust of your lotus feet, I bow down to your shadow koti koti times.

*I remain,
Your servant,
Partha Sarathi Das Goswami*



Param Pujya Param Guru deva,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Holiness on this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

 Rama Govinda Swami

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desatarine*

PARAM GURUDEVA! So many wonderful things are happening in your ISKCON, and still are going to happen. All these are the result of your causeless mercy. Your invisible hand is everywhere, and it is my conviction that ISKCON is spreading like wildfire, only because of your causeless mercy and efforts of your beloved disciples.

Param Gurudeva! In the purport to SB 6.11.22, you wrote that “because both (Indra and Vratasura) of them were devotees, the Lord awarded them the respective benedictions they wanted. Vratasura never wanted material possessions, for he knew very well the nature of such possessions. To accumulate material possessions, one must labour very hard and when he gets them, he creates many enemies....” Lord Sri Krsna was very kind to give liberation to Vratasura to go back to Godhead because he never had any desire for material possessions. It is a great eye opener for us the devotees to realize our mood to serve the Supreme Lord Sri Krsna. If there is any small desire for material enjoyment, then it will become an obstacle on our path to Godhead. Your Divine Grace always mentions in all your purports

that we, the devotees, must serve Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha and Krsna, just for Their pleasure. All our activities must be linked to the service of Their Lordships for Their pleasure. Then this wonderful process of Bhakti Yoga explained and given to us by Your Divine Grace becomes a means to go back to Godhead.

Paaram Gurudeva! Some times without knowing, some desire for the material comforts come in, but later I understand that it is not proper for me as a devotee to desire so. Rather I should always completely depend on the mercy of the Supreme Lord Sri Krsna just as a child completely depends on the mercy of his mother, and feels comfort in her lap. Please bless me so that I may also become successful to fully dependent on the mercy of Their Lordships, so that this life becomes perfect. Without Your Divine mercy, it is not possible for me. Please bless me so that I can continue to preach your teachings for spreading the Krsna consciousness movement.

*Your servant of your servant,
Rama Govinda Swami*



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DISCIPLES**







Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

Medhavi Dasa
Cape Town, South Africa

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatya desa tarine*

LATELY, during the festival for the appearance of Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu in Mayapur, over alternating years with the ILS (ISKCON Leadership Sanga), there has been a sanga of your Governing Body members, sannyasis and those offering diksa (SGGS).

This year's discussion focused on two significant issues. One was how to improve relationships between traveling preachers - sannyasis, gurus etc. and the local temple managers. The other was: what would ISKCON look like in 20 years if the trend towards not reading your books continues? And conversely, what will be the vision of ISKCON in 20 years, if more reading of your books is established.

Some of the negative pronouncements were:

- ISKCON would become simply a Hindu movement.
- The buildings would remain but would be full of *kanistha-adhikaris*.
- Devotees may be religious, but not philosophical.
- Fanaticism.
- People will gravitate to leaders outside of ISKCON.
- ISKCON will splinter into various groups.
- Other gurus will become more important than His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.
- Philosophical deviation and speculation.
- Inability to follow 4 regulative principles and lack of emphasis on the importance of following them.
- The mood and mission of Srila Prabhupada will be lost.

ISKCON will just be something fashionable - good food, exotic dress. Something cool or alternative.

- The sense of sacrifice for the mission will be lost.
- The Positive factors that would come from increased reading:
- Srila Prabhupada's mood will pervade and prevail in ISKCON.
- Increased faith within all devotees.
- More unity of purpose.
- More book distribution.
- Devotees seeing Srila Prabhupada's books being more relevant in their lives.
- Less guru-groupism.
- More philosophical checks and balances.
- More spiritually advanced and mature devotees.
- Improved devotee relationships.
- More cooperation and understanding between devotees and leaders, etc.

The devotees at the SGGS also listed the challenges to reading:

- Not enough emphasis on book distribution - if you read more, you distribute more.
- Too much social media taking time away from reading.
- Reading other books and preaching from other books.
- Leaders and preachers not stressing on reading Srila Prabhupada's books and not setting example privately or publicly.
- The trend of ISKCON authorities to emphasize service over reading.
- Trying to present oneself as "rasika" or

- learned (by reading other books).
- Service interfering with reading.
- Not many devotees, who have a taste for reading, to associate with.
- Collection and preaching - (Bucks are the basis).
- Lack of Brahminical nature.
- 30-year-old devotees find kirtan more attractive.
- ISKCON is now congregationally based.

The devotees at the Sanga also offered some solutions:

- Organize reading marathons/retreats.
- Reading included in schedule of temple activities.
- Encourage devotees to form reading groups.
- Establish verifiable reading and study requirements before initiation.
- Leaders preach about reading and set the example/emphasize that the process of Krsna-consciousness cannot be fully successful without reading Srila Prabhupada's books.
- Read in advance before classes.
- Mature, enlightened speakers.
- Leaders read with devotees online or in real-time for 30 minutes.
- Realization means to write. (SP)
- Bhakti-sastri.
- Keeping balance of work/service, rest and reading.
- Make a sadhana card.

On the point of reading retreats, I remembered that

while traveling for the collection of funds for the construction of Sri-Sri Radha-Radhanatha's temple in Chatsworth with H.H. Bhakti-Caitanya Swami and H.G. Ramanuja-acarya das, we kept a solid daily morning programme before going out, but sometimes returned very late from appointments in the evening (9-10 pm, sometimes later). We travelled for 3-4 weeks away from the temple. But on the Sundays, we prepared nice prasada, took a short nap and then would literally 'dive' into your books for 4-5 hours straight. This practice had a very cleansing and enlivening effect on our consciousness which enabled us to continue this difficult service for more than 5 years.

Since that time, I have not read continuously for much more than an hour at a stretch, which I do on the days that I do not give/hear class at temple. But the idea of a reading marathon or retreat is not so uncommon, because it has been done before.

Participating as a GBC deputy for the first time this year, I was able to appreciate the deep dedication of your GBC men and ladies. It was a valuable experience to see the challenges that these devotees face and deal with - regionally and globally. It is not, as some do think, an "old boys club" of vested interests and privileges.

Being an out-dated and soon to be replaced follower, I still, by your grace, have received the opportunity to see your developing vision of the ISKCON, that historians will write: "saved the world in its darkest hour."

Dear Srila Prabhupada, please continue to engage me in some service to your mission.

*Your lowly and insignificant servant,
Medhavi das*





'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. 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 devotees, thank you all for so kindly joining us today in our congregational offerings of homage to the lotus feet of our Founder-Āchārya, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Today, I'd like to speak about the relationship of the disciple with the spiritual master, after the spiritual master's physical disappearance.

Śrīla Prabhupāda expressed his dedication to his spiritual master at the beginning of the first volume of the Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, where he writes, "To Śrīla Prabhupāda Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Gosvāmī Mahārāja, my spiritual master. He lives forever by his divine instructions and the follower lives with him."

How does our relationship with Śrīla Prabhupāda continue after his physical departure? In the Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 4.28.47 Śrīla Prabhupāda comments:

"The disciple and spiritual master are never separated, because the spiritual master always keeps company with the disciple as long as the disciple follows strictly the instructions of the spiritual master. This is called the association of vāṇī (words). Physical presence is called vapuḥ. As long as the spiritual master is physically present, the disciple should serve the physical body of the spiritual master, and when the spiritual master does no longer physically exist, the disciple should serve the instructions of the spiritual master."

We can understand, therefore, that if we always very seriously attend to his instructions, we will always be able to feel enlivened by Śrīla

Prabhupāda's transcendental presence within our hearts.

Now, where are those instructions? Those instructions are enshrined primarily within his books. As Śrīla Prabhupāda stated upon his return to Vṛndāvana from London, shortly before his physical departure, "There is nothing new to be said. Whatever I had to say I have already said in my books. Now you must all try to understand it and continue with your endeavors." He also stated at around the same time, "If depart, there is no cause for lamentation. I will always be with you through my books and my orders. I will always remain with you in that way."

It is clear from these instructions, then, that Śrīla Prabhupāda lives on, in full transcendental manifestation in his divine instructions, and that we can contact him and receive his mercy by understanding and by executing those instructions. By serving the spiritual master, one's relationship with him deepens and grows stronger. This is a transcendental relationship, beyond the material world. By this relationship one becomes delivered from the material world and returns to Kṛṣṇa's supreme abode, Goloka Vṛndāvana. As Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura instructs us, in his famous prayers for the spiritual master, as follows:

*yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi
dhyāyan stuvāms tasya yaśas tri-sandhyam
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

"By satisfaction of the spiritual master, the Supreme Personality of Godhead becomes satisfied. And by not satisfying the spiritual master, there is no chance of being promoted to the plane of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I should, therefore, meditate and pray for his mercy three times a day, and offer my respectful obeisances unto him, my spiritual master."

The whole process, however, depends on perfect

knowledge of the soul beyond the conception of the body- not just theoretically but practically. The bona fide spiritual master is the representative of Kṛṣṇa. We please Kṛṣṇa by pleasing His representative. By pleasing Kṛṣṇa we become engaged in His devotional service, which is no different from the spiritual world.

In February 1936, in Bombay Śrīla Prabhupāda ended his Vyāsa-pūjā offering to his spiritual master with the following words:

“Personally, I have no hope for any direct service for the coming crores of births of the sojourn of my life, but I am confident that someday or other I shall be delivered from this mire of delusion in which I am at present so deeply sunk. Therefore let me with all my earnestness pray at the lotus feet of my divine master to allow me to suffer the lot for

which I am destined due to my past misdoings, but to let me have this power of recollection: that I am nothing but a tiny servant of the Almighty Absolute Godhead, realized through the unflinching mercy of my divine master. Let me therefore bow down at his lotus feet with all the humility at my command.”

In this paragraph Śrīla Prabhupāda demonstrates the proper mood of the bona fide disciple. We should meditate upon this mood and Śrīla Prabhupāda’s example, and aspire to develop the same mood.

I thank all of you for giving me your association and helping me in my remembrance of Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Ramanujacharya Das





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& OTHER DEVOTEES**







Dear Srila Prabhupada,

AS THE FOUNDER-ACARYA AND PRE-EMINENT SIKSA GURU of ISKCON, you have helped us with our main goal in life, which is to get out of this Maya and be a true devotee.

Without you, we would still be looking for material pleasures, and not having the absolute knowledge.

You have given us an opportunity to become a true devotee of Lord Sri Krishna. Without your

sacrifice, we would not be here chanting the holy names of Krishna, so I deeply thank you for that.

So now it is the time for us to make a sacrifice to give up all material pleasures and surrender unto Krishna's Lotus Feet.

*Your humble servant,
Aarti Devi Dasi
Cape Town, South Africa*

 Aarti Devi Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my respectful prostrated obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to you on your most auspicious Vyasa-pujaday.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate Bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desā-tarine*

SRILA PRABHUPADA, your Vyasa-puja day is an opportunity for us, "Kali Yuga rejects" as Prabhu Aindra would put it, to cleanse our heart, a little bit, because on that day you are most merciful. Let me therefore seize this opportunity to cleanse mine, because by all considerations, I am not entitled to glorify a person like you. Please forgive my offenses to you and your glorious ISKCON.

Srila Prabhupada, the more we live, the more we can see your words coming true in all spheres of life. And you dared talk on any controversial topic with conviction, simply because your words were coming from the Vedic literatures, from Krsna. Who could have so much faith on these old literatures?

You went to America with the hope to create at least one devotee and you have created so many more!

You spoke on controversial topics like women's

freedom in America at a time when women were fighting for their rights. You spoke against the Darwinian theory at a time when Americans were apt to teaching Darwin theory in their universities. You challenged that Americans did not go on the moon!

On the other hand, you gave directions to build the TOVP which is on target to be completed in 2022.

Srila Prabhupada, you have left behind tons and tons of material on spirituality and your disciples and grand disciples are adding more and more to it every day. Who could leave such a legacy?

With so much available information, the whole world is living in fear as Kali Yuga is approaching at long strides. And yet you have given a solution "how to live life without fear (SB11.2.37):

*bhayaṁ dvitīyābhiniveśataḥ syād
īśād apetasya viparyayo 'smṛtiḥ*

 Acharya Ratna Das
Cape Town
Mauritius

Acharya Ratna Das 🌸
Phoenix Temple
Mauritius

*tan-māyayāto budha ābhajet taṁ
bhaktyaikayeśaṁ guru-devatātmā*

“Fear arises when a living entity misidentifies himself as the material body because of absorption in the external, illusory energy of the Lord. When the living entity thus turns away from the Supreme Lord, he also forgets his own constitutional position as a servant of the Lord. This bewildering, fearful condition is affected by the potency for illusion, called Maya. Therefore, an intelligent person should engage unflinchingly in the unalloyed devotional service of the Lord, under the guidance of a bona fide spiritual master, whom he should accept as his worshipable deity and as his very life and soul.”

In fact, you have given solutions to almost all problems the material world is facing and which it is likely to face. When you had given the solution of self-sufficiency for Mauritius, way back in 1975, in terms of growing its own food, it might have seemed out of place when Mauritius was heading to becoming a developing nation. Today the population is suffering for want of safe vegetables. People have no choice than to consume vegetables pumped with insecticides and herbicides. There is a mimic endeavour towards growing organic when all the fertile soils are being covered with concrete! Meanwhile people are getting diseased and eventually

dying of all kinds of cancers never heard of before.

This is but one example of the state of affairs and the situation is the same in almost all spheres of life, worldwide. Why? What is the reason? It is greed. People want to make more money and quick. And they do so at the cost of the lives of millions of people.

What do we do in such a seemingly hopeless situation? Here also you have given the solution, Srila Prabhupada. As you have rightly said, this material world is not meant for us to settle down in. We need to prepare ourselves to quit this material world and go back home back to Godhead in this very lifetime!

But, that is easier said than done! Yes, nothing is easy. If Srila Prabhupada has said it, it cannot be impossible. He has a plan for us but we have to be serious, sincere, abide by his instructions, and cling to his dhoti as he says. He has the key to the back door to Goloka Vrindavan! Srila Prabhupada ki jay!

Srila Prabhupada, having made these offerings and meditations I beg to remain steadfastly under the shelter of your lotus feet eternally.

Sri guru charana padma kevala bhakati sadma.

*Aspiring to be your servant,
Acharya Ratna Das
Phoenix Temple, Mauritius*



Acyuta Kesava Dasa 🌸
ISKCON East London
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my dandavat pranamas at your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

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

*mukam karoti vacalam
pangum langhayate girim
yat-krpa tam aham vande*

sri-gurum dina-taranam
(Madhya 17.80)

nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
srimate bhaktisiddhanta-sarasvatiti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-tarine

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY OF YOUR VYASA-PUJA, I recall the inconceivable mercy that you have showed on this earthly planet. The Hare Krishna movement is an international organisation well known in all countries.

The mission of Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu to spread the Holy Names in every town and village is being realised.

The mission is being realised because of the legacy you have left us in the form of your transcendental books, the Guru Parampara, your temples, prasadam, etc.

Through your mercy, we have all been afforded an opportunity to serve in this glorious ISKCON. For a fallen conditioned soul like myself, this is a golden opportunity to try to somehow preach in East London.

We beg for your mercy, my dear Srila Prabhupada, to please allow us to distribute your transcendental books in this part of the world. We know that book distribution is the most pleasing service to Your Divine Grace.

At my initiation ceremony, my Guru Maharaj mentioned that He would like me to be a “Prabhupada man” I humbly request that this becomes a reality, so that this Krsna consciousness movement is firmly established here, in East London, and your position as our Founder Acarya is glorified over and over again.

Your servant,
Acyuta Kesava Dasa
ISKCON East London, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY PROFOUND GRATITUDE to you for being used by the Lord to establish ISKCON.

I started the practice of vegetarianism on my own, without any guidance, and was finding it rather difficult to sustain the practice in a society of non-vegetarians until I came across Govinda Restaurant, a vegetarian restaurant being run by an ISKCON temple in my locality. It is over thirty years now and I am still a vegetarian and a friend of ISKCON.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada! On the most

auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja, I pray that the Lord keeps empowering your disciples and grand disciples in spreading the glories of Shree Hari, all over the planet.

His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada Ki Jai!!!!

Adebayo Bakare
Nigeria, Lagos State

 **Adebayo Bakare,**
Laos State
Nigeria

Adelle 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

Thank you for introducing me to ISKCON. I really appreciate it. That was the biggest gift you have given me.

Adelle
South Africa, Durban

Adesh Sugam 🙏
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa



Dear Swami Prabhupada,
All glories, and my humble salutations to you.



WHAT A POWERFUL IMPRESSION YOU MADE IN MY LIFE.
You are so so great, and thank you for being so obedient to you Guru. Today, the whole world is reading the Bhagavad Gita, and becoming Krishna Conscious.

I first read your version of the Bhagavad Gita at age 56, and I am still reading your books. I am now 64, and I'm going to be initiated some day for sure. Your teachings made me realize that I am like a small fish in a pond. You made me realize that there is a mighty ocean. I am chanting all the time now. In one of your books you said that you will

'still' be talking to your devotees, long after you are gone. How true!

When I read your books, sometimes I feel like you are sitting and watching me. You worked very hard to free us. You are in my heart all the time. I am the soul, and not the body. That I won't forget.

The whole world will owe you forever -till it comes to end at Krishna's Will.

Your servant,
Adesh Sugam
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa



Adharamrita devi dasi 🙏
ISKCON Lenasia
South Africa



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace!

NO WORDS ARE POTENT ENOUGH to thank you for what you have given us.

On this auspicious day of your Appearance Your Divine Grace, I have a request for you. Srila Prabhupada, I would like you to please help me fulfill my needs, desires and wants. Please help me Srila Prabhupada to fulfill my need to serve and spread your

mission with unflinching faith.

Please help me, Srila Prabhupada, to fulfill my desire to serve you with nothing but love only unconditionally.

Please help me, Srila Prabhupada, to fulfill my want of always remembering how you served Lord Krishna and His devotees. I beg you, Your Divine

Grace, to please help me fulfill my wants needs and desires if you so desire.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

Hoping to remain in your service eternally.

Adharamrita devi dasi

ISKCON Lenasia, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to your Divine Grace.

Adhokshaj Das (KDS)

Cape Town

South Africa

I AM CONSISTENTLY ASTONDED when I see all the amazing things you have done for us. Besides your own unbelievable achievements, you have also inspired millions of people around the world to do wonderful things that were beyond anyone's wildest dreams and imagination.

In the so-called modern world, the teaching of Leadership and Management has become an enormous money-making business. Yet you personally shared these key principles freely with all those around you. Even more importantly, you lived your own life in the utmost and impeccably perfect way possible - teaching us these very important lessons by your own example.

It is impossible for me to completely fathom

how brilliant you are - just a spark of your splendour causes an overwhelming emotional resonance in my heart.

Thank you so very much for all the austerities and sacrifices you undertook so that your disciples, grand-disciples, well-wishers and others are now able to enjoy the wonderful fruits of your efforts. You alone have truly made Krishna Consciousness into the divine, ecstatic and spiritually attractive experience that it is, for which we are ever so grateful.

Your loving grand-disciple,

Adhokshaj Das (KDS)

Cape Town, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Jesus said, "I speak to you in parables but a time cometh when I shall no longer speak to you in parables, but I shall show who the father is."

From my personal realization and association with devotees, Prabhupada is the one that came to fulfil the above Jesus prophecy by showing us who the father is, which is Krishna and Krishna boldly declares I am the seed giving father.

This is my humble tribute to Srila Prabhupada.

By the soul seeker,

Aigbona Abumere Edewede, Akhidenor (also known as Teddy Knorr) and Sango Otta

Hare Krishna Temple

Ogun State, Nigeria

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Ogun State

Nigeria



Akina Kasil 🙏
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja.

WHENEVER I THINK OF YOU SRILA PRABHUPADA, I am reminded of how much you have given the world by your life changing teachings about the Supreme Personality of Godhead Lord Krishna. I will forever be indebted to you for educating me about the importance that love of Lord Krishna should play in my life. I cannot imagine where I would be without it. In a world filled with fallen souls such as myself, I feel extremely blessed to have come across your lessons. You have always led by example and set such a high standard in terms of the proper way to live and lead a Krishna conscious life. I am immensely grateful that you have taught me that in times of need, rather than cling on to detrimental habits to cope with stresses of everyday life, it is especially important to cling on to Krishna by chanting the maha-mantra.

Thank you for teaching me that no matter what I do, the only thing that could ever deliver my family and I from the miseries of this world is purely Lord Krishna.

I pray to you Srila Prabhupada for your mercy to help soften not only my heart, but also those closest to me as well, to Krishna consciousness. All I could ever want is to lead a Krishna conscious life with my family, and to perhaps go back home to Godhead if am worthy by the end of this life.

Your grand servant
Akina Kasil
Johannesburg
South Africa



Radhika Priya dasi, Sharisha 🙏
Gopika Manjari, Alanath das
Durban - Chatsworth
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisances. All glories to you Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to Guru and Gauranga.

THANK YOU SRILA PRABHUPADA for giving us the opportunity to be included in Your ISKCON movement and associate with Your sincere disciples and followers. You have laid down the foundation of spirituality based on scriptures like Bhagavad Gita, Srimad Bhagvatam etc. Your disciples and sincere followers in ISKCON are building on this foundation, which is strong and resilient, by making the sincere seeker into devotees of Lord Krishna. We are included in the master plan that You have meditated upon and with enthusiasm we take on the roles of representatives of ISKCON, endeavoring with confidence to follow in the footsteps of Your disciples and the

previous Archaryas.

Yes, there will be challenges to overcome and obstacles that hamper our progress, yet we will continue as You have done. By Your personal example, when confronted with huge obstacles which put at risk the success of ISKCON, you simply prayed to Your Spiritual Master and persevered with the service. We too will also pray to our Spiritual Master and Grand Spiritual Master to always bless us and guide us to push on the ISKCON movement.

Srila Prabhupada we are indebted to You, Your Disciples and the Institution of ISKCON for bringing us unto the spiritual platform of devotional service.

We forever seek Your blessings in following in the footsteps of Your disciples, to preach the message of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and distribute the Holy Name to all beings.

Srila Prabhupada, please bless my family, so that we can continue to be engaged in devotional service whenever the need arises.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada, we are eternally indebted to You and Your disciples.

Your servants,

Radhika Priya dasi, Sharisha, Gopika Manjari, Alannah das, South Africa, Durban - Chatsworth



Dearest Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of Your Divine Lotus Feet on this most auspicious day of your appearance.

YET ANOTHER YEAR GOES BY where I sit to write another offering to you not knowing where to start. In the hopes of trying to say something meaningful to you for this year, I found myself thinking about the sacrifices you made to give us the best in life!

You suffered two heart attacks on your way to the west, but you still did not give up on your spiritual master's orders of preaching in the west. Instead of giving up, your faith in your spiritual master and your faith in the Lord remained firm and fixed.

You went through so many difficulties to make sure we have the best life. Not once did you ever think about giving up and not once did you ever lose faith in the Lord and in your spiritual master. You spent numerous hours in the heat trying to sell Your Back to Godhead magazines and experienced exceptionally cold weathers in the west trying to get us to wake up from this dream we are currently in and give us Krishna consciousness.

Srila Prabhupada, recently I have found myself thinking about these words... 'Krishna's plans are always perfect no matter what they may be'. These are words that sometimes appear on my lips. When will the day come where I can also make these words

heart deep and live my life by these words?

In a poem you write 'O Lord, I am just like a puppet in Your hands. So, if You have brought me here to dance, then make me dance, make me dance, O Lord, make me dance as You like'.

This again is proof of your unconditional full faith in the Lord and your spiritual master.

"My path is very difficult. I am blind, and my feet are slipping again and again. Therefore, may the saints help me by granting me the stick of their mercy as my support." Caitanya Caritamrita Antya Lila 1.2

Srila Prabhupada on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I beg for your eternal shelter to one day try to become the servant of your servant, living a life of heartfelt meaning, with full and firm faith that Krishna's plans are always perfect no matter what they may be!

Happy Vyasa-puja Srila Prabhupada.

Your foolish granddaughter,

Amritamani devi dasi.

Johannesburg, South Africa



 Amritamani devi dasi.

Johannesburg

South Africa

Palika Devi dasi, Raghuvir das, 
Nandadulal das and
Ananda Tirtha das
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dearest Paraam guru Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances in the dust of your divine lotus feet.

*Nama Om Vishnu padaya Krishna Presthaya Bhutale
Srimate Bhaktivedanta Swami Iti Namine
Namaste Saraswati deve Gaurava ne pracarine
Nirvisesa sunyadi pastacha desitarine*

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your divine appearance day we would like to pray that our desires to serve you and your ISKCON are realised sooner than later. You dearest Srila Prabhupada know what our hearts desires are, and we really pray that come your next Vyasa-puja we shall offer them to your divine lotus feet for your divine pleasure as you are our

lord and master.

*Your servants of the servant in your divine service to your divine lotus feet, your ISKCON and the wonderful devotees,
Palika Devi dasi, Raghuvir das, Nandadulal das and Ananda Tirtha das
Johannesburg, South Africa*



Anandamaya Krishna das and 
Radharani Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisance.
All glories to your divine lotus feet.

WHILE STUDYING YOUR BOOKS, I have developed a deep appreciation for your brilliant purports. Other literature pales in comparison to your presentation of Vedic knowledge. You have methodically analysed and explained the most esoteric literary principles in a way that the unfortunate people of this age can easily understand. I now realize why it has been stated that your books will be the law books for the next ten thousand years.

Having nowhere to live, you shared a loft with a drug addict, putting your life in danger so that

you can fulfil the order of your spiritual master, i.e. to print books and preach in the English language.

You endured so much of difficulty so that we may benefit from this transcendental knowledge. I pray that my appreciation for your books increases for ever more.

*Your servant,
Anandamaya Krishna das and Radharani Devi Dasi
Durban, South Africa*



Anele Gansa 
Durban CBD
South Africa



Hare Krishna, dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at your feet.
All glories to you.

THANK YOU, SRILA PRABHUPADA for your amazing work and exposing the truth of living. You left a mark that will never be erased because it was made of pure gold and a pure heart.

*Your servant,
Anele Gansa
Durban CBD, South Africa*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept by dandavat pranams at your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatya desa tarine*

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY OF YOUR VYASA PUJA, I want to thank you for creating a house that we are all able to live in. Without our beloved movement, we would be lost souls in this material world.

Through your mercy, we have all been afforded an opportunity to be able to serve in keeping ISKCON East London alive.

Bless us so that we grow as a yatra and as a family. Help us to be engaged in Sri Krishna's service always.

Through your guidance and mercy, dearest Srila Prabhupada, allow us to continue to be able to distribute your books so that we are able to carry out your mission effectively and with a servant attitude.

Srila Prabhupada Ki Jai

*Your servant,
Anesha Panday
East London, South Africa*



Hare Krishna Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories unto your lotus feet.

OH, DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA, I want to first thank you, for the boon you have bestowed upon this material world, your International Society for Krishna Consciousness. You have fulfilled the prophecy of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and spread the Holy Names throughout the world.

I am so lucky and blessed to be in the path of your movement, books and the Holy Name. I am

such a fool and sinner; I do not know how or why I received the blessings and warmth of your disciples, their disciples, and those associated with the Holy Name. I am the most undeserving, but you still bestow your mercy upon my head.

I only wish to be engaged in your service of distributing the Holy Names to the world. I am small and insignificant. I cannot do anything without

 Anesha Panday
East London
South Africa

 Anilan Hirasen
Tongaat
South Africa

your mercy and guidance and support and love.

With all the mercy you already bestowed upon me, I still offend your movement and the Holy Name. In tears, I offer my dandavats to your lotus feet and beg for your mercy and forgiveness. I certainly do not deserve it; I know that.

I, thank you, Srila Prabhupada for always staying by my side.

*Your servant,
Anilan Hirasen
Tongaat, South Africa*

Aravinda Dalayataksha Das 🙏
Durban
South Africa



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhuta-tale
shrimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

I HAD BEEN AIMLESSLY WONDERING IN THIS MATERIAL WORLD until I came across your devotees who showed me the path of devotion to Lord Krishna.

Ever since then, my life has been transformed, and I feel safe living in your ISKCON, which is the house that you personally built, where the whole world can live in. I know that my accommodation in your ISKCON is guaranteed for as long as I live.

In return for the shelter that you provided me, it is entirely up to me then, as one of your many grandsons, to fulfill your instruction.

With all my many faults, I still feel your guidance and protection over me.

I beg to remain fixed at your lotus feet, and with the guidance of my Guru Maharaja, I am convinced that I will be delivered to your lotus feet.

I am eternally indebted to you.
I remain your grandson,

*Aravinda Dalayataksha Das,
South Africa, Durban*

Ashika Thiruvangadam 🙏
Durban
South Africa



To my saviour: Dearest Srila Prabhupad,

I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THIS TO YOU as a token of my love and gratitude to you.

I am most indebted to your teachings and the home you have built for us. My life has completely turned around. My lifestyle has changed and it is all because of one humble man and that is you.

No words can express what you have done for

me and my family.

Shower me with your mercy Prabhupada so I may never forget the lotus feet of Lord Krishna

*Your humble servant,
Ashika Thiruvangadam
Durban, South Africa*



All glories to Guru and Gauranga.
Dearest Srila Prabhupada

Thank Srila Prabhupada for affording us both the opportunity to serve both you and Sri Krsna, by offering our humble service through the medium sound.

We pray that we always remain at your lotus

feet.

Your servants

Ashley and Keyuran Maistry

Springfield, Durban, South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktisiddhanta-sarasvatiti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desa-tarine*

ALL GLORIES TO SRILA PRABHUPADA, thank for spreading Krishna Consciousness internationally and for this reason I am writing, this Vyasa-Puja.

I have learned so much in the last year: about I am not this body but a spirit soul. You are so humble, and you will always be my saviour, by making me aware that Krishna is everywhere.

A favourite quote of mine from the Bhagavad-Gita as It Is:

*man-mana bhava mad-bhakto
mad-yaji mam namaskuru*

*mam evaisyasi satyam te
pratijane priyo si me*

“Always think of Me, become My devotee, worship Me and offer your homage unto Me. Thus you will come to Me without fail. I promise you this because you are My very dear friend.” (Bg. 18.65).

*Trying to be your servant,
Avinash Khusal
Cape Town, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I THANK YOU FOR SPREADING THE KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS MESSAGE around the world.

Thank you for telling us the simple way of

living: eating fruit, grain and vegetables.

Thank you for inspiring us to be kind to all humans, insects, plants, and animals.

 Ashley and Keyuran Maistry
Durban
South Africa

 Avinash Khusal
Cape Town
South Africa

 BalanGovender
KwaZulu- Natal
South Africa

I feel humbled to be in the company of devotees, allowing me to be good, simple, kind, and loving to all.

You are the greatest human being.

Thank you again, for your love and kindness.

BalanGovender.

KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa



Balaram Das 
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada, all glories to you.

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE for propagating ISKCON throughout the world. Without you, and your teachings, your temples, your books, and your festivals, I would be lost. You have given the greatest gift to the world.

Without you, many people who have found a purpose in life within ISKCON, including me, would be lost.

Thank you so much for everything. It is only due

to your mercy that I am able to write this offering to you, and I am able to attend your Vyasa Puja.

I pray that you keep me engaged in devotional service to you, and Their Lordships Sri SriRadha-Radhanath, always.

Your insignificant servant,

Balaram Das

KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa



Balaram 
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

All glories to your lotus feet on this auspicious day.

I WANTED TO START BY SAYING THANK YOU; thank you so much for all that you have done. Nothing of what we have here today would be possible without you traveling from the East to the West to spread the Holy Name. Without any knowledge of Sri Krsna, I do not know where I would be. I am so fortunate to be born in this devotee family who have learnt your teachings and surrendered to The Lotus Feet of Sri Krsna.

I lastly want to thank you for translating and writing all these wonderful books filled with your knowledge. Without the Bhagavad Gita we would all be lost.

Your grandson,

Balaram

Cape Town, South Africa





Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

 Bhagyati Mohini Devi Dasi
Nairobi
Kenya

YOU ARE THE ONE

You are the one,
Who enlightened me,
Just like a lamp in a dark room.
Who opened the cage,
Freed me Maya's prison.
Who is always with us.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada,
For my name,
For a new goal,
For the new life,
A new way of thinking,
The amazing Prasad,
The trendy fashion sense,
For all the inspiring books,
For the astounding kirtan,
And especially,
For the back door key to Goloka Vrindavan.

You are the one,
My eternal grandfather,
My eternal guru,
My eternal master,
My eternal friend,
My hero.

By remembering,
Your lotus feet,
Your life,
Your teachings,
Your preaching,
Your writings,
Your lectures,
All the hurdles are pushed away,
Far, far away.

You are the one,
Who took the pain,

To give the name,
So we can gain,
Krishna-Prema, the aim,
You are the greatest one.

I beg to remain the eternal servants of your servants,

Bhagyati Mohini Devi Dasi
ISKCON Nairobi, Kenya



Bhakta Dillon 🙏
Prabupada Prema Nama Hata
Lotus Park
Cape Town
South Africa



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

IN 2015 I RECEIVED A BOOK - the Science of Self-Realization. I looked at the cover and prayed to you to help me to understand this book. Ever since then, all your literature has turned my life around, bringing me much understanding about spirituality, and answering my questions about the aim of human life, why do we have to get old and diseased, why do I have to die, and what is bhakti.

Your purports in the Bhagavad Gita are sublime. Whenever my days were dark, and I needed to calm myself or be spiritually uplifted I turned to your literature and I still do. I read your books almost every

day and distribute them as well.

Thank you Prabupada for showing me what real, absolute and transcendental knowledge is all about. Thank you for showing me how to surrender unto the Lord. You really do still live in the instructions in your books.

Your servant,
Bhakta Dillon,
Prabupada Prema Nama Hata
Lotus Park, Durban, South Africa



Bhakta Kenneth 🙏
Bloemfontein
South Africa



All Glories to my eternal spiritual master, A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada.

Without you my life would still be in the deepest ignorance. Your books saved my life by reminding me of my true self, and also reminding me about God.

I can go anywhere in the world and know I have a family because of your amazing preaching. Thank you for everything you do for me. My wish is

to finally be serious about Krishna, so I can make You both proud.

Your servant,
Bhakta Kenneth
Bloemfontein, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

 Bhakta Krishen
Durban
South Africa

I AM NOW IN ISKCON FOR A YEAR. I have been chanting a few rounds every day and feel so much better about myself. I attend our local Namahatta and do not miss a week, because it puts me in a very happy state of being. When I chant, I feel protected by Lord Krsna and you. I feel so blissful when looking at your Deity form and meditating on you.

Without you, all these wonderful things in my

life would never have happened.

Thank you, Prabhupada, for changing my life.

*Your Servant,
Bhakta Krishen
Prabupada Prema Namahatta
Lotus Park, Durban, South Africa*



Dear, Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, Sri Giriraj Goverdhan All glories to your Divine Grace.

 Bhakta Sudhir Chandanram
Durban
South Africa

ON THIS DAY, I would like to sincerely thank you for being merciful to us and preaching Krsna consciousness in the west.

My limited mind cannot begin to understand the extent of your mercy.

I once read a quote, whereby you stated ‘if Krsna forgets, then Radharani will not forget, and if Radharani forgets, then Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu will not forget, but if Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu forgets, then I will definitely not forget’ I understood this statement to mean, that you would not forget our endeavor and devotional service within ISKCON, and I thought, that this is a very nice statement, poetic and inspirational.

I did not fully appreciate this statement at that time, but it stayed with me.

Many years later, I accompanied some devotees, who were visiting a devotee in hospital, who was in the process of leaving her body.

This devotee was not a regular attendee to the temple, not initiated or a senior member of the movement, just a humble vaisnavi who would chant

her rounds, done some service, and was following the regulative principles.

Upon arriving at the hospital, I noticed a little Japa box, at her bedside, with you chanting the Hare Krishna Maha-mantra. You were already there, right next to her, chanting Krsna’s Holy name and giving her your association.

I then saw your words first hand, ‘that you would not forget’ and realised by your mercy you have already created our good fortune and this statement was not just poetic or an inspirational statement but a promise.

A promise that you will protect us.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for being so merciful to us, for always inspiring and always protecting us. I pray that I may always serve in your ISKCON in manner that pleases you.

*Your Servant,
Bhakta Sudhir Chandanram
Durban, South Africa*

Bhakta Yashodanandana 🙏
Hare Krishna Temple
Sango Otta, Ogun State
Nigeria



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THE LOTUS FEET OF OUR SPIRITUAL MASTER are the only way by which we can attain pure devotional service. I bow to his lotus feet with great awe and reverence. By his grace one can cross the ocean of material suffering and obtain the mercy of Krsna.

My only wish is to have my consciousness purified by the words emanating from his lotus mouth. Attachment to his lotus feet is the perfection that fulfils all desires.

He opens my darkened eyes and fills my heart with transcendental knowledge. He is my lord birth after birth. From him ecstatic prema emanates; by him ignorance is destroyed. The Vedic scriptures sings of his character.

Our spiritual master is the ocean of mercy, the friend of the poor, and the lord and master of the devotees. O master! Be merciful unto me. Give me the shade of your lotus feet. Your fame is spread all

over the three worlds!

Characters of Prabhupada:

P - Polite

R - Reliable master

A - Always truthful/right

B - Bold

H - Humble

U - Unique

P - Parent of all

A - Able

D - Diligent

A – Always present

Srila Prabhupada Ki Jai!!!

Bhakta Yashodanandana

Hare Krishna Temple

Sango Otta, Ogun State, Nigeria



Bhakti Nilaya Dasa 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

SRILA BHAKTIVINODA THAKURA, THROUGH HIS WRITINGS, has expressed his desire for the spreading of this Harinama sankirtan movement, which are also accepted as his personal predictions:

1. “A personality will soon appear and he will travel all over the world to spread the teachings of Lord Caitanya”.

2. “Very soon the chanting of the Harinama sankirtana will be spread all over the world. Oh,

when will that day come when people from America, England, France, Germany, Russia will take up karatala and mrdangas and chant Hare Krishna in their towns?”. This vision is in line with the prediction of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu that the holy name will be spread throughout the world in every town and village.

3. “When will that day come when the fair-skinned foreigners will come to Sri Mayapur-dhama

and join with the Bengali Vaisnavas to chant, Jaya Sacinandana, Jaya Sacinandana. When will that day be?”

Was Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura being over-wishful and optimistically hopeful or could he see that which the mundane, contaminated and diseased hearted remain blinded to? Was it similar to the communication transmitted by the Lord to Brahmaji at the beginning of creation? Was this the communication of the Lord to Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura to assure him that his desire and vision will be fulfilled?

The earth was blessed when that person who was chosen to fulfill the desire and vision of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura physically appeared on 1 September 1896. How blessed and fortunate is that ground which has been walked upon by His Divine Grace. Oh, friend of the poor, my lord and master, will I ever be able to understand and realise the greatness of Your Divine Grace? Why does my wicked mind and wretched heart not easily understand and embrace the good fortune that you have benedicted us with?

Understanding and wanting to fulfill the desire of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura, the Lord had chosen you. You are the one that the Lord could trust the most, the one who can make the impossible possible. You are the one whom the Lord knew could fulfill the mission and not become bewildered by name, fame, glory, adoration, power, wealth, status and other obstacles to the path of bhakti.

You were initially ignored by the residents of Bharath yet you were welcomed by the mini Jagais and Madais of the west. By the drop of your grace they were transformed, empowered and able to successfully fulfill your word. Was this an initial sign from the Lord that the time has now come? Was this to be the extraordinary, inconceivable, special extension of Sriman Gauranga Mahaprabhu's lila?

Alas, my heart yearns to have that vision of all those kirtans performed by Your Divine Grace, especially the early kirtans performed at Thomson Square Park. I can only imagine the spiritual

ecstasy that you have placed Sri Gaura-sundara and Nityananda Mahajan in because of your endeavours. This has even attracted Lord Jagannath to appear within this Lila!

How are we to look at this? The scenarios are endless... Yet one thing is for sure, you are the chosen one. Your Shakti continues to live on through your divine books and other forms of your vani. Your presence is felt by all those who follow your instructions, you have stated that you will live forever in your books. You will remain a murti to those who only see you as a murti and you will remain a figure of the past to those who think that you have left this world on 14 November 1977. To those who understand that you are forever with us, that you continue to have the ability to deliver the world, that impossibilities can become possible by your grace, that you are perfect in your books and instructions, that you are the chosen one... To such a person, a benediction greater than the greatest fortune in all 3 world's is sure to be theirs.

I may never be able to understand and realise the greatness of your divine grace due to me being a dull minded fool, but I know that wherever life may take me, I will always remain under the shelter of Your Divine Grace. All I simply want to do is to please Your Divine Grace. Even though I am a life of disappointment, by your grace, through the chanting of the holy name and by following your divine instructions, I know that when the time comes for these eyes to close, when the life airs of my body merger back with the totality of air, and my heart ceases to beat, success is inevitable only because of Your Divine Grace.

*sri-caitanya-mano-'bhistam
sthapitam yena bhuta-tale
svayam rupah kada mahyam
dadati sva-padantikam*

“When will Srila Rupa Gosvami Prabhupada, who has established within this material world the mission to fulfill the desire of Lord Caitanya, give

me shelter under his lotus feet?"

Srila Rupa Goswami has established the mission to fulfill the desire of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura has revived this mission, and through Your Divine Grace this mission is constantly growing and will undoubtedly

live on...

I remain the servant of your servant,

Bhakti Nilaya das

Durban, South Africa

Bhakti Prasad Das 🙏
(Gillitts Namatha)
Ashley Pinetown
South Africa

 My dear Prabhupada,
I offer my respectful obeisances unto you.

IT WAS A PLAN, 13 years ago, my car was stolen, no transport to attend temple Satsang.

Lord Krishna sent his devotee to assist me. He asked me to join him at S.S.R.R. temple.

I agreed, I was amazed and overwhelmed. I was attracted by Lord Krishna and Radharani, also Srila Prabhupada. I found spiritual happiness, later I enjoyed chanting.

Today, I am initiated and spiritualized,

engaging in devotional service. I am enjoying Bhakti yoga.

I thank you Srila Prabhupada for organizing Hare Krishna temples throughout the world.

Your servant,

Bhakti Prasad Das

(Gillitts Namatha)

Ashley Pinetown, South Africa

Bhaktilata (9 years) 🙏
Durban
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU for teaching us not to eat meat, and I admire you for saying this. We will never eat meat to satisfy our hunger no matter what.

Your servant,

Bhaktilata (9 years)

Durban

South Africa

Bhaktin Dee 🙏
Cape Town
South Africa

 Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

I see people running everyday Prabhupada.

Running right into the mouth of death, waiting to be devoured.

And you have dispersed your army to rescue them all...us all.

But what astounds me the most is that you have this ability to inspire selflessness.

Your brave soldiers are getting burnt and are wounded, but they go on because of their love for you.

I can't speak of your purity or compassion, because those are such foreign concepts for me.

But this love you inspire, I have never witnessed before.

You inspire so many different people.

All these unique individuals doing what they can for you.

Giving them what they need, or just giving, and yet everything you give them, multiplies.

Strength

Mercy

Courage

Purpose

Love

I've asked you for so much and you have reciprocated more than I could imagine.

Like a whining child asking for stones, you have given me gems.

What do babies know what to do with gems, yet I am blessed.

So many gems who have their own struggles, but still know that you are worth it.

I'm still watching in awe at their bravery.

Your lotus feet are real wealth, because you deliver entire universes.

Because your heart and words continuously transform innumerable lives.

"What ability do I have to glorify you, but out of my ignorance and un-mitigating pride I do so anyway..."

Thank you, dearest Prabhupada.

Your aspiring servant,

Bhaktin Dee

Cape Town, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you, all glories to your divine lotus feet.



Bhaktin Dhanishta

Gauteng

South Africa

YOU TRAVELLED TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY at the age of 69 without knowing whether to turn left or right at

the pier, but you established so many temples worldwide, taught us how to cook with Krishna-prema

and most importantly, showed us the way back to Sri Krishna's lotus feet.

In this material world I am enjoying material things but trying my hardest to please Srimati Radharani. Please be merciful unto me so that I can be the servant of the servant of the servant. By Your Grace I am very fortunate to be in Krishna consciousness and so I would like to show my gratitude

towards you and thank you because without you, I would still be lost in this material world. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for always showing me the right path and guiding me to becoming a better devotee.

*Your servant,
Bhaktin Dhanishta
Gauteng, South Africa*

Bhaktin Elaine 🌸
Paradise Valley, Pinetown
Durban
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.



FOR SO LONG A TIME I CRAVED SOMETHING MORE, something different in my life - something I felt I knew existed, but had not met with yet - a connection of sorts; one that was so powerful it would follow me into the next one hundred life times. Little did I know I had already made such a connection, so strong that it had followed me into this life time. I only needed the right association to help me understand it, and help me realise it. I found the truth of this profound realisation in your writing, and word for word, the world opened up before me.

I am grateful that I stumbled across your writings in Bhagavad-gita As It Is and the Science of Self Realization while rummaging for some books at a supplier - to read and learn something truly valuable about our existence. I then had an opportunity to join a class and study your biography - your Lilamrta. I am grateful that I could see through your perfect example the application of all the components, and the privilege of being able to apply some of these most valuable teachings to my own practice. I am grateful to have access to the wealth of knowledge that will help me elevate my practice in Krishna Consciousness - the sublime knowledge that fulfils my realisation and craving for a higher truth.

It is humbling to learn what you have endured.

To learn about your selfless journey to not only bring us the philosophy but also build a solid foundation so that we may enjoy all Krishna consciousness has to offer without facing even a fraction of the challenges; so that we may read and chant and learn without falling short of finding home in a loving temple, finding nourishment in Prasad, finding worthy association in pure devotees and, of course, finding truth and love in Krishna. We are spoiled children because you chose to write and print your books rather than eat.

I can never consider myself unfortunate again and a higher honour will not meet me in this life time. My journey in Krishna consciousness has not been an easy one but every struggle and every challenge drives me closer, brings out more devotion. The books seem too many to read but every word of every book calls me. I want to know more. I am new to the philosophy and know little compared to the devotees but there is a satisfaction in both knowing what I already know and in that which I don't know; A satisfying hunger of sorts. It's a wonderful experience. A delicate appreciation for this philosophy exists in me and an honest joy comes from my practice in it.

Thank you, Your Divine Grace, for the

opportunity and the privilege.

Bhaktin Elaine

Paradise Valley, Pinetown, Durban, South Africa

Your servant,



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I offer my humble obeisance unto His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada,
the Founder-Acarya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

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

MY HEART IS FILLED WITH TEARS OF JOY at been given the privilege to give an offering to Srila Prabhupada. It's just by your causeless mercy, Srila Prabhupada.

You crossed the ocean to save me, love and devotion you came with, you brought me out of the darkness, and you brought me back into the light.

It's a great challenge for a sincere human being to live a life of pure principles, but all you did you did because you love us. Could there be any one more worthy? It's hard conveying the idea that life has been given to us in a desert full of miseries and

suffering to surcharge oneself in the remembrance of the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna with the inspiration to practice spiritual devotion with full enthusiasm to God.

With gratitude I give my offering.

Jai Prabhupada, Jai Gurudeva, patita pavana.
Saviour of the world, Saviour of the most fallen soul.

Bhaktin Giridhari

Hare Krishna Temple

Sango Otta, Ogun State, Nigeria



Dear Srila Prabhupad,

Please accept my humble obeisance's all glories to the dust of your divine lotus feet.

HOW FORTUNATE ARE WE to be in contact with such a beautiful family which the whole world can live under, ISKCON. Srila Prabhupad words cannot describe the joy which you have given to us by allowing such fallen souls to hear the name of Lord Krishna let alone worship Him.

Due to some good fortune in my previous births at last I have the shelter of my beloved great grandfather and all his wonderful sons who continue to

share this astounding gift to the world.

The magnificent memories of:

Food for life services as a child to the hari-naamas and namahattas.

From those 6-hour kirtan festivals to mercy given to me to make garlands for the Lord on their Pushpa Abhishek.

From my first kirtan sung at a programme by the mercy of your son and disciple His Holiness



Bhaktin Giridhari

Sango Otta, Ogun State
Nigeria



Bhaktin Kalindi

Bhakti Caitanya Maharaj to continuous singing of the Gaura Aarti.

From seeing a devotees enchanting Sri Sri Gaura Nitai to welcoming them into our home.

From having faith that no matter what steps I take, the Lord will always guide me.

There so many important memories feel like they just happened yesterday all full of bliss and happiness.

Yet my dear Srila Prabhupad I pray at the dust of your lotus feet to always keep me engaged in the

loving devotional service of Lord Krishna. May this insignificant servant who is nothing but a mustard seed in this entire cosmic creation be of some use and serve to my full capacity.

Once again, a thank you would not be enough for what you have given us.

We love you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your humble Servant,
Bhaktin Kalindi*



Bhaktin Marie (Madhavi) 🌸
Paradise Valley, Pinetown
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada, Hare Krsna.

Please accept my most humble obeisances. All glories to your Divine Grace. All glories to Srila Giriraja Swami Maharaj. All glories to all the glorious disciples of Your Divine Grace. All glories to the devotees.

MY FERVENT AND HUMBLE PRAYER to Your Divine Grace, is that by the merest spark of your mercy, Your Divine Grace will open my eyes, even in the minutest way, of who your Divine Grace's disciples really are, who these great personalities are, whom we are so eternally blessed to encounter on earth.

I pray Srila Prabhupada, for this blessing so that my eyes may open and that I consequently will have no other desire but to serve according to your wishes and the wishes of the spiritual master, no matter

what it may take in order to do so.

I pray that Your Divine Grace will forgive my dumb and stupid mind, my fallen nature and many offenses so that, if Your Divine Grace so desires, I may do some service that will be pleasing in your eyes and to the spiritual master and the devotees.

*A fallen, grateful and hopeful servant,
Bhaktin Marie [Madhavi]
Johannesburg, South Africa*



Bhaktin Nosipho 🌸
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa



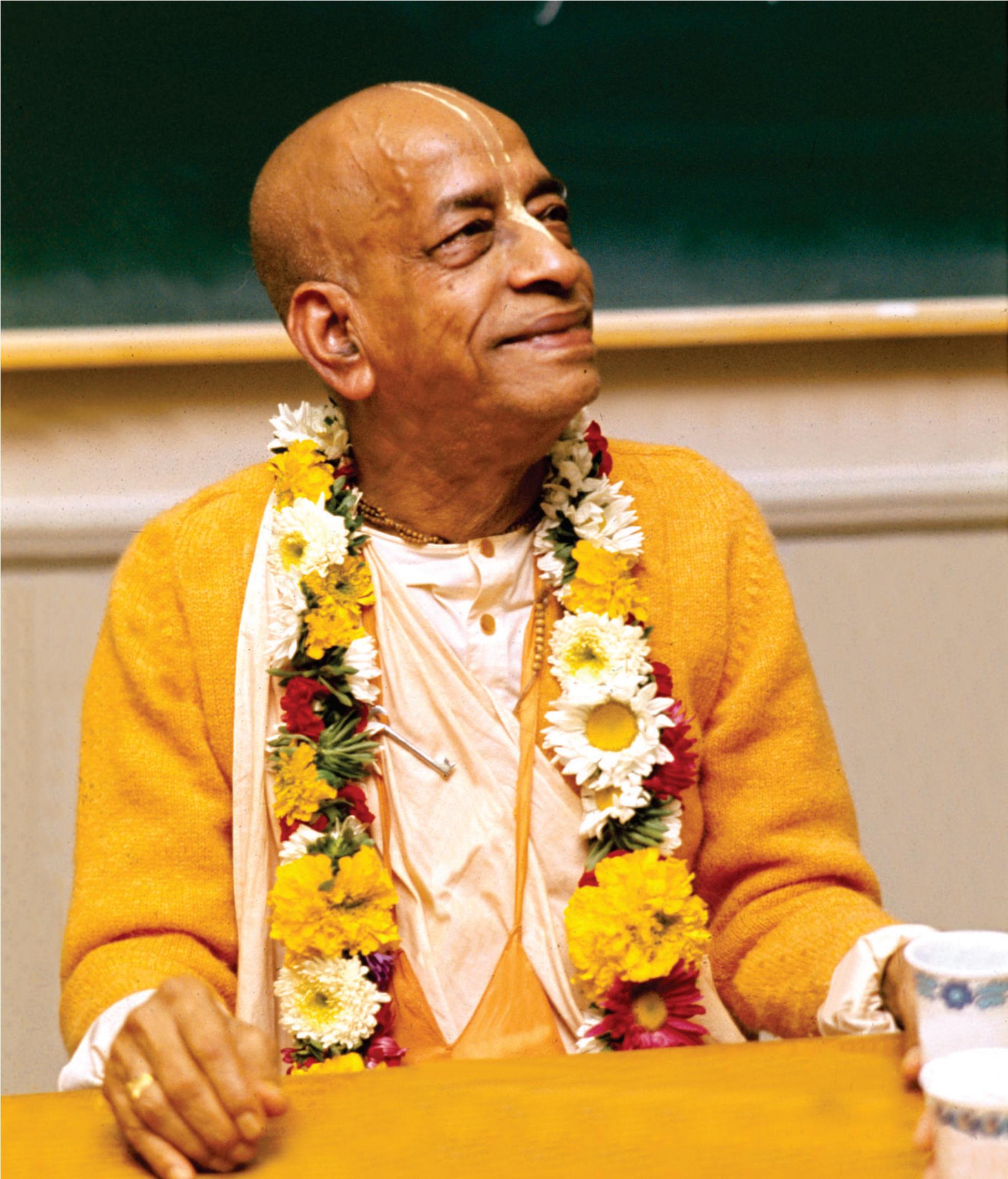
Hare Krishna!

Jai Srila Prabhupada!

- ❖ Food for Life
- ❖ Love and Grace
- ❖ Joy and Mercy
- ❖ Flow back home - The Science of Self- Realization

BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER, but water washes away blood. My heart flows like a river to the sea, where

it will always be. I am but just a drop, in the ocean of your mercy.





My dear Srila Prabhupada, gratitude overflows with all the grace and mercy you have shown me. Tears of joy consume me from the first day I touched and read *The Science of Self-Realization*, remembered who I am and returned back home when I chant the Lord's Holy Name, like how you taught me. And, when I'm in your presence, alone with your glory, I am fulfilled beyond what the human mind can comprehend.

You are my sacred space, you are where I want to be, where I find peace, light, love, joy, abundance, all endless and unconditional. All that I've ever desired to share with all mankind, you serve me in avalanches of abundance, and I am able to humbly serve back to my community and society.

Words are honestly an understatement, and all I can do to its' purest form is follow your teachings, serve you endlessly and unconditionally, and love you beyond reason.

You, my dear Srila Prabhupada, are my favorite place, you are my sacred space. I love the fragrance of your voice. You're the color of loyalty. My favorite sound is your smile. I'm intoxicated with joyfulness. Oh, I am moved by you. Jai Prabhupada!

I feel you at the bottom of my feet, the very blush in my cheeks, I love the taste of the words you don't speak. You're the very meaning of peace. I am a ten thousand petal flower unfolding in this moment. I feel so vulnerable and so empowered. It's everything, it's nothing, it's perfect.

I give thanks for my time upon the planet Earth, by all of your beauty I am so inspired, your love has consecrated me till eternity.

Haribol! Jai!

Bhaktin Nosipho

KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you, on the most wonderful occasion of your vyasa puja!

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svaminiti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pascaty-a-des-a-tarine*

I AM STRUGGLING, AND I AM WEAK, but I am thankful for this shelter at your lotus feet. It's a difficult task to overcome maya, I'm still burning in this material existence of a forest fire. But you're able to extinguish it so easily "there are no words to describe your kindness towards me, as well as every other living entity. Your selfless and loving nature, your pure faith in Krishna "you exhibit the true qualities of a Vaisnava. You built a house in which the whole world could live in, and without you we would truly

be suffering. Srila Prabhupada, I'm not sure what more to say, for your glories could be spoken of for days and days. The only thing left for me to do is pray, that you will always be merciful upon me, so I will never be led astray.

Your struggling servant,

Bhaktin Radha Vinode Niranjan

Durban, South Africa



 **Bhaktin Radha Vinode Niranjan**
Durban
South Africa

Bhaktin Varsha 🌸
Gauteng
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada. All Glories to your divine lotus feet.

*vancha-kalpa-tarubhyas ca
krpa-sindhubhya eva ca
patitanam pavanebhyo
vaisnavebhyo namo namah*

HOW DO I BEGIN THANKING YOU for the special spiritual opportunity you have given us? By your mercy we are able to associate with your devotees, chant the holy names, teach our children the joy of Krishna consciousness and so many other wonderful spiritual activities.

Entangled in the activities of this material world, this sinful soul, will never be able to relish the full spiritual knowledge and joy that you have entrusted upon us. You have enlivened the lost knowledge of Krsna-prema. Most important of all, you have thought us that we are not this body, but purely this soul. Without your teachings we would

be frustrated lost souls enjoying material life to the fullest. Krishna consciousness has given us pure meaning to life and shows how one should react, in happiness and in distress.

Srila Prabhupada, if you desire, please have mercy on me, so that I always stay in association with your devotees.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for opening my eyes from this darkness that I have been living in.

*Always in your service, your humble servant,
Bhaktin Varsha
Gauteng, South Africa*



Bhaktin Zara Deva (age 12) 🌸
Rondebosch
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatya desa tarine*

*om ajnana timirandhasa
jnananjana salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena
tasmai sri guruve namah*

THANK YOU FOR SPREADING KRSNA CONSCIOUSNESS and giving us the opportunity to go out on Food for Life and distribute Prasadam to children who don't have. Thank you again for spreading Krsna

Consciousness so that I may eat the yummy Prasadam as well. Thank you for writing all these books that I enjoy so much and thank you for giving us these wonderful Lilas that I like to listen to.

Thank you very much.

Your humble servant,

*Bhaktin Zara Deva (age 12)
Rondebosch, South Africa*



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

TODAY WE REFLECT ON YOUR MERCY, miracles and power that prevails within our family's life.

A few months ago, a serious material challenge affected our loved one. In my case, I was brought to my knees in prayer with introspection and confounding questions.

Our dependence on you and Lord Krsna-Narasinghadev found new depths and sincerity.

The fear of gaining the world and losing our soul became clear in a very short time span.

Wonderful miracles took place that we are shy to express. I saw how a very precise, sincere prayer and requirement on my part for our loved one, fast became a reality. The wonder of your Lord Krsna in the form of Narasinghadev: who is our family deity, was shown in great magnanimity beyond our expectations.

You and your Krsna's protection, love and mercy astounded us all including experts outside our spiritual lives.

I speak vaguely and mysteriously so that your devotees and people may come to know that where we fail, you carry us, and Krsna carries us. Where we blunder and cuss the material energy, you console us with the words of your Srimad-Bhagavatam purports, unknowingly, in the background of the heart and mind. Without that, we would become maddened.

The mercy of your disciples and our different gurus comes through silently and effectively, this we have seen.

I am reminded distinctively when you and

Satya Narayan das interacted on the matter of him pursuing Ayurveda studies under a kaviraja you sometimes saw.

He tried initially to express how his study was going to proceed. While you were taking your massage, raised your hand, and said, "I am tired now," dismissing his attempts.

Days later, he got into your room and began to explain more of his plan again. You just dismissed it and interrupted him: "No, this is not very important." Then you just looked away. Satya Narayan could not believe that he was only supposed to accept it with no further comment.

Seeing your disciple unsatisfied, you said, "We want to become Brahmans," while pointing to the KRSNA book on your desk, you said, "You simply read my books. That is what you should do!"

Satya Narayan felt satisfied and said, "Thank you, Prabhupada."

The explanation of this pastime is also given as follows:

Unless one is protected by the mercy of the Lord, no remedial measure can act effectively (Bhāg. 7.9.19). One should consequently depend wholly on the causeless mercy of the Lord. Although as a matter of routine duty, one must, of course, accept other remedial measures, no one can protect one who is neglected by the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Thank you, dear Srila Prabhupada, for your immense writings and purports that we should and must make the goal of our lives.

In those writings, we have experienced how the

 Bhima das, Krsna-Laya devi dasi,
Aditi dasi, Tulsi dasi,
Radha Syama dasi, Kirtan das
Pretoria
South Africa

protection of you and Sri Kṛṣṇa-Narasīnghadev is very critical. When we are lost and weakened, I am sure we will be protected. We pray that we are not neglected in our feeble attempts to serve you both.

Thank you for protecting us all from the broom of Maya, that would have swept all of us away like mere insects into the lower planetary systems or

worse into Mayavada philosophy.

Your servants,

Bhima das, Kṛṣṇa-Laya devi dasi, Aditi dasi, Tulsi dasi, Radha Syama dasi, Kirtan das

Pretoria, South Africa

Bianca (age 10) 🌸
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU for showing us how to offer prasada.

I really admire the Holy Name of Lord Kṛṣṇa.

Happy Birthday and thank you for allowing me to come to the temple.

Your Servant

Bianca (10 years old)

Durban, South Africa



Hare Krishna,

I offer my humble obeisances to you Jagath Guru.

MANY YEARS AGO, I had heard about Krishna Consciousness, but I was still not understanding it. In the late 80s I remember attending a Love feast at the Cato Ridge Goshala with my uncle and siblings. The kirtan was intense, devotees singing and dancing, bright green and orange mridangas resonating to the beat of harinam. It was all new to me but there was a purpose for me to be there. There were offerings of flowers to you. I did not understand all of this.

Several years later, I found myself at a program in Pietermaritzburg. I see you again and devotees doing offerings to you, I still did not understand all of this. I attended a few programs, but it was still not making any sense.

About 4 years ago I was fortunate to get the association of devotees in East London. With their association and guidance, I discovered you and your

mission in spreading Krishna Consciousness and serving.

It was really emotional watching the “HARE KRISHNA” movie, as this really painted a picture of what lengths you went through to give us this Krishna Consciousness. I am grateful to you for laying the foundation for all to understand our purpose in serving Krishna and His devotees. All of this is made so clear and simple in all your books and literature. Thank you Jagath Guru Srila Prabupada

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna
Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.

Your servant,

Bimal

East London, South Africa



My dearest Prabhupada,

*Nama om visnu-padaya krishna-prestaya bhu-tale
srimate bhakti Medhavi Maharaj iti namine*

*Nama om visnu-padaya krishna-prestaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-swamin iti namine*

WHEN I HEARD ABOUT YOUR OFFERING, my life became stuck. What do I know, a fool number one like me. What do I know, for me to say a word about your glories. My life has been very very miserable searching after my real Father. I still haven't found Krishna, but I found your devotees.

O dearest Prabhupada, the desires of my heart have all been fulfilled. You're eternally living.

Please bestow your mercy upon me, so that I can serve your servants and deliver your messages to those who don't know about you.

Dearest Prabhupada, my heart, my life is all

about you. You're so dear to the Supreme personality of Godhead, Krishna. Therefore, you're the ultimate truth and goal of my life. Please may your lotus like feet, remain eternally within my heart. By your mercy alone, I can serve the servants of your servants, and my spiritual master, who is your very dear disciple.

*Yours,
Caitanya Bhagavat das
South Africa, Cape Town*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you dearest Srila Prabhupada.

THE WORLD IS FILLED WITH LEADERS – from business leaders to political leaders to religious leaders. The makeup of leaders, their behaviour, qualities and characteris always scrutinised. It begs the question of what makes a leader a good one.

One angle is, who are they leading for? Is it for self-grandeur or for the benefit of the masses? Its sometimes hard to tell because what appears genuine may not necessarily be as it seems. I've heard the phrase 'dharma, artha, kama and moksa' countless times from religious leaders. It sounds like a fair course for a living entity. It seems fair that for a spiritualist, it's the road to success. But when I came across this statement in your Caitanya Caritamrita "The darkness of ignorance is called kaitava, the way

of cheating, which begins with religiosity, economic development, sense gratification and liberation." [CC 1.1.90], a different mood took over me.

What I thought was salvation, is only the beginning of the cheating propensity and like so many other living entities, I was caught in the cheating web. You dear Srila Prabhupada are different. Not only did you make this cheating clear, so we could avoid it, your mission is based on a totally different paradigm – love for your spiritual master as is evident by this statement.

"So far, I am concerned, I have not come here to cheat you nor to gain. I've come to execute the order of my Guru Maharaja. I have no business to cheat you, neither to get something from you." (Srila Prabhupada

 Caitanya Bhagavat das
Cape Town
South Africa

 Caitanya dasa
Gauteng
South Africa

Morning Walk, New York, July 11, 1976)

But that's not true either, I was also cheated by you. Cheated from a totally materialistic life, filled with self-fulfilment. I still have that propensity but at least I see it through your non-compromising philosophy, so I can combat that conditioned lifestyle. Your influence on us isn't as abstract as just following the orders of your spiritual master, rather it is an expression of your incomparable love.

“A Vaisnava, or devotee of the Lord, his life is dedicated for the benefit of the people. You know—most of you belong to Christian community—how Lord Jesus Christ, he said that for your sinful activities he has sacrificed himself. That is the determination of devotee of the Lord. They don't care for personal comforts. Because they love Krishna or God, therefore they love all living entities because all living entities are in relationship with Krishna. So similarly you should learn. This Krishna consciousness movement means to become Vaisnava and feel for the suffering of humanity.”(Srila Prabhupada

Lecture, Los Angeles, December 9, 1968).

We feel your love and guidance every day, Srila Prabhupada. I am only frustrated with my incapability to take advantage of it and accelerate my Krishna Consciousness. I strain myself to think when I can be capable of justifying your mercy on me. These are the hardest times, when one feels progress in Krishna Consciousness is at a standstill. I know I must do my bit to push my progress forward but sometimes I feel I need the push from you.

Thank you for all the inspiration, encouragement, love, care, stimulation and excitement you have brought into my life. I pray that I can do justice to what you have given me. I pray that I can come closer to you, so I can be of greater service to you and see the wonderful connection you have to Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu and the Divine couple.

*Your servant,
Caitanya dasa
Gauteng, South Africa*



Candrasekhara dasa 🌺
Sasolburg
South Africa

 Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

Over the last 19 years I've had the good fortune of your association through your precious books and it has transformed my life. I know when I read your books that I'm reading the truth and that I'm on safe ground. Your purity, example, character, dealings with people and your consistent message confirms that I can trust you. So many people and organizations take advantage of us, but not you. That's the beauty of your message and that's why I opened my heart to it. Growing up I read other spiritual material, but never did it touch my heart. Your books are

different with love, care and truthfulness as it's tone. I'm trying to repay my debt to you by accepting your message fully and trying to share your authentic message with others as you so emphatically wanted. I'm praying for your blessings to carry your sublime message to other souls. I have no doubt that your message will transform their hearts too.

*Your grateful great grand disciple
Candrasekhara dasa
Sasolburg, South Africa*





Our dearmost Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.

SRILA PRABHUPADA BY YOUR DIVINE MERCY we have come to live in the house that you have built - ISKCON.

Whenever devotees visit places, the first thing they do is look for an ISKCON centre or temple.

We know that this is our eternal home and that we will be well taken care of.

Strangers become family because you are the connection. Especially when visiting Vrndavana and Mayapur, we connect so easily with the devotees and we have this feeling of contentment because we are surrounded by everything that is related to you.

At home, our local ISKCON temple is our focal point. Be it performing deity service, attending festivals or arati, this gives us a sense of belonging.

Yes, sometimes there are problems; however, all we have to do Srila Prabhupada is pray to you to help us through it. We know that you are there to always protect and guide us.

Home is where the heart is and we hope to remain eternally in your home and at your lotus feet.

*Your servants,
Caranaravinda Das and Caranarenu Devi Dasi
Durban, South Africa*



My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

TODAY I FEEL VERY ELATED as I had the good fortune to present a workshop on how to write a Vyasa-puja offering. In preparing for the workshop, I had the opportunity to research and reflect on your miraculous life, past-times and accomplishments, all of which surpass the material mundane realm.

It is said that expression reflects and reinforces emotion. Hence, this auspicious day presents us with an ideal occasion to express our gratitude and love to you for all that you have done for us.

Even in our material day to day activities we have to pay our debts otherwise there are negative consequences to be borne. Just contemplating what my debt to you, Srila Prabhupada, amounts to, is a formidable exercise. Your teachings and mercy have shaped and provided for who I am today. Hence, I am eternally indebted to you.

I am grateful for the wonderful life you have

given me in Krishna consciousness and particularly the important services that I have the privilege of being engaged in. These services are reviewing the effectiveness of our child protection office, developing leadership conduct standards and exploring endorsement and accreditation criteria for ISKCON schools ensures that I am kept well engaged. Being part of the legal development committee affords me the association of several senior devotees and disciples of yours, all of whom are deeply committed to safeguarding your ISKCON. These services allow me to utilize my material knowledge and skills, thereby purifying them with a spiritual purpose.

It is exhilarating to have a day full of service like I had today and I unashamedly beg for many more such days. In that way I can progress in my spiritual life and feed my soul with the bhakti which it hankers for.

 Caranaravinda Das and
Caranarenu Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

 Champakalata dasi
Amanzimtoti
South Africa

I pray that you continue to bless me with such service opportunities - to function as a cog in the wheel of ISKCON, thereby enabling me to regularly reciprocate with your never-ending mercy.

*I remain you ever-indebted grand-disciple and servant,
Champakalata dasi
Amanzimtoti, South Africa*



Chandni Patel 🙏
Nairobi
Kenya

 All glories to Srila Prabhupada!!
Dear Srila Prabhupada,
I hereby offer my humble obeisances to your feet. All glories to you! Thank you Srila Prabhupada for everything.

namas te s̄arasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviṣeṣa-s̄ūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe
nama om̄ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhaktisiddhānta-sarasvatīti nāmine

YOU'RE THE MOST MERCIFUL REPRESENTATIVE of the Lord who has given us everything. Just as a father gives everything his children need similarly you care for us as a father and even when we begin to go on the wrong path you always bring us back through your divine words in your books.

Through your books you have revealed to us the whole spiritual world. You have also given us solutions to every problem in you books. It is by your books that we learn how to actually lead our lives. You're our saviour and if it wasn't for you then I don't know where I'd be. You forever live through the divine instructions you have given us. All glories to your merciful and wonderful disciples. They are the best association in this world. With them it becomes

very easy to remember and know Lord Kṛṣṇa.

Srila Prabhupada please kindly bless me. Though I am very fallen I want to be always engaged in the loving service of the Lord as you always teach us through your instructions in your books. Kindly eliminate all kinds of ignorance in my path by the torch of knowledge.

By giving us ISKCON you have made a house in which all of us can live. Humble gratitude and all glories to you!

Srila Prabhupada ki jaya!!

*Your insignificant servant,
Chandni Patel
Nairobi, Kenya*



Chandrakanta das and 🙏
Ambika devi dasi
Durban
South Africa

 Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our obeisances at your divine lotus feet. All glories to Gaura Nitai!
All glories to your loving spiritual master Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saravati Thakur and all glories to Your Divine Grace.

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED ON, where we are struggling in our devotional service to serve their

Lordships, Radha and Kṛṣṇa.

Srila Prabhupada, you said that one should

admit we are a servant of Lord Krsna and then our life will be a success. You are recognized as a global preacher since the time you started this ISKCON, between 1965 and 1977, and have circled the globe fourteen times, establishing this glorious ISKCON movement on every major continent. You initiated nearly five thousand disciples and inspired countless more people to accept Krsna as the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

At an age, when most people wish to be comfortably retired, you kept up on a non-stop preaching pace, tirelessly responding to your mission's demands. At that time you wrote to one of your disciples; "Regarding your invitation that I attend the Ratha Yatra festival in San Francisco, on July 7th, it is possible that I may attend depending on when I finish my European tour. I am due to arrive in Rome on May 23rd then after a week in Geneva, then Paris and possibly Stockholm, Germany and England. If there is time I can fly directly from Europe to Los Angeles and go to the festival, then as you suggest,

go Australia Rathayatra via Hawaii. This is known as jet-age parivrajakacarya." (Letter to Jayatirtha das, 5th May 1974).

Srila Prabhupada, when I travelled to Singapore from Durban, non-stop, for about 15 hours, I was also thinking about your travelling around the world. Just this one single trip to Singapore had knocked me off my feet and made me restless. How can we ever pay you back for all your endeavor in establishing this society for Krsna Consciousness!

We pray to you daily to guide us in our devotional service, and also for us to protect your society, which you have established with so much of your selfless energy and devotion to Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission. The Lord has blessed this society by your unflinching faith in Him. Hare Krsna.

*Your struggling granddisciples,
Chandrakanta das and Ambika devi dasi
South Africa, Durban*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories unto your divine lotus feet!

ONCE AGAIN, it is time for us to show you our appreciation for everything that you have done for us and everything that you have given us. I cannot imagine what my life would be like without ISKCON, my guru maharaj, the devotees and most importantly, you and your teachings.

Having read Srila Prabhupada-lilamrta about your life and establishing ISKCON, it made me appreciate you even more. Your dedication, love for Krsna, humility, drive and willingness to succeed are amazing feats which also prove that you are no ordinary human being, especially given the obstacles that you had to face. Only you, Srila Prabhupada, could have done that and that is why you

are Krishna's most dearest disciple. More amazing is your love for Krsna in the last few months that you spent on this material planet and how you left us with the perfect example of how to leave this material plane.

Your life, Srila Prabhupada, has been an example of lessons and sacrifices from start to finish for materialistic fools like myself. My biggest struggle is taking my chanting for granted and doing it in order to uphold my vows. Please bless me with an iota of taste to chant attentively and inoffensively, and same with the willingness to serve and be engaged in devotional service. I am such a fool caught up in the rat race of this material world.



Chandramukhi Radhe devi dasi
Midrand
South Africa

On a personal note, I do not know how to thank you and Lord Nrsingadeva for the precious blessing that was bestowed upon my family in recent times. Now we eagerly await the arrival of our first child and pray that with your mercy we are able to bring him up to be a humble devotee always engaged in service to you, ISKCON, the devotees and Krsna Himself. May we teach him to imbibe your teachings and to always remain sheltered at your lotus feet.

No amount of thanks will ever be enough to express our gratitude and how we feel about you, but I shall try from my side. Thank you once again

dearest Srila Prabhupada for ISKCON, our guru's, the preachers, the devotees, our families, your books, the wonderful Deities, prasada and a chance to redeem ourselves in this lifetime. I pray to always remain sheltered at your lotus feet and be engaged in devotional service. I love you from the bottom of my heart and pray that one day, I will actually be worthy of your love.

*Your most insignificant granddaughter
Chandramukhi Radhe devi dasi
Midrand, Gauteng, South Africa*



Charlene Lutchman 
Johannesburg
South Africa



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances at Your Lotus Feet.

A SIMPLE OFFERING OF GRATITUDE to You

I pray by it; You may become pleased
Blessed do I feel to be in Your ISKCON movement
A movement created by You to propagate Krishna Consciousness
And by which so much is given to us
A home in which the entire world can live peacefully
Surrendered to Krishna and engaging in devotional service
Associating with like-minded souls
Your expert planning and unlimited mercy
Has given us everything needed to go back home
Back to Krishna
I cannot express my gratitude enough
My entire life changed through Your mercy
Where would I be without You
Eternally indebted am I to You
Your life story is the greatest inspiration
Thinking of Your sacrifices moves me to tears
Your love for everyone is unconditional
The greatest love I ever felt
As unqualified as I am
I continue to pray for Your mercy each day
May I always remain true and faithful to You
And serve in Your mission fully surrendered
May all my actions become pleasing to You

And book distribution and Harinama become a way of life
A daily ritual
Your books are so special
Life-changing and charged with mercy
You sacrificed so much to give them to us
And I pray to live up to Your expectations
To daily read and distribute them
Life after life
And eternally
Please accept me in your service

*Your most insignificant servant,
Charlene Lutchman
Johannesburg, South Africa*



All glories to my guru and spiritual master Srila Prabhupada
I offer my respectful obeisances at the shelter of your lotus feet.

 Charlene Sabeer
Chatsworth
South Africa

YOU HAVE SACRIFICED SO MUCH in your life so that we could take shelter at Sri Krsna's lotus feet. You have given us knowledge and understanding through your books.

May you continue to guide us and help us to always remember Krsna and to serve and worship

Him birth after birth, lifetime after lifetime.
May you give us your blessings always.

*Your servant,
Charlene Sabeer
Chatsworth, South Africa*



Dear Prabhupada,

MY JOURNEY to understanding your beautiful offerings began after listening to a bhajan, which goes 'Jai Prabhupada, Jai Srila Prabhupada', some ten years ago.

It's been an inspiring journey, and ever since, I have been searching for your guidance in this materialistic world. I have been struggling to chant 'Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare'.

However, 'Om namo bhagavate vasudevaya' comes closer to me.

I am still confused as to what that means for me, seeking refuge in your world. Hari Aum.

*Charmaine Narhery
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*

 Charmaine Narhery
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa





Hare Krishna! Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath. All glories to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. All glories to Giri Govardhana. All glories to Lord Jagannatha, Baladeva and Subhadra Maharani. All glories to Nitai Gaurasundara and all glories, all glories, all glories to you, our dear most Srila Prabhupada!

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatya desa tarine*

*sri-krsna-caitanya prabhu-nityananda
sri-advaita gadadhara srivasadi-gaura-bhakta-vrnda*

AS I CONTINUE TO DAILY READ YOUR TRANSCENDENTAL LITERATURE; the content is an incredulous aide-mémoire of your merciful sacrifice to humanity. For

example, in Srimad Bhagavatam 8.19.32, the subject matter is a redeemable spiritual tool for coping and survival of this material existence:

TEXT 32

*esa te sthanam aisvaryam
sriyam tejo yasah srutam
dasyaty acchidya sakraya
maya-manavako harih*

SYNONYMS

esah -- this person falsely appearing as a *brahmacari*; *te* -- of you; *sthanam* -- the land in possession; *aisvaryam* -- the riches; *sriyam* -- the material beauty; *tejah* -- the material power; *yasah* -- the reputation; *srutam* -- the education; *dasyati* -- will give; *acchidya* -- taking from you; *sakraya* -- unto your enemy, Lord Indra; *maya* -- falsely appearing; *manavakah* -- a *brahmacari* son of a living being; *harih* -- He is actually the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Hari.

PURPORT

Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura explains in this regard that the very word *harih* means “one who takes away.” If one connects himself with Hari, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the Lord takes

away all his miseries, and in the beginning the Lord also superficially appears to take away all his material possessions, reputation, education and beauty. As stated in Srimad Bhagavatam: 10:88:8, *yasya ham anugrhnami harisye tad-dhanam sanaih*. The Lord said to Maharaja Yudhisthira, “The first installment of My mercy toward a devotee is that I take away all his possessions, especially his material opulence, his money.” This is the special favour of the Lord toward a sincere devotee. If a sincere devotee wants Krsna above everything but at the same time is attached to material possessions, which hinder his advancement in Krsna consciousness, by tactics the Lord takes away all his possessions. Here Sukracarya says that this dwarf brahmacari would take away everything. Thus he indicates that the Lord will take away all one’s material possessions and also one’s mind. If one delivers his mind to the lotus feet of Krsna (*sa vai manah krsna-padaravindayoh* [Srimad Bhagavatam: 9:4:18]), one can naturally sacrifice everything to satisfy Him. Although Bali Maharaja was a devotee, he was attached to material possessions, and therefore the Lord, being very kind

to him, showed him special favour by appearing as Lord Vamana to take away all his material possessions, and his mind as well.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada! Haribol!

*Your eternal servant,
Chitralkha devi dasi
Durban, South Africa*



My true master Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisance's at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

Citraketu Dasa
Nairobi
Kenya

IN THE SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 1.19.36 PURPORT, you have written that one can achieve the ultimate success of going back to Godhead if he is favored by the Lord sending His true representative. As soon as a true representative of the Lord is met by a devotee of the Lord, the devotee is assured a guarantee for going back to Godhead just after leaving the present body. This, however, depends on the sincerity of the devotee himself. The Lord is seated in the heart of all living beings, and thus he knows very well the movements of all individual persons. As soon as the Lord finds that a particular soul is very eager to go back to Godhead, the Lord at once sends His bona fide representative. The sincere devotee is thus assured by the Lord of going back to Godhead. The conclusion is that to get the assistance and help of a bona fide spiritual master means to receive the direct help of the Lord Himself.

Many a times I find myself struggling in devotional service, but your words reassure me that through your instructions if I somehow try and

serve your mission with all sincerity, the success of going back home is awaiting at the end of this journey of material life.

When you first came to Nairobi in the year 1971, I had the greatest fortune of listening to your lecture directly, then again in 1974 and 1975. I find myself very fortunate to have taken your darshan in person.

Yasya prasada bhagavat-prasado yasyaprasadan na gatih kuto pi

By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the benediction of Krishna, without the grace of the spiritual master one cannot make any advancement. On this most auspicious day I beg for your mercy and pray sincerely at your lotus feet to make me a good devotee of Krishna and may I have the golden opportunity to serve the Vaishnava devotees of the Lord.

*Your most insignificant servant,
Citraketu Dasa
ISKCON Nairobi, Kenya*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

YOU ARE THE REASON WHY I'm here at the temple today, and worshiping the deities. All glories to you, my dearest Srila Prabhupada.

When I hear your journey to Krishna consciousness, I am overwhelmed by motions of appreciation and gratitude.

D
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa

To think, sometimes, that I struggle to wake up from bed and come to the temple, while you used to stay up late translating the books we use today. And, you woke up in the early hours of the morning, taking care of the deities, and making sure that all the programs, books, and temples were all in order.

I felt like an insignificant soul, before I came to Krishna consciousness.

Thank you for everything that you have done, and given us, from kirtan, deity worship, goshas, and many more.

Your humble servant,

D

KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa



Damodar das (BCais) 
ISKCON Sandton
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada

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

All glories to you, dear Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, IT IS REALLY INSPIRATIONAL how you took your spiritual masters instructions to preach in the western countries as your life and soul. Even though you faced so many difficulties and challenges you persevered.

In your very first meeting with Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur Maharaj, he asked you to preach the message of Lord Caitanya in the West. While still in family life you regularly meditated on your spiritual masters instructions. Once at Radhakund your guru maharaj explained to you how he was upset that the devotees were quarrelling over who would occupy which room at the Bagh Bazaar temple in Calcutta. He felt that he should rather sell the temple and the marble and print books instead. He told you that if you get some money, print books. After leaving householder life you strived so hard in publishing the Back to Godhead magazine and first 3 cantos of the Srimad Bhagavatam. You used to purchase the paper and supply it to the printers. Many times due to not having much money you walked to go to the printers, without even having breakfast. Thereafter you tried to secure a trip to America by appealing to various parties including the Indian government. Even though Sumati Morarji, the director of the Scindia shipping company tried

to talk you out of going to the west because of your advanced age of 69, you persisted. At this age, many people want to relax and enjoy their retirement, yet you did not relent in pursuing your spiritual masters' instructions. You left your dear Radha Damodar in Vrindavan and sailed across the ocean to America. Even though you suffered two heart attacks aboard the Jaladuta ship, you did not give up your mission to preach in the West.

When you reached America, you struggled alone for over a year moving from one location to the next. You tolerated so many challenges and tough weather conditions while still pursuing your guru maharaja's instructions. Despite not receiving assistance from the Indian government, Indian businessmen and your god brothers you continued to pursue the mission to preach to westerners. In July 1966, while at the store front temple at 26 Second Avenue in New York, you registered the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. You held the first initiation ceremony after Janmasthmi of September 1966 and thereafter a few days later you performed the marriage ceremony of Mukunda and Janaki. For both occasions you even prepared the feast. You encouraged these young devotees in so many ways always fanning the spark of Krishna Consciousness

in a loving manner.

From then on your preaching grew despite various challenges. One of your most remarkable contributions are your many volumes of books, many of which you had translated and wrote between 2am and 4am in the mornings, after resting for only 4 hours. Thank you so much for all your books and all other facets of Krishna Consciousness that you gave us.

All glories to you dear Srila Prabhupada, for distributing Krishna Consciousness in the West and all

around the world. You remain our ever well wisher.

Please bless me so that I may continue to distribute your books and Back to Godhead magazines and preach in a loving manner which inspires people to accept Krishna Consciousness. Please let me always be in the loving association of your sincere followers.

*Your grandson,
Damodar das (BCais)
ISKCON Sandton, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your beautiful lotus feet on this most auspicious occasion of your wonderful Vyasa-puja.

I AM CERTAINLY THE MOST FALLEN SOUL and unqualified grandchild to write, but I pray that I can express My dear grandfather you have created a spiritual revolution within this sinful material world because of your sincerity to your guru maharaj.

You never deviated from his instructions but fulfilled his wonderful desires fully, transforming the entire world and the hearts of all living entities, making them Krishna Conscious.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, in your Vyasa-puja offering to your guru maharaj you expressed your hope and desires.

“When will the day come when a temple will be established in every house in every corner of the world?”

When will the high court judge be a Gaudiya Vaisnava with tilaka beautifully decorating his forehead?

When will a Vaisnava, winning votes, be elected president of the land and preaching be spread everywhere?

Your desires have been fulfilled by your dear most disciples.

my love for you and that you will accept this offering.

Krishna has shown His ultimate mercy upon you Srila Prabhupada by taking away all material possessions and giving you the entire spiritual world.

*sri-bhagavan uvaca
yasyaham anugrhnami
harisyed-dhanam sanaih
tato 'dhanam tyajanty asya
svajana dukkha-dukkhitam*

“The Personality of Godhead said: If I especially favour someone, I gradually deprive him of his wealth. Then the relatives and friends of such a poverty-stricken man abandon him. In this way he suffers one distress after another.”

Dear Srila Prabhupada, I am forever indebted to yourself lifetime after lifetime for allowing me

 Damodar Gopal Das,
Lalita Gopal Devi Dasi and
great-granddaughter Vaishnavi
Durban
South Africa

a chance to serve in this wonderful movement of yours and thank you for little Vaishnavi.

Your most fallen grandchildren,

*Damodar Gopal Das, Lalita Gopal Devi Dasi and
great granddaughter Vaishnavi
Durban South Africa*

Damodar Prasad das (BCaiS) 
Lenasia
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
I beg to offer my obeisances unto you in the dust of your lotus feet.

AT THE TIME OF WRITING THIS OFFERING, we have heard that His Grace Pusta Krishna Maharaja is close to leaving his body. We prayed for Pusta Krishna Maharaja that he may receive the shelter of Your Lotus Feet. In his service in Your mission to spread Krishna Consciousness all over the world, Pusta Krishna Maharaja's most significant contribution in relation to the Krishna Consciousness movement in South Africa was his effort to bring Your Divine Grace to this country, and to bless this land with the dust of your lotus feet. By Sri Krishna's grace, his efforts were crowned with success.

You very much relished preaching in this country, Srila Prabhupada, because you saw the great potential for spreading Krishna Consciousness here, and you even stated that if the devotees could have arranged more programmes, you would have remained longer. As it was, in the space of two short weeks, your lectures, darshans, interviews, discussions, and just your mere presence, planted the seeds of Bhakti in many hearts and inspired the resident devotees in their mission to establish Krishna

Consciousness in this country on a solid footing.

There can be no doubt, Srila Prabhupada, that whatever hope there is for the continued stability and growth of this country, and every one of us, will be based on the efforts of Your Divine Grace and your followers to bring Krishna Consciousness to the people of South Africa. On this auspicious day of your appearance in this world, Srila Prabhupada, I pray that I may joyfully and thankfully contribute to this mission of Your Divine Grace to bring Krishna Consciousness to the people of this land, and thus to end our sufferings, which are caused by fear and ignorance. The teachings which you have come to impart are the only medicine for curing the diseased mind. May we make our lives perfect by imbibing your instructions, Srila Prabhupada, and sharing our good fortune with others?

*Begging to remain your aspiring servant and
grand-disciple,*

*Damodar Prasad das (BCaiS)
Lenasia, South Africa*

Damodar Priya 
Midrand
South Africa



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

This is my first offering on your Vyasa puja. Yet everyday I thank you in my heart and head, saying so many things to you that I am grateful for. I was

and continue to be in maya and my only hope is you. You promised to take us to Goloka Vrindavan through the back door and all we had to do was hold

on to your dhoti.

I am so grateful for your ISKCON as it is my solace in this material world. I get to have the association of the devotees that remind me daily of you and Krishna.

I get to serve your devotees and receive their mercy. I am able to constantly hear about Krishna and all His glories. I get to hear about you and the sacrifices you made so we could have a sanctuary in this material world.

No matter how many times I say I am so thankful or so grateful it will never be enough. I do not have the words to express the feelings in my heart.

You have made me stronger and have taught me to see Krishna in everything!

I do not have the intelligence or knowledge to quote verses, but my favourite and solace is BG 18.66. (sarva-dharman...)

My faith and trust are in those words and I plod on trying to always remember Krishna and never forget Him.

And it is your ISKCON that is my sanctuary and strength to go through each day and appreciate each breath and each person in my life, as I am sure Krishna has a plan for sending them.

Thank you, Param Guru, for everything. May I be able to do just one thing that will please you to make my life worthwhile.

Please allow me to chant the holy names till my last breath and develop a love for Krishna and Srimati Radharani and enable me to always be das-anudas-anudas.

Aspiring to be your humble servant

Damodar Priya

Midrand, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you Srila Prabhupada, all glories to your divine lotus feet.

ON THIS BLESSED DAY, we celebrate your auspicious appearance in this material world. It is with deep heartfelt gratitude I offer my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet. I am so fortunate to be able to write an offering by your will.

Out of kindness and determination you went through the struggles to establish this movement and we can never thank you enough for your hardships and difficulties. You showed me how to live as a friend of every living being. Setting out to an

unknown country with very few belongings is a true example of my ideal role model. Your teachings helped me find true happiness by dedicating my energy to the service of the Lord. I admire your values you left behind with millions of devotees to utilise in completing your mission.

The servant of your servant,

Damodara Priya

Gauteng, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*nama om vishnu-padayakrishna-preshthayabhu-tale
shrimatebhaktivedanta-svamininitinamine*

 Damodara Priya
Gauteng
South Africa

 Love Danny
Durban
South Africa

*namastesarasvatedevegaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

I'M ONE OF YOUR WORST FOLLOWERS. I do not follow any of the principles, but I am very thankful for the teachings of Lord Krishna. It has changed my life. More changes will follow in time.

Thank you, dear Prabhupada. Haribol!

*Love Danny
Durban, South Africa*



Devadeva Das and 
Karunamayi Devi Dasi
Hillcrest
South Africa

 Our Dearest, Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Dive Grace on this most auspicious occasion of your vyasa-puja.

THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN EXTREMELY CHALLENGING FOR US. Often we tend to discard material elements in our life banking only on our spiritual success.

For the past 21 years we have done so. We've floated along in the shelter of your glorious movement happily, digesting everything as your mercy. Then things started taking a higher level spiritually and materially too and with it major calamities have been striking more and more frequently and of greater severity. We've taken many blows and now we are left questioning...

We understand this is our karma but it is difficult to digest. A micro-premature child, fighting for her life for many months, murder, death, armed robbery, threatening our lives, theft, constant fear for our lives in every turn, floods, forced to relocate and the deep financial stress that comes with all of the above... all in the space of a year. It may sound so material but how can one concentrate on serious Krsna consciousness with so much of seemingly material anxiety...

We constantly try to understand what is the lesson that lord Krsna is trying to teach us. Is this actually forcing us to surrender more?

In your purport to SB 6.3.18, you wrote:

“Sometimes the members of the Kṛṣṇa

Consciousness Society are afraid of the impending danger of world war and ask what would happen to them if a war should occur. In all kinds of danger, they should be confident of their protection by the Viṣṇudutas or the Supreme Personality of Godhead, as confirmed in Bhagavad-gita (kaunteya pratijanihi na me bhaktaḥ praṇasyati). Material danger is not meant for devotees. This is also confirmed in Srimad-Bhagavatam. Padaṁ padam yad vipadam na teṣam: in this material world there are dangers at every step, but they are not meant for devotees who have fully surrendered unto the lotus feet of the Lord. The pure devotees of Lord Viṣṇu may rest assured of the Lord's protection, and as long as they are in this material world they should fully engage in devotional service by preaching the cult of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Lord Kṛṣṇa, namely the Hare Kṛṣṇa movement of Kṛṣṇa consciousness.“

We have not lost faith in you and your mercy upon us, Srila Prabhupada. Your words are our shelter amongst all circumstances.

Maybe a new beginning will bring a brighter future to our service to you.

We will continue serving you and your mission. We have nothing else but you... The success of our lives and the future of our children's lives are in

your hands.

Please have mercy upon us, Srila Prabhupada!

Your fallen servants,

*Devadeva Das and Karunamayi Devi Dasi
Hillcrest, South Africa*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you, our savior of the world.

Devaki Priya devi dasi and
Raseshvari dasi
Cape Town
South Africa

I'M NOT ONE FOR FLOWERY WORDS but I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you Srila Prabhupada for your selfless service which has created a home of all of us in ISKCON.

I am nothing but a fool without the mercy of my spiritual master and I only have the good fortune of having a spiritual master because of you.

Please bless me and my family to be able to add

to your ISKCON in a positive way and be of service in whichever way possible as that is what makes life in this material world worthwhile.

Your servant,

*Devaki Priya devi dasi and Raseshvari dasi
Cape Town, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

TRAVELING ON A STEAMSHIP AT AN ADVANCED AGE, suffering two heart attacks, arriving in a foreign land to deliver the fallen souls and to deliver them from the ocean of material suffering, by sharing with them the nectar of Krishna Consciousness, it may seem like a fictional story, but that is the unselfish and courageous undertaking of a most merciful and enlighten soul: His Divine Grace A. C.

Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

I offer my humble obeisances to you, Srila Prabhupada.

Your servant,

*Devika Moodley
Durban, South Africa*

Devika Moodley
Durban
South Africa



My Dear Srila Prabhupada,

SRILA PRABHUPADA, PLEASE FORGIVE ME, I am so fallen. Prabhupada, please help me to write this letter.

My Srila Prabhupada, you came in my life

through a devotee telling me that Srila Prabhupada said, "if you chant the Hare Krishna Maha Mantra, you will never come back to this material world".

Dhukie Radha
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa

That time, I felt that I owed Srila Prabhupada in my heart. Srila Prabhupada, you have given me a new life. Thank you very much.

My heart is crying always for you, my Prabhupada. I do not know how to thank you for bringing Krishna into our lives. I do not know how to thank you. Please, help me in my spirituality, and guide me throughout my life, birth after birth.

You went through so many hard times. I cannot pay you back. There is so much in my heart to say, and pray to you.

I hope to remain your faithful servant, all the time, and serve your devotees, all the time.

Dhukie Radha
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa



Dinasarana Das and family 🌹
Tongaat
South Africa

 Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisance's on this most auspicious day of your appearance. All glories to Your Divine Grace, the glorious master of the whole world!

YOUR ISKCON MOVEMENT IS OUR ONLY HOPE to get out of the burning fire of material existence. Your transcendental books are the basis for this movement and is transforming the entire world for the next 10 000 years. You have given us so many amazing gifts to guarantee our safe passage from this existence full of suffering. The most important from all these gifts is your unconditional mercy. As each year passes, I realise more and more how much I need that mercy.

As time goes by, I am also realising more and more how hopeless and futile this material existence is. I continuously find myself sitting at my work desk in the morning asking myself why am I still doing this. These feelings are simply a result of your mercy upon this useless soul. By coming into contact with your ISKCON, associating with your followers, reading your books, hearing your lectures, chanting the holy names, I am constantly receiving the greatest benediction one can get, your special mercy.

SB 6.7.23, Purport: "Lord Brahmā wanted to point out to the demigods that by the strength of the *guru* one can become most powerful within this world, and by the displeasure of the *guru* one can lose everything. This is confirmed by the song of Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura:

yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi

"By the mercy of the spiritual master one is benedicted by the mercy of Kṛṣṇa. Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancement." Although the demons are insignificant in comparison to Lord Brahmā, because of the strength of their *guru* they were so powerful that they could even seize Brahmāloka from Lord Brahmā. We therefore pray to the spiritual master:

mūkaṁ karoti vācāraṁ
paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim
yat-kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande
śrī-guruṁ dīna-tāraṇam
(Cc, Madhya 17.80)

"By the mercy of the *guru*, even a dumb man can become the greatest orator, and even a lame man can cross mountains. As advised by Lord Brahmā, one should remember this śāstric injunction if one desires success in his life."

Srila Prabhupada, we cannot even begin to comprehend the value of your mercy. We are extremely fortunate to be in a position to receive

this mercy from you the Jagat Guru, spiritual master of the entire universe. It is also our prime duty to spread this mercy by bringing others to your lotus feet. Your greatest pleasure is in the distribution of your books. This is because your books are the most powerful weapons against the attack of maya. Simply by reading your books, people have the most amazing opportunity to associate directly with you. By this powerful associating, their lives are immediately transformed, and they develop a higher spiritual taste. As a result of this, they will receive your compassionate mercy which is guaranteed to open up the doors to the spiritual world for them. Simply by the potency of your mercy, the entire world will be delivered. This is your magnificent greatness.

My prayer on this glorious occasion, is to always remain in the service of your servants. Please

protect me from the strong influence of maya and allow me to constantly associate with devotees in your beloved ISKCON. Kindly bless me with the strength to cooperate fully with humility and tolerance together with the devotees I have been given the privilege to serve with. In this way, our success will depend on how much we can please you by effectively spreading your movement as a united spiritual force. "param vijayate sri-krishna-sankirtanam" - All glories to the Sankirtan movement!

All glories to His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada!

Aspiring to be the servants of the servant of your servant,

*Dinasarana Das and family
Tongaat, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble and heartfelt obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

All glories to your Divine Grace!

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascaty desa tarine*

SRILA PRABHUPADA, YOU HAVE COME INTO OUR LIVES to offer us the greatest and rarest gift, the opportunity to render pure devotional service to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Sri Krsna. You guided us to read your books and requested that we immerse ourselves in the sublime knowledge contained therein. You taught us how to spread the Krishna consciousness movement and preach the glories of the holy name to every town and village. You established ISKCON, The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust and the Back to Godhead magazine. You built us temples and taught us how to worship and take

care of the Deities. You gave us the Sunday Love Feast program, encouraging us to connect with as many souls as we can. You instructed us to print and distribute your books in as many languages, all over the world. You have given humanity unlimited invaluable teachings, which have the power of positively transforming the world. All glories to your divine appearance in this world!

I will always remain eternally grateful for your book, The Science of Self-Realization. It was through the words in those pages, where my relationship with Lord Krishna and with you began. I was lost

 Divyangana Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

and you gave me a purpose, bringing more depth and meaning to my life. I received harinam initiation by the mercy of His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami last year and I feel extremely blessed that I have started my spiritual journey. Srila Prabhupada, please allow me to be a servant of the servant of your devotees. I pray that as I serve in your BBT Africa and your ISKCON, I am able to contribute my little share in the execution of your great mission.

Even though I sometimes stumble and fall, know that I'm trying to learn on how to surrender my life to your service.

Please keep me under the shelter of your lotus feet.

*Your humble servant,
Divyangana Devi Dasi
Edenvale, Johannesburg, South Africa*

Divyashakti Devi Dasi 🙏
Nairobi
Kenya



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracharine
nirvivesa sunyavadi pascaty desa tarine*

THE SPIRITUAL MASTER IS TO BE HONOURED as much as the supreme Lord, because he is the most confident servitor of the Lord. This is acknowledged in all revealed scriptures.

Therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is so dear to Lord Krishna.

You are kind and our ever well-wisher, may we

always remember you. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. All glories to you. Jaya Prabhupada, Jaya Prabhupada, Jaya Prabhupada.

*From an insignificant servant,
Divyashakti Devi Dasi
Nairobi, Kenya*

Dolly 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

My Param Guru, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for showing me the way back to Lord Sri Krishna, the way back home.

*Dolly,
South Africa, Durban*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada, Hare Krishna.
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to your Divine Lotus feet.

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascaty desa tarine*

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED, and by your mercy we have managed to remain sheltered within your beautiful family. Every year we become more and more indebted to you as we are blessed with devotional service. This year we completed building your new kitchen at Sri Sri Radha Radhanath and look forward to your continuous mercy to be further engaged in similar projects.

We also witnessed your mercy filter through the Namahatta as the number of guests increased; guests became devotees, and some devotees were blessed with initiation. Srila Prabhupada, this is your Namahatta and you have made such nice arrangements here, that by regularly bringing us together, we see your desires as our common goal and most importantly we continue to function as

a team. We pray that you may continue to use us as instruments for your glory.

We thank you Srila Prabhupada that you always hold our hand, despite there may be a tendency for us to leave yours.

Thank you for your unconditional love, your compassion, your forgiveness, your mercy and your books, through which we may continuously associate with you.

We love you.

*Your servants,
Doyal Caitanya das, Radhika Priya Devi Dasi &
Bhakta Karttik
Srila Prabhupada Prema Namahatta
Lotus Park, Durban, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.

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srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascaty desa tarine*

“I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto His Divine Grace A C Bhaktivedanta Swami who is very dear to Lord Krishna having taken shelter at His lotus feet. “Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual

master, servant of Saraswati Goswami. You are so kindly teaching the message of Lord Chaitanya and delivering the Western countries which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.”



Doyal Caitanya das,
Radhika Priya Devi Dasi &
Bhakta Karttik
Durban
South Africa



Dvarakadisa das,
Rukmini Priya devi dasi and
Krishnachandra
Sandton
South Africa

We were in deep slumber of ignorance, but you kindly awakened us by the torchlight of knowledge. You have taught us, “*Godhead is light. Nescience is darkness. Where there is Godhead there is no nescience.*”

To avoid the influence of ignorance we are trying to serve in your ISKCON, read your books and associate with devotees. You are the great envoy of Lord Krsna the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who kindly broadcasted the message of Lord Krsna.

Your tremendous contribution to the world

cannot be repaid and particularly your books are a source of hope for mankind. We would like to offer our gratitude to you and beg for mercy. May we wholeheartedly follow your divine instructions. Thank you Srila Prabhupada, for your love, kindness and care.

*Your insignificant servants,
Dvarakadisa das, Rukmini Priya devi dasi and
Krishnachandra
Sandton, South Africa*



Dvijavara das and 
Ramapriya dasi
Durban
South Africa



Dearest, Srila Prabhupada, Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.

All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious and blessed day of your divine appearance.

All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath. All glories to Lord Jagannath, Baladeva and Subhadra.

WE WERE THINKING HOW FORTUNATE WE ARE to get shelter of your ISKCON. ISKCON is like a massive lighthouse giving us clear direction. All we have to do is follow your instructions to make steady progress. While we are on your ship we also have to throw lifelines to others who are eagerly seeking help - the distressed, the inquisitive, those who seek material gain and the speculative philosophers.

In order to do this we have to participate in all the wonderful arrangements Your Divine Grace has made by creating ISKCON for us to go back to Godhead.

In the early days you printed and distributed Back to Godhead magazine to save humanity. Producing Back to Godhead magazine was a struggle and you did this selfless service to save us.

We were first attracted to Back to Godhead magazine. That was the first time we heard about Caitanya Mahaprabhu. We later met temple devotees who engaged us in service. When we were looking for a new home, His Grace Shyamal prabhu

guided us to buy near the Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple. The association of your amazing disciple His Grace Shyamal prabhu gave us spiritual direction. It was amazing to see him interacting with people in all walks of life. Later we took shelter of your dear son His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami.

All your wonderful empowered disciples are giving guidance and shelter to so many devotees.

Your disciples and grand disciples are now expanding ISKCON.

Your Divine Grace wanted your books studied at schools and universities. Srila Prabhupada your desire is now fulfilled. Cambridge University added ISKCON to their syllabus for Hinduism study.

We pray to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath that we always remain in the association of your disciples and grand disciples and engage in devotional service.

We beg for your mercy that we can also throw the lifeline to others in the ocean of nescience, to continue their spiritual journey back home to our

eternal father Sri Krishna.

Once again, thank you for all the wonderful arrangement's you have made for us.

*Your struggling grand disciples,
Dvijavara das and Ramapriya dasi.
Durban, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

On this most revered and auspicious day, I beg to offer my most humble obeisance's at your divine lotus feet. I totally feel unqualified to write this Vyasa-puja offering. Due to my contamination, I am unable to fully describe your achievements and glories.

Lord Caitanya predicted that the Holy name would one day be chanted in every town and village around the globe. Srila Bhativinoda Thakur also predicted that a powerful Senapati bhakta will come, and realize Mahaprabhus prediction. Srila Prabhupada you are that powerful senapati bhakta who worked tirelessly at an age when a normal person would retire and proved the prediction right by taking the holy name to every corner of the world.

Mahaprabhu says "I have brought the medicine for destroying the illusion of Maya, you as the senapati bhakta administered this medicine, the Hare Krishna Mahamantra to all the suffering humanity to cure them from the conditioned state of life."

Having full faith in the instructions of your spiritual master, with great determination, courage and compassion in the heart, you established the Krishna Consciousness Society for the benefit of suffering humanity. You gave us ISKCON in every part of the world. Once someone asked if you could do some magic, you said no, but again you confirmed that one magic you have done, you have converted so many mleccas into brahmanas. No other preacher has been able to achieve this.

You established the Vedic literatures as the basis for ISKCON. Where ever you travelled your

translation work did not stop. You never compromised the philosophy. Through your Bhaktivedanta purports you are continuing to preach to the conditioned souls. Like Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu, you have converted so many atheists and impersonalists to the path of devotional service.

Srila Bhaktivinoda states that a Vaishnava is recognized by his preaching work. It is inspiring to meet devotees who have come to Krishna consciousness because of your books. Your books will continue to preach for the next ten thousand years. You often stated that as long as book distribution goes on you will live forever.

I find myself very fortunate that by your mercy and the grace of my diksha guru and blessings from Vaishnavas, I am engaged as a postwoman to distribute your transcendental literatures. You recognize the distribution of books and magazines as our most important activity. As I go out on the streets with your books in my hands I am constantly reminded of total dependence upon you.

On many occasions I find myself defeated or tired but miraculously you send someone to inspire me and again feeling enthusiastic I continue with the seva.

Once during a December marathon my group Vaishnavi Sanga, pledged to distribute one thousand Bhagavad Gitas, but found ourselves struggling as we could hardly distribute any, and after a week of struggle, I came to you, bent on my knees I shared my dilemma with you. We had the books, we also had the donation, and hardly anyone was taking

 Dwarka Vasini Devi Dasi
Nairobi
Kenya

Bhagavad Gitas from us.

In order to reach our target we needed to distribute at least 35 books every day, while we could only do 2 or 3. After I prayed to you and went out on sankirtan, I received a call from someone who had previously bought books from us but did not have sufficient money to pay for them. And he wanted to send the balance. As he sent the balance on my phone he remarked that he really liked the quotation on the contact card I had given him. This was a verse from Bhagavad Gita. In reply I told him the book where the quotation was gotten from has 700 such quotations and each quotation was an instruction for mankind. I was amazed how the words came out of my mouth and this became our slogan for distributing Bhagavad Gitas. This was truly through your grace and we went on to do more that our pledge.

On another occasion I bumped in to a Christian fanatic and he was so forceful and loud, seeing no escape from the person I took a step behind and silently prayed to you to help me out of the situation. And within no time this other person appeared and asked for a Bhagavad Gita. Again the fanatic changing his prey, now tried to attack the second person. But this time the fanatic was defeated and had to retrieve. And as a consequence I got to learn some important things on the Bible and the Christian

faith from the second person which continue to help me till date. Again your amazing grace came to my rescue.

Once I was alone and as I tried to give out the books, hardly anyone was noticing or bothered to stop, feeling rejected and morose I was almost giving up, suddenly I felt a pat on my shoulder and a voice said, “Don’t give up, you are doing a very good job.” When I turned around I did not see anyone. These magical words have always given me courage and inspired me to continue with this wonderful seva which you state as our main business, knowing that you are always with me.

Now we have a wonderful Kids group called Krishna Kids sena, who distribute your books every Saturday and during school holidays. Please bless us so that we can continue to spread your teachings to every part of this country through this amazing service of book distribution.

Thank you for giving us ISKCON. Thank you for giving us books. Thank you for giving us this great cause, to which we endeavor to surrender our entire lives.

*Yours most insignificant grand disciple,
Dwarka Vasini Devi Dasi
ISKCON Nairobi, Kenya*



Dyuti-mandala Das 
Observatory
Cape Town
South Africa

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

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your divine Vyasa-Puja, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to your divine grace for your compassion and mercy towards all the conditioned and fallen souls such as myself. Thank you for preaching Krsna Consciousness throughout the planet and especially in the West where it was so needed. It is because of your great efforts that there are now many, many

thousands of devotees of Lord Krsna all over the planet. Because of your amazing transcendental books, so many people are becoming enlightened with spiritual knowledge. I am so very much thankful for your books and also your recorded lectures that have helped me to be Krsna Conscious more and more. I pray that I may study more seriously the great gift of your books and be more transformed at

heart by hearing your transcendental words.

During the past year, I read the following passage by your Guru-maharaja, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, quoted in your purport to *Madhya-Lila 25.9 of Sri Caitanya-caritamrta*:

“Only an empowered personality can distribute the holy name of the Lord and enjoin all fallen souls to worship Krsna. By distributing the holy name of the Lord, he cleanses the hearts of the most fallen people; therefore, he extinguishes the blazing fire of the material world. Not only that, he broadcasts the shining brightness of Krsna’s effulgence throughout the world. Such an acarya or spiritual master should be considered nondifferent from Krsna - that is, he

should be considered the incarnation of Lord Krsna’s potency.”

I found reading this so amazing, and I thought that it describes so wonderfully your position as the founder-acarya for the International Society for Krsna Consciousness, you having spread Krsna Consciousness to the fallen people all over the world.

Aspiring to serve your mission and instructions better,

*Your grand-disciple,
Dyuti-mandala Das
Observatory, Cape Town, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshtaya bhu-tale
shrimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU for placing me in a home that is Krishna Conscious. All glories to you Srila Prabhupada, for translating and publishing scripture in English, to help me understand and progress back to Godhead.

*Hare Krishna,
Eesha Banshi,
South Africa, Durban*



I respect Srila Prabhupada,

I DID NOT KNOW A GREAT DEAL about Srila Prabhupada before today, but I was touched by his travels, and influences he has had upon so many people. He used this life for good, to help others devote their lives to the worship of Krishna, sharing his faith with others.

His life is an inspiration. He devoted his life to studying and travelling the world, and his influence

spread throughout the world.

I am not a devotee. I am a person who seeks to learn spirituality from different religions of the world, as I believe God can speak to everyone, and spread His knowledge.

I suffer from multiple sclerosis, a neurological and auto-immune condition. The way Srila

 Eesha Banshi
Durban
South Africa

 Elizabeth Nathraj
KwaZulu- Natal
South Africa

Prabhupada used his life for service, traveled and preached, and touched many lives, spoke to me today. I am making my mission to help others with my condition.

His travels have inspired me, so that no matter what stage of my life, I can do what I feel, I can do what I feel called to, just as Srila Prabhupada, to spread goodness and hope. I drew images of the

lotus flower on a page for my daughter, and thought of how the root, which extends below the surface of the water, is nourished by that, and then spreads its beauty to the world.

*Elizabeth Nathraj,
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*

Freddy and Preshil Govender 🙏
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa

 All Glories to Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.

THROUGH YOUR MERCY, through your sacrifice, through your determination, we, my Mataji and I, have taken to the movement of ISKCON. We have made spiritual advancement because of your teachings, and of course, reading some of your books. After watching the video clip of your travels, one understands the effort that went into spreading ISKCON in the West. We appreciate all the wonderful

temples throughout the world.

Through your mercy, we hope to take initiation soon.

*Your Humble Servants,
Freddy and Preshil Govender
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*

Gandhari devi dasi 🙏
Delta State
Nigeria

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*

SRILA PRABHUPADA, I THANK YOU for all the sacrifices you made, and is still making to make me a better human being. I thank you for giving me His Holiness Bhakti Tirtha Swami.

I thank you because you're making more and more people qualify to take up Krishna consciousness, the boat of going back to Godhead.

I thank you for the big family, Krishna's family, you brought me into; my prostrated obeisances unto you.

You have fulfilled the desire of Lord Caitanya, for the maha-mantra is being chanted in countries, towns, and villages.

I pray you continue to empower me and us to do more unto you.

I pray not to deviate in any circumstance.

Srila Prabhupada Ki jai
Srila Prabhupada Ki jai
Srila Prabhupada Ki jai
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Gandhari devi dasi
Delta State
Nigeria



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

nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desā-tarine

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS ANNIVERSARY of your appearance, permit me to express my gratitude to you for having made available the knowledge of Krishna Consciousness and the process of practicing devotional service to Krishna.

On my own I have, unknown to me, minimized my opportunity to make perfect my human life by subjecting myself to the allurements of the illusory energy.

I thank you for the process of devotion that you offered that gives perception of one's real condition and the way to get out.

I beg that you bless me to remain in this process and to appreciate all the seemingly perceived negative experiences as a source for my growth in the process and to remain under the guidance of your servant's servants who have successfully undergone the process and become worthy instruments for the

propagation of your glories and that of the disciplic succession and Lord Krishna.

I beg that you grant us the enabling spirit in our Nigerian Yatra to appreciate the level of achievement you have accomplished for our advancement and the wisdom to understand that you have given us so much. Bless us with the willingness to apply ourselves to benefit from all that you have given to us and become worthy instruments to benefit the mass of people in our environment to the glory of Lord Krishna.

Hare Krishna.

Your servant's servant
Ganga Prasad Das
Coordinator of the Preaching Centre in Ota
Ota, Ogun state, Nigeria

 **Ganga Prasad Das**
Ota, Ogun state
Nigeria



My Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of Your Divine Lotus Feet.

THANK YOU, SRILA PRABHUPADA for giving me and my family shelter in ISKCON under the guidance

of your dear disciple: His Holiness Partha Sarathi Das Goswami.

 **Mukunda Datta,**
Gaura Lila Devi dasi,
Ambika devi dasi, Braja Varsini

You so freely distribute mercy yet we are so unfortunate to reciprocate due to our shortcomings and immaturity.

On this auspicious day of your appearance, I beg you to please help us in our endeavour to be Krishna Conscious and pray that we all remain faithful to Your ISKCON and remain Krishna Conscious till the end of our lives.

It is only by an attitude of gratitude that one can make any spiritual progress. Please bless us with the mood of appreciation and selflessness so that we can be favourably engaged in Krishna Consciousness. It is said that the Kingdom of God is only open

to the meek and humble and you, Srila Prabhupada, exhibited these qualities by your personal example.

You have saved us, Srila Prabhupada, from living a life that had no meaning, no direction.

We will always be indebted to You, Srila Prabhupada.

Your insignificant disciples,

Mukunda Datta, Gaura Lila Devi dasi, Ambika devi dasi,

Braj'a Varsini

Gaura Premi devi dasi 🌸
Johannesburg
South Africa



My dearest, Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
srimate bhaktisiddhanta-sarasvatiti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvivesa-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-tarine*

I remember writing Vyasa-puja offerings to you as a child with great excitement. Your amazing achievements were stupendous and your good qualities unlimited: certainly easy for a 10-year-old to describe. However, the older I get, the more superfluous seem my literary Vyasa-puja efforts. How can I sound sincere again when I praise you when I am not sincere at heart? Moreover, how can I really please you when words alone are just not enough?

It is an open secret: that what makes you the happiest, is for all of us to sincerely take your life's mission seriously and deliver ourselves and others from this material world through preaching spiritual knowledge that leads to pure devotional service. It sounds easy, but for a deceptive heart like mine, it has been near impossible. Only with the blessings of your dear spiritual son, my spiritual master, and

the many wonderful Vaisnavas that I call family and with whom I serve with, have I been able to take the tiniest of steps on the spiritual path.

Even then, it is literally been me kicking and screaming along that path, fighting a crazy mind and wild senses, with you patiently at my side, holding me up and taking me forward. Today, I read somewhere that your dear deity form in the temple "takes away our suffering" as revealed in a pastime of yours with the pancaratrika pandit from Bangalore. However, it is more than your form: your words, books, letters, classes, disciples and grand disciples, even you yourself are taking away our sufferings daily; my life is proof of this.

I know the most suitable way to express my extreme gratitude to you for all that you have done (and still do) for me is to similarly become





an instrument of yours to deliver others from their sufferings. Finally, I have realised that this will not be achieved in the material sense as my profession would allow, by becoming the best surgeon there is. It is actually by introducing the suffering soul of this world to the spiritual world through your books, from where deliverance from all miseries is certain.

So, I pray to become a sincere student of your books as I start studying them formally again, and help disseminate that knowledge far and wide by preaching. May I help to grow your ISKCON movement- your spiritual body- with all of my abilities. May I serve you, your servants and your Lords with dedication and love? May I always be so fortunate to have you at my side, guiding me along this spiritual path, my kind and loving grandfather, and my eternal ever well-wisher.

*hina-jati janma mora nindya-kalevara
hina-karme rata muni adhama pamara*

“I was born in an inferior family, and my body is most abominable. I always engage in low work. Therefore, I am the lowest, most condemned of men.” (Sri Caitanya-caritamrta Antya-Lila 11.27)

*adrsya, asprasya more angikara kaila
raurava ha-ite kadi more vaikunthe cadaila*

“I am unseeable and untouchable, but You have accepted me as Your servant. This means that You have delivered me from a hellish condition and raised me to the Vaikuntha platform.” (Sri Caitanya-caritamrta Antya-Lila 11.28)

*Your foolish and fallen servant of the servant of the servant,
Gaura Premi devi dasi
Johannesburg, South Africa*



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



I REALLY LOVE YOU because with without you I would not have been a Hare Krishna devotee. I really want to say: Thank you!

*Your servant,
Gaurachandra
Durban, South Africa*



Gaurachandra
Durban
South Africa



Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU FOR GETTING ME OUT OF MY DARK WORLD, and into your bright light.
Thank you very much for everything. You are the greatest.
I will worship you, till the last breath.

I love you!



George
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa

I love you!
I love you!

Thank you very much.

*George
KwaZulu-Natal,
South Africa*



Gita Ganya Devi Dasi 
ISKCON South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.

AT THE LAST MINUTE BEFORE DEADLINE, I am still sitting here thinking how completely incapable I am of even putting into words an offering for you, because what you have given the world is beyond words. It is beyond words, Krishna is beyond words, and the rare and incredible gift of devotional service is completely *transcendental* and beyond words.

What can an insignificant, struggling and defiant servant such as myself say that will resonate the gravity and essence of appreciation pouring down our nectarean disciplic succession and out from the hearts of real vaisnava's such as Narottama Das Thakur - or your very own Gurumaharaj, His Holiness Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Goswami. In these eloquent, heartfelt prayers, they express profound realisations.

*tranaya karunya-ghanaghanatvam
praptasya kalyana-gunarnavasya*

“Just as a cloud pours water on a forest fire to extinguish it, so the spiritual master delivers the materially afflicted world by extinguishing the blazing fire of material existence.” (Sri Guruvastakam – Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura)

Prabhupad, ‘Krishna is yours. You have the power to give him to me. I am simply your servant

running behind you shouting, “Krsna! Krsna!” (Ohe Vaisnava Thakura - Bhaktivinode Thakura).

What sincere offering can I make when I cannot even comprehend the level of sublime surrender exemplified in the likes of previous acarya's such as Madhavendra Puri; or many of your own disciples, who have given every fiber of their being to propagating the Holy Names of the Lord? As well as their servants such as my very own Guru Maharaj His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami, whose relentless services have brought you to us.

The thing is, do I even have the capacity yet to realise what your sacrifice has done to completely change the eternal life of just one insignificant soul - myself? Because daily I am still lost under the modes, falling short of gratitude for the ocean of mercy upon which I float and trying to truthfully recite that Krishna may ‘make me brokenhearted’. Am I really, in my heart, okay with him being ‘completely free to do anything and everything’? That is quite an aspiration.

So, even though I am daily offering you some service, singing the perfectly articulated offering by our dear Narottama Das, how sincerely is my mind and heart making this offering to you in the mood of a grateful and surrendered servant? And it is because, by your superhuman efforts and

unbound capacity to serve your spiritual master and hundreds of future generations of disciples, whatever I do makes me realise how you are still the one always more greatly serving me. Who can ever conquer that humility?

I am so enamoured, so entranced by your magnanimity, the potency of truth you are able to give in one simple sentence. It is your absolute, Absolute conviction in Krishna, in your mission that was so tangible and sincere that it has brought thousands and maybe even millions of souls to the doorstep of eternal salvation. It is really a colossal, inconceivable fortune that I have come into your divine association.

It's also the tiny things that enable me to try and give my life over to you through your servants. It is the unexpected, heartfelt note-shifts in your voice when you are chanting in bhajan or glorification and a wave of deep love breaks through and suddenly the understanding of this verse or word is burned into my heart and consciousness. Things like when I would watch you handing out cookies to little children in Italy with a personal sensitivity that I have never seen before.

Like when you would break into smile, and just start bouncing up and down in kirtan and your silk garments are rippling out with your ecstatic radiance and it is like your feet are bouncing off a different dimension.

And to just see how your disciples drop down at your feet in such ecstatic surrender, tilt their heads in praise and have given absolutely *everything* they could possibly reach and more to see your movement through and please you. This is divine inspiration.

You have propagated a tsunami of saintly beings by Krishna's mercy, you have raised souls up from the muddied darkness of eons of ignorant

suffering to being able to walk in the ancient footsteps of (or just relish in hearing about) some of the most exalted personalities, acaryas, bringing us into the glorious light, life and love of Krishna consciousness and into the spiritual world.

You have set this heart-stealing, mischievous and overwhelmingly encapsulating little blue boy loose to enter into our thoughts and lives. You have given us the highest mercy of devotional service.

You have given us the Holy name, and in your selfless efforts are still fully alive and out serving us on a daily, second to second basis through a divine network of eternal mediums.

I know that it is our dear Krishna who masterfully empowers you, but you are also *'Patita Pavana'* - the friend of the fallen conditioned souls, you are *'lokonath lokera jivana'* - the lord and master of the devotees, unlike any other (*Guru Vandana – Narottama Dasa Thakur*). Somehow, by some undeserving and disproportionate blessing, I have the fortune to try and give you and your servants something, to try give Krishna to others, again and again, despite my terrible disqualification and grappling taste.

I am eternally indebted to the servant of your servant Srila Prabhupad, I pray because, *'kemone sodhibe more'* - how will Krishna purify me?

'I do not find the strength to carry on alone the sankirtana of the holy name of Hari' as Bhaktivinod Thakur shared, 'Please bless me by giving me just one drop of faith with which to obtain the great treasure of the holy name of Krsna.' (*Gopinath; Ohe Vaisnava Thakura - Bhaktivinod Thakur*). May your mercy always reach me and many more.

*Your most insignificant servant,
Gita Gamy Devi Dasi
ISKCON South Africa*



Gitika Summers 🌸
Amanzimtoti
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

OH, OCEAN OF MERCY, Srila Prabhupada, please hear these heartfelt words from this fallen soul.

My life and family were in turmoil because of a relationship crisis. All other “religious” avenues yielded nothing when I was looking for answers.

It was through the ISKCON Food for Life scheme that I visited the glorious Temple of Understanding, the Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple in Durban, South Africa. That was the beginning of my spiritual path towards Krishna.

Now, with the genuine care and guidance of the devotees of this Temple, under your directive, I am finding the answers to all my life’s questions and more.

Srila Prabhupada, if it was not for your mercy in establishing this sanctuary, I would have remained

in never-ending darkness and anguish. My life, now in the good association of Lord Krishna and your devotees, is more complete than I thought - even though it may look deficient to the outside material world.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada, also for your books which give invaluable spiritual knowledge. Thank you yet again Srila Prabhupada for helping me to try to make the best of this human life.

I am eternally indebted and grateful to you my spiritual master. Hare Krishna.

*Your humble servant,
Gitika Summers
Amanzimtoti, South Africa*



Gokulesvarie devi dasi 🌸
Saniel, Sishan, Marshini
Lemese and family
Weltevreden
South Africa



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet on this most glorious and auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja.

I, GOKULESVARI DASI, AM MOST GRATEFUL and thankful to the most amazing and merciful grandfather, whose causeless mercy has spread all over the world.

My family and I have been saved. You brought us the teaching of Lord Sri Caitanya.

Krsna-Prema has been given, by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu as a very special gift for this age, who is glorified as *Maha-vadanayaya*, most munificent - most magnanimous, The Supreme manifestation of magnanimity.

How fortunate we are to have taken up this process in the age of Kali.

Srila Prabhupada, your ISKCON is a community

connecting to each other the world around, through service and reciprocating of love to Lord Krishna.

Please bestow your mercy upon my family and I so that we become more spiritually strong and better servants in service.

Srila Prabhupada, please always keep us at the dust of your lotus feet and guide us.

*Your respectful servants,
Gokulesvarie devi dasi, Saniel, Sishan, Marshini,
Lemese and family.
Weltevreden, South Africa*





Hare Krishna Dear Prabhupada,

ON THIS VERY SPECIAL DAY please allow me the opportunity to glorify you.

If it was not for you my dear Prabhupada I would not be even saying Hare Krishna. I cannot explain how that would have made me feel. You have changed my life completely. I would not be even writing you this offering.

Studying your books really inspired me to join ISKCON. You followed your Gurudev's instructions and went to the West. That is how, by you doing that, today I am your struggling grand disciple.

Please, please have mercy on this struggling

soul. You had suffered a lot to give us what we have today. I really appreciate it. You have given me this opportunity to serve the Lord, and be in close contact with all your disciples.

Thank you for giving us the Holy Name. Please please have mercy on me dear Prabhupada and I pray for your guidance.

Your struggling grand disciple.

Gopi Ghata Devi Dasi

Shallcross, South Africa

 **Gopi Ghata Devi Dasi**
Shallcross
South Africa



Hare Krishna.

THANK YOU, DEAR SRILA PRABUPADA for saving this fallen soul and the millions of other souls, as well. I cannot even imagine what my life would be like had you not come to my rescue, and others too. Thank you for showing me who the Supreme Lord is because I was searching and searching until I came across your books. Had you not come, I would have still

been lost in this ocean of misery.

Thank you for sacrificing your life to help us all. May Lord Krishna take care of you always?

Gopi Kanthan Dasi

Phoenix, South Africa

 **Gopi Kanthan Dasi**
Phoenix
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my obeisances.

All glories to your divine grace on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-Puja.

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED. Krishna's devastating time factor would have remained unnoticed had it not been for your books and teachings. You highlighted the temporary nature of all things materials and taught us how to invest that valuable time energy in Krishna's service, as the stepping stone to achieve that divine abode where the time factor

is muted.

I have so much to be grateful for and can only attempt to thank you for your causeless compassion and kind love to me and all living entities. You have allowed me to remain in the association of your devotees and followers, allowed me to do some service in accordance with your instructions and continue

 **Govardhana dasa**
Bruma
South Africa

to increase my faith in your ISKCON.

Srila Prabhupada, I wish to report that your African Division of the BBT continues to grow and your books are being distributed in increasing numbers. Your BTG magazine, which celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, is printed in South Africa by your BBT Africa division. The Magazine is also being strengthened.

Last year, you gave me some service to strengthen the oversight and management role of your worldwide properties - this I am attempting to do, as a member of a team, with my best attention and focus.

I continue to help with the management of the South African yatra, which is growing from strength

to strength. You have so many wonderful and sincere devotees here, who spend each day making great sacrifices to fulfil your orders. I am grateful for their example and association.

Srila Prabhupada, I thank you for the opportunity to serve within your ISKCON.

Please forgive me for my unlimited offences and I pray that you will always remain kind to this fallen foolish person.

*Your stumbling grandson,
Govardhana dasa
Bruma, South Africa*



Govardhana Sila das 
Rondebosch
South Africa

 My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please kindly accept my insignificant, insincere obeisances.

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatyā desa tarine*

*om ajnana timirandhasa
jnananjana salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena
tasmai sri guruve namah*

MY GURUDEV RECENTLY EXPLAINED in Cape Town that, of all the instructions you gave, one of the main ones is to always preach, but that in order to preach, an institution is needed, and with the institution will come politics. In my little exposure to ISKCON and my insignificant attempts to do some service, I've gotten a sense of how easy it is to offend Vaisnavas in the face of such politics. And yet you, dear Srila Prabhupada, had so much of politics to deal with on an on-going basis. It's phenomenal that you overcame all these potential hazards so successfully

and still laid a solid foundation on which your disciples, grand disciples and later generations can continue to build the successful, dynamic ISKCON you envisioned.

In this same talk, another of your disciples, seated next to my Gurudev, described how you once stated that none of your disciples had any of your qualities, but that when you looked at a group of your disciples you could see some of your qualities. This, he said, puts a new spin on your adage that our love for you is demonstrated by how we co-operate

with each other - by ourselves, we are pretty much useless.

You've given us the institution, you've given us the principles, and now it's up to us to fly our own planes. This may sound daunting, but there is so much guidance, help and inspiration available to us, all thanks to you.

So, as always, I pray that I can become more

aware of all that you've done for all of us, and that I can finally do something which might remotely please you and my Gurudev.

*Your insignificant, unqualified, aspiring servant,
Govardhana Sila das
Rondebosch, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you on your auspicious appearance day.

 Hari Katha Devi Dasi
Nairobi
Kenya

YOU ARE THE FOUNDER-ACHARYA of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness; everybody joining ISKCON has, and will have, a very deep connection with you for many, many generations to come. Even those who come in contact with you through your books certainly develop a loving attitude towards you.

With you as our pure spiritual guide and master and source of inspiration, you have genuinely succeeded in keeping the whole devotee world together under the shelter of ISKCON and helping each one of us to advance in Krishna consciousness. Your divine instructions are our protection, and shield us from the effects of Kaliyuga.

Once a guest asked you, how can the soul achieve perfection? It seems that it has to reincarnate slowly through many bodies to achieve perfection.

Your answer was very profound and hopeful for us: No. When you are diseased you can be cured quickly if you take the proper treatment. That's all. Disease is not hopelessness. Otherwise, why do people go to a physician for treatment? Similarly, out of

ignorance you are now in this miserable condition, but if you are treated by a bona fide spiritual master, you'll be cured. Originally, every one of us is pure. Now we have become contaminated by material conditions. But there is a process for eradicating this material contamination. Then we will again become pure. And as soon as we become pure, there is no more birth, old age, disease, and death. Finished.

Every aspect of Krishna Consciousness you gave us has so much meaning and is so efficient in its application. The process of Krishna Consciousness finishes our material condition, provided we take the medicine.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving mankind hope and assurance of uniting with our spiritual father.

*Your insignificant servant of your servants,
Hari Katha Devi Dasi
ISKCON NAIROBI
Kenya*



Harichandan das and 
Anubhav dasi
Durban
South Africa



My Dearest Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to your Divine Grace.

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvivesa sunyavadi pascatyā desa tarine*

SRILA PRABHUPADA, YOU HAVE BEEN SPECIALLY CHOSEN

to fulfil the desires of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, to have His name heard and sung in every town and village. Srila Prabhupada you personally took the Holy name to every continent.

It is through Your Divine Grace that so many fallen souls have taken shelter in your ISKCON. We would have been lost in ignorance in this material world, your Divine Grace opened our eyes with the torch light of knowledge.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, little did we realise that

after reading your transcendental literatures, which you so painstakingly translated into the English language, that it would change our lives.

Now with folded hands we beg Your Divine Grace to eternally keep us under the shelter of your lotus feet and always remain forever in ISKCON.

*Your most insignificant servants,
Harichandan das and Anubhav dasi.
Durban, South Africa*



Harideva das 
Phoenix
Mauritius



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.

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srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvivesa sunyavadi pascatyā desa tarine*

ALL GLORIES TO YOUR DIVINE GRACE and all Glories to your most wonderful ISKCON, which is your transcendental boat to rescue all of us conditioned souls from the formidable ocean of incalculable miseries, in the form of repeated birth, death, old age and disease, and bring us to the shelter of Krishna's lotus feet, back home back to Godhead.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, as the captain of the ISKCON boat, you are my transcendental Hero, and actually you are the only true Hero the modern

world has known and will ever know.

Many millions of years ago, Dhruva Maharaj single-handedly set out to fight a battle with 121 thousand Yakshas.

You, Srila Prabhupada, single-handedly set out to accomplish what was never done before by anyone, not even by Lord Caitanya, what to speak of other so called gurus and yogis. Even your own God brothers tried and failed. They did not think this possible. Your disciple, Gauridas Pandit, mentions

you saying, “I appeared in this world for two reasons, to establish Krishna as the Supreme Personality of Godhead and to defeat these rascal scientists.”

At one point in his fight, Dhruva Maharaj was covered by an incessant shower of arrows, shot by the Yakshas. However, he did not succumb. Just as a mountain peak covered by incessant rain is washed of all dirty things, Dhruva Maharaj emerged with new vigour. Whatever incompetency he may have had, was washed away.

In the same way, Srila Prabhupada, it appeared to Sumati Morarji that you would die in America. All odds seemed against you; old age, lack of money, no shelter, no help. But, as Lord Caitanya’s commander in chief, you were resolute in your purpose, and any obstacle only increased your determination and vigour.

Like a lone commando on a mission, you left India without any fanfare. Your only armour was the full unflinching faith in the order of your Guru Maharaj. Your ammunition was the Srimad Bhagavatam that you had published, again single-handedly, and the Holy Names. It appeared that you would succumb during the sea voyage, but you made it safely to the US, which was to be your battlefield - the seat of atheism, impersonalism, voidism, and where the scientists reigned as kings.

In the US, which is the dream destination of the materialists in quest of worldly prosperity, you promptly descended into the Bowery, which was the capital of degradation at that time.

Very soon your rescue mission became successful, and sincere souls started joining your camp. Hippies were becoming happies. People were amazed to see dull faced individuals becoming bright faced. You quickly trained your new soldiers and armed them with the weapon of the Holy Names. The only salary these soldiers received was your genuine care and concern about their lives. Her Grace Malati Devi reminisces that they never felt that love, care and concern even from their parents. She describes Krishna Consciousness as a process of falling in love with you, Srila Prabhupada. They were only

responding to the warm, deep and great love that you offered them. They were ready to die for you.

Your disciples imbibed the spirit of profound compassion that you had, Srila Prabhupada. And, on your order, they went all over the globe. Lord Caitanya’s prediction became reality. Big scientists, like Sadaputa prabhu, Drutakarma prabhu and His Holiness Bhakti Damodara Maharaj, had joined you. The Bhaktivendata Institute was formed, and books and articles scientifically explaining the subject matter of Krishna Consciousness began to be published. A few months ago, ISKCON studies had been included in the Hinduism syllabus by Cambridge, another landmark success in your mission.

During the fight with the Yakshas, the latter employed mystical power to bewilder Dhruva Maharaj. He could not discern what was real and what was unreal. Great sages approached him and reminded him to use the Narayanastra, a special bow he had received from Nara Narayana Risi. They also told him that a devotee is saved from birth and death by chanting the Holy Name of the Lord, who is as powerful as the Lord Himself. Dhruva Maharaj immediately invoked the Narayanastra and became victorious.

Similarly, Srila Prabhupada, you always took shelter of the Holy Names. In the beginning you sat down under a tree at Thompkins Square Park, and through the Holy Names you dispelled the dense darkness of ignorance of Kali to establish ISKCON, which is today a multi-million-dollar global transcendental organisation which is still expanding unabated. Everything unfolds from the Holy Names. Golokera prema dhana hari nama sankirtana. When you again suffered health crisis, you encouraged your disciples to chant the Holy Names. You requested that the Holy Names be sung 24 hours a day at your Mayapur and Vrindavan temples to keep the forces of maya away. You similarly encouraged His Holiness Giriraj Maharaj to have ongoing kirtan at Hare Krishna Land, at the Juhu temple.

In as little as 11 years, you successfully

completed your mission. You had established a world religion in the shortest span of human history. You are my glorious Hero, Srila Prabhupada.

On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja, I humbly pray from the core of my heart that I somehow or other be always connected to your ISKCON, Srila Prabhupada. I pray that someday, following in your footsteps, I may develop unflinching

faith in my spiritual master and very seriously take to chanting the Holy Names. That will be my success in life.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servant,
Harideva das,
Mauritius, Phoenix*



Haripriya Devi Dasi 🙏
Ashley
South Africa

 My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your Divine Grace.

I HAD A DREAM OF YOU the other night. We were at a program out in the sun. You were sitting under a gazebo, whilst everyone else was sitting out in the sun. Feeling compassion for the audience you woke up from your *Vyasa-sana*, took some umbrellas and started handing it out to the ladies. Some ladies being highly embarrassed, refused to accept being served by you whilst others jumped at the thought of getting your close association.

When I woke up that morning, I was contemplating how even in dreams, you are the epitome of compassion and humility. You could have ignored the effects of the sun on the devotees or asked one of your servants to hand out the umbrellas, but you didn't. You did not consider your seniority when serving the junior devotees.

I see miracles around me every day - miracles

that you have created. For example, I see young boys and girls giving up all forms of materialistic activities and joining the temples. Here they serve you unconditionally in the hope of someday pleasing you and purifying their lives.

I know that I say "Thank you" to you every year, but each year my appreciation for you deepens. I feel indebted to you every day. Therefore, even when I encounter obstacles in my service, knowing that everything I do is an offering to you, makes it easy to endure.

Please shower me with your mercy so that I may never leave your home.

*Your servant,
Haripriya Devi Dasi
Ashley, South Africa*



Heeramani 🙏
Durban
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
shrimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

I AM VERY THANKFUL to you Srila Prabhupada. If it was not for you, I would not have known Lord Krishna. It's by your mercy that I have found my guru, your dear son, who is going to take me forward in my spiritual life. I thank you Srila Prabhupada millions and

millions of times for showing me the way back home back to Godhead.

*Heeramani,
South Africa, Durban*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

Sri Krsna chose You to save the foolish and errant souls of this world who have forgotten their identity, and like homeless children, forgotten the sublime heritage to which we belong. Despite our neglect of our father's love, He does not forget us. Hence, He chose his most special emissary to reclaim all of us who were lost.

You gave me the supreme goal of life; that is to serve Sri Sri Radha and Krsna. You reminded me that my ultimate happiness lies beyond this mundane world. You gave me the association and opportunity to serve wonderful, saintly devotees, by which I derive great joy.

Indeed, it is true that this nature is full of trials. In each instance when they arise I can only get solace by relying on your mercy. It is what sustains me daily. To know that you are always present in your words and instructions, and that as a benevolent father you continue to guide us, gives me a deep sense of reassurance.

You created ISKCON to give us shelter from the ravages of the material world. I am most fortunate because I can turn to you, and pray for your guidance, and know by some arrangement you are listening. I also sincerely pray that my children be blessed to always remain under your shelter lifetime after lifetime.

Please continue to bless me that I may perfect my spiritual journey in this life and be able to see you. I know that wherever you are, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and His associates will be there because you are Their intimate servant. It is only by your mercy I can get Theirs. Please bless me to always serve the Vaisnavas properly and to be able to one day serve Sri Sri Nitai Gauri Hari.

*Your useless servant,
Hemangi devi dasi
Durban, South Africa*



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

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*

 Hemangi devi dasi
Durban
South Africa

 Hemant Bhaga
Springs
South Africa

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

IT WAS SO ELOQUENTLY STATED 'He lives forever by his divine instructions and the followers lives with him'.

Srila Prabhupada as we celebrate your Vyasa-puja and I reflect on the opportunities in devotion service that following your instructions has provide me, I'm stuck with wonder and appreciation.

Thank you for connecting me to Sri Sri Radha Krishna via the parampara system and granting

me a chance to serve in ISKCON and BBT Africa. It is stated that devotion service should be performed joyfully and in the association of the members of your magnificent organisations this is possible.

*Forever in your gratitude,
Hemant Bhaga
Springs, South Africa*



Hemanthi Bhaga 🌸
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your merciful lotus feet on this wonderful occasion of your Sri Vyasa-puja. All Glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to your ISKCON and BBT.

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desatarine*

YOUR STRONG FAITH in the potency of the Holy Name has set you apart and was a catalyst in the West for a worldwide spiritual revolution as you sat alone in Tompkins Square Park in 1966 and began kirtan.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for lifting us up from the miserable material condition of chewing the chewed and giving us real joy, the highest transcendental knowledge and revealing to us our real identity and purpose.

Your disciples, grand-disciples and great grand-disciples push on this uplifting Krsna consciousness movement and their strength of purpose and compassion is no doubt coming from you, O' Ocean of Mercy.

Your letters to your disciples exhibit your genuine love for your students, and concern and for all the suffering souls and your compassion therein reveals you to be an extension of Lord Nityananda's

mercy.

Thank you dear benevolent grandfather for the cherished association of the devotees in your ISKCON and for revealing to us the blissful refuge and unlimited treasure of the Maha Mantra. Thank you also for your BBT. It's significant work ensures this greatest and most confidential philosophy of the soul is made available for the world to benefit from through the publication of your most potent and valuable books.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, I realise how destitute and insignificant I am, and pray for your mercy to enable me to take actions that make me a better devotee and servant in Krsna consciousness.

*Your still foolish granddaughter,
Bhaktin Hemanthi
Johannesburg, South Africa*



Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my most humble and prostrated obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet, on this most auspicious day of your Sri Vyasa Puja.



Hridayananda dasa

Durban

South Africa

I DREAD TO THINK OF WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN MY POSITION in this difficult material world had it not been for you. I would have been simply groping in darkness. You have given us the torchlight, Krsna Consciousness, that is giving us the proper direction.

What sacrifices and austerities you performed just to make us Krsna Conscious. You are indeed an embodiment of compassion and mercy. You are the ever well wisher of every living entity.

Srila Prabhupada, who mercifully traveled across the ocean, who left the shores of India, was only following the order of his spiritual master, to give Krishna Consciousness to everyone.

If you see Srila Prabhupada's past times from 1896, when he was born till the time he established ISKCON in 1966, it is simply set-backs that came one after another. So, if anybody wants to study the subject matter on failure, and stepping stones to success, then the most inspiring example would be Srila Prabhupada.

When a devotee left due to the strong pull of the

external energy, you simply prayed for his return:

“When you left us I simply prayed to Krishna for your return to Krishna Consciousness because that was my duty. Any good soul who approaches me once for spiritual enlightenment is supposed to be depending on my responsibility to get him back to Krishna, back to home. The disciple may misunderstand a bona fide spiritual master being obliged to do so under pressure of Maya's influence. But a bona fide spiritual master never lets go a devotee once accepted. When a disciple misunderstands a bona fide spiritual master, the master regrets for his inability to protect the disciple and sometimes he cries with tears in the eyes.” (Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada Letter, November 23, 1967)

On this most auspicious day, please bless me, so that I can become a worthy instrument in spreading your mission, Krsna Consciousness.

Your very insignificant beggar,

Hridayananda dasa, Durban, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

ON THIS OCCASION OF YOUR VYASA PUJA I want to thank you for the gift of unveiling Lord Krishna to me via one of your devotees. My spiritual understanding prior to that was one of sentiment and based impersonally.

Since I came to Krishna consciousnesses, your teachings via your lectures and books has convinced me of my real identity. For this I remain eternally grateful and remain your aspiring servant. It is for this reason that I want to serve you to my highest potential.

However due to my past Karmas, I feel that I am not serving you to my fullest. I beg for your mercy Prabhupada so that I can serve the Vaisnavas and serve you and indeed the mission of Lord Caitanya with a greater sense of urgency and dedication.

Whilst I do struggle on a daily basis, I promise to continue fighting to spread Krishna Consciousnesses until I leave this material body.

Your servant,

Indran Dharma, Durban, South Africa



Indran Dharma

Durban

South Africa

Indrani Naidoo 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Our dear Srila Prabhupada,

THE MORE I HEAR YOUR WORDS and taste the nectar of your ISKCON, the more I grow in qualities I could only dream of before. I am so grateful for all you have given us, and I am committed to spreading Krishna consciousness.

Please give me your mercy to become a small

part of your great achievement. I can do nothing without your mercy. Please be merciful to me.

*Your servant,
Indrani Naidoo
Durban, South Africa*



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

KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE MOST BENEFICIAL GIFT one could ever offer to another person. You, dear Srila Prabhupada, did not just gift one person, you gifted the whole world Krishna Consciousness. Simultaneously you gifted all us fallen souls to Lord Caitanya, thus, you are the most magnanimous personality of all time. All this was done by your firm adherence to the order of your spiritual master.

I am beginning to understand the vital importance of this relationship, between the spiritual master and disciple. I pray to always be reminded of

your magnanimous example and constantly strive to follow in your footsteps. I beg your mercy to be firmly rooted at the lotus feet of my spiritual master, who I know to be anchored at yours. Please may my efforts in this life, and the next, be in fulfillment of the desire of our sampradaya, the correct most high connection to Krishna, the Supreme Person.

*Your insignificant follower,
Jagadananda dasa,
Zimbabwe, Hwange*



Jagannath Maharaj 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE STRENGTH and mind to play the mrdanga. Hopefully, someday by your

mercy, I would become an expert mrdanga player. Please give me the energy to chant 16 rounds of

japa daily, and I hope someday the whole world will become Krishna Conscious.

Thank you once again for giving me opportunity to take birth in a Krishna Conscious family, and please make me a servant in my Krishna Conscious

life, and may Lord Krishna please bless me.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Haribol!

*Jagannath Maharaj,
Durban, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble offering of love, at your divine lotus feet.

I USED TO DO A LOT OF SERVICE, before the high standards of nowadays. But, I want to say thank you for everything, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your grateful daughter,
Jahnavi Naidoo
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
I offer my respectful obeisance unto your lotus feet; I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of Lord Krishna.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desā-tarine*

BELOVED SPIRITUAL MASTER, coming into this material world to save humanity from the claws of maya is the biggest sacrifice you made for us. Sitting down here, writing with my eyes full of tears, I so much appreciate and cherish the opportunity you have given to me to be able to serve guru and Krsna in my life.

The material world receiving your causeless mercy dear Prabhupada. By your wonderful mercy

a blind man can count the stars in the sky, a lame man can climb the hill and the deaf can hear.

We take shelter of your lotus feet; you are the deliverer of the fallen souls.

Thank you so much dearest Srila Prabhupada.
Jai Gurudeva.

*Jai Gurudeva, Hare Krishna Temple,
Sango Otta, Ogun State, Nigeria*



 Jahnavi Naidoo
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa

 Jai Gurudeva Dasa
Sango Otta, Ogun State
Nigeria

Jaisacinandan Das 🌸
Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
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nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desā-tarine*

I AM EVER SO GRATEFUL AND APPRECIATIVE and indebted to your ISKCON Society.

My only regret is that when you arrived in South Africa Durban 1975, the airport was less than 10 kilometers from where I used live, but I was so deep in the clutches of maya. I was not aware of your divine presence at the time. Nevertheless I am overwhelmed by your magnanimous contribution to the western world as well as in India. In term of presenting this liberating philosophy of Krishna Consciousness, I often marvel at your deep uncanny

attachment for the Supreme personality of Godhead, and you have convinced so many millions of condition souls to surrender at Krishna's Lotus feet. My fervent prayer is that you grant me just a glimpse of your mercy.

Srila Prabhupada Vyasa Puja Ki Jai!

*Your Servant of the Servant,
Jaisacinandan Das
Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple
Durban, South Africa*



Jayadev Churran 🌸
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

MY ENTIRE LIFE IN ISKCON and this is the first time I'm writing an offering. All these years I've never submitted anything to be published because I plagued myself with excuses of not knowing what to say or not being able to write anything as beautiful or meaningful as all the other offerings. I sat in all the Vyasa Puja programs mentally appreciating you and all the offerings that were read. This year I thought I'd start small and let you know how grateful I am.

Srila Prabhupada, I'm so thankful that you boarded the Jaladuta. That single act along with your determination to preach, changed the lives of millions and millions of people around the world. A number ever growing through the efforts of those devoted to you.

My life would be completely different had you not brought Krishna Consciousness to the rest of

the world. The life that I led, my family, my friends, my wife... All that I have, all that I know would not have been possible without you. The person I am is because of you.

I know I have a long way to go to be a good devotee; but I'm so grateful for this society you have created, for the teachings, morals and values you have imparted onto us. For making us better human beings and allowing us to help you serve in Lord Caitanya's mission. I'm so grateful for everyone and everything I have. I know it was only possible through your mercy.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your most insignificant servant,
Jayadev Churran
Johannesburg, South Africa*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada

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

All glories to your divine grace.



Jayasri Devi Dasi

Berea

South Africa

I WAS FORTUNATE to have seen your divine grace when you visited South Africa. Your disciples were exemplary in propagating the spread of Krishna Consciousness under your guidance, and this inspired many of us to join ISKCON.

I honestly enjoyed the spiritual atmosphere that was in abundance as I journeyed through my Hare Krishna life. This included finding a Guru, observing fasts and festivals, partaking in programmes designed for a Hare Krishna day, taking parsadam, preaching, sharing recipes and the list goes on, and not forgetting the powerful and potent chanting of the Maha-mantra.

Having said all that I enjoyed, at this point in life, I feel so far away from my real spiritual destination. As I get older, I find that lust, anger, greed, hatred and envy have become qualities that I consciously try to shred off. In so doing the Maha-mantra has become my dependent pill.

Srila Prabhupada, you encouraged us so nicely in Krishna Consciousness by giving us *slokas* to help us to absorb our minds on the transcendental platform consistently.

You encouraged us to engage in all activities, mentally, bodily, vocally, and in all things that

helped us to serve the Supreme Lord Krishna.

You gave us confidential, transcendental knowledge, which made us understand the difference between the soul and the body. You showed us by example how this confidential knowledge culminates in devotional service.

You encouraged us to surrender unto Krishna so that we do not waste time unnecessarily and make rapid progress so that we could be freed from sinful reactions.

Srila Prabhupada, I cannot thank you sufficiently for all that you have given me. Please bless me so that I can practice Krishna consciousness with purity so that my life can be a success. Please bless me to overcome and tolerate all impediments in chanting the Maha-mantra so that at the end of my life, I can have the full benefit of Krishna Consciousness.

Srila Prabhupada, please forgive me for my countless offences.

*Your servant,
Jayasri Devi Dasi
Berea, South Africa*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari and Sri Sri Radha Radhanath.



Jivananda dasa

Johannesburg

South Africa

HAPPY VYASA-PUJA! We can never repay our debt to Your Divine Grace in a million lives. All we can do is endeavour our best to follow your instructions and always pray for your grace.

Thank you for sustaining me in Krishna Consciousness and tolerating my nonsense despite my so many difficulties. I pray that, despite my countless fallacies, you may always glance mercifully in

my direction.
Hare Krishna.

*Your most (nothing) fallen servant,
Jivananda dasa
Johannesburg, South Africa*

Jnana-Samudra dasa 🙏
Sasolburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

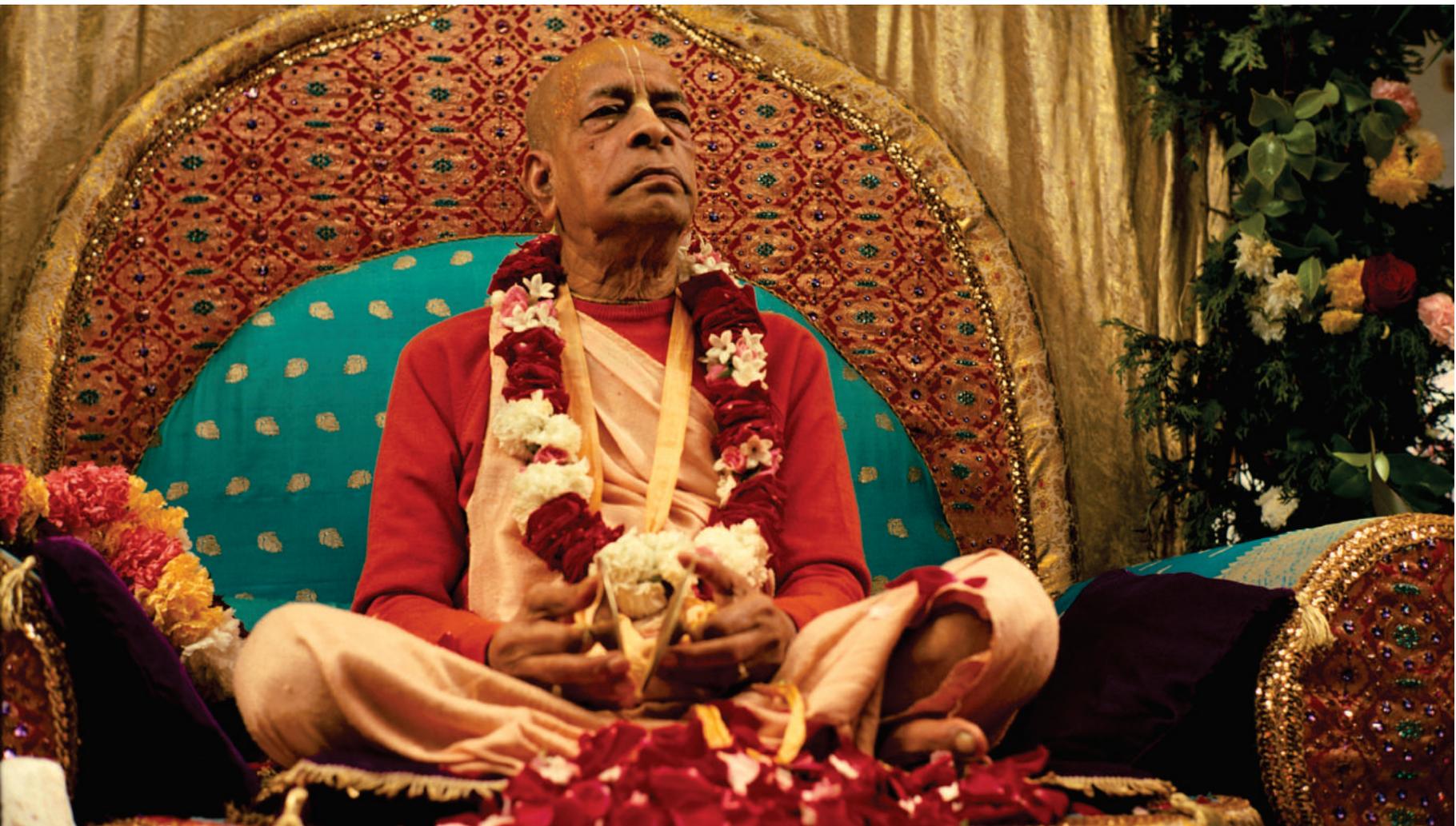
HOW UNFORTUNATE ARE WE souls which somehow find ourselves outside of the spiritual world. At the same time however, we are so greatly fortunate to be a part of Lord Caitanya's movement - especially during this 10 000-year Golden Age Period. This Age of Kali that we are in is so dreadful and the only safe place to be is amongst the association of devotees and in your ISKCON temples. It's therefore so refreshing to see Krishna Consciousness spread throughout the whole world and we are so grateful to you for providing us with a safe haven almost anywhere in the world.

You've also made it so easy for us to play a role

in spreading Lord Caitanya's movement just by trying to distribute your books which contains all the potency required to make the necessary changes to the world.

You've given us so much - everything we need! So, thank you Srila Prabhupada and please continue to bless us so that we can make you proud in taking this movement forward as per your desire.

*Your aspiring servant,
Jnana-Samudra dasa
Sasolburg,
South Africa*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I AM HAPPY to be part of the Krishna consciousness movement that was brought by you our holy master. I have gained a lot from all your teachings and books and I am very grateful. I am new to the movement, but I have gained a lot from the Krsna consciousness movement and your teachings are life-changing

teachings.

*Jonny Chukwugbo
Hare Krishna Temple
Sango Otta, Ogun State, Nigeria*

 Jonny Chukwugbo
Sango Otta, Ogun State
Nigeria



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I feel so much love. I like that you made Food for Life, and that you made so many books, like Shrimad Bhagvatam. And, thank you for all the times I chanted.

*Your humble servant,
Joshua Govender
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*

 Joshua Govender
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa



Hare Krishna Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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

 Kaishori devi dasi
Randburg
South Africa

THANK YOU FOR ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING you have done for us, Srila Prabhupada. You have made so many sacrifices for undeserving, aspiring devotees like myself. I am eternally indebted to you and your ISKCON movement.

The devotees, temples and books are my survival tools in this material world. Association with devotees, especially the pure devotees, really help me to cope. They are literally calming to my mind and help so much, especially after a day at work.

Earlier this year, we went to ISKCON Juhu, and by your mercy, we had really good Darshan of the Deities, good association from the morning class speakers, very good prasad and accommodation. We remembered and appreciated your struggles with building and establishing ISKCON Juhu.

Ecovillage was really so inspiring, and we also went to ISKCON Chowpatty. Vrindavan and Delhi temples were also really merciful to us. Devotees in your movement are so special.

I shudder to think what my life would have been like without your ISKCON and Your mercy. I thank you for your wonderful disciple, my Guru Maharaja, HH Srila Bhakti Caitanya Swami Maharaja. We get to see less of Maharaja as the years go by due to his increased preaching all over the world. I treasure those times when we do get Maharaja's association.

I beg you on this most auspicious day of Your Vyasa Puja, to bless me, that this be, my last life in this material world. Please help me always to remember Krishna and never forget Him. Please bless me to chant my rounds better and to be a good

servant of my Guru Maharaja.

Begging to remain in the dust of your divine lotus

*feet, your most insignificant grand-daughter,
Kaishori devi dasi
Randburg, South Africa*

Kaitlyn (age 10) 🙏
Chatsworth
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

We live a life because of you. You have brought us to Krsna. You have made books for us to learn more about Krsna. Prabhupada, you built a home which is the temple, so that we can worship your lotus feet.

*Your servant,
Kaitlyn (10 years old)
Chatsworth, South Africa*

Kamalaksa Dasa 🙏
Warri
Nigeria



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

All glories to you.

Please accept my humble obeisances at your exalted feet.

THANK YOU FOR FOUNDING ISKCON. Thank you for taking all the austerities to go around the world a great number of times, preaching about Lord Krishna and encouraging devotees and the entire humanity.

Please forgive me for not supporting you enough on more global conquests of the world with Krishna consciousness. Please forgive me for not having great sadhana, great Love and total surrender.

Please dear Srila Prabhupada, kindly be

merciful to me and the devotees in Warri Nigeria and bless us to be able to push, be more innovative and support the further spreading of Krishna Consciousness worldwide.

*Your lowly servant of your servant,
Kamalaksa Dasa
Warri, Nigeria*

Karttika Sookraj 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I WAKE UP EVERY MORNING AND THANK YOU for everything you have done and the sacrifices you have made. I feel very unfortunate that I could not have met you and personally serve you Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for never giving up on us.

I thank you first for this beautiful ISKCON movement that you have started for us. We would not have understood who Lord Krishna is or His sweet pastimes, without you translating the books for us.

We can enjoy the temples that you have built all over the world.

Please allow me to always remember Krishna and never forget him.

*Your servant,
Karttika Sookraj
Durban, South Africa*



 Our Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga.

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesha-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-tarine*

AS WE WRITE THIS OFFERING, we have just had a blissful dip in the tranquil Saptarishi Ghat in Haridwar Dham, something so extraordinarily beautiful that we would never have experienced, had you not come into our lives. You have quite literally thrown open the doors of the spiritual world to us, and we will be forever grateful.

Whenever the troubles of this world unsettle us and that spiritual vision becomes blurred, you give us the strength to keep on making progress on the

path of Krsna Bhakti. May we never fall away from that path, serving you every day with all our hearts, and may we share your causeless mercy with others also, so that your glories may spread all over the three worlds.

*Your fallen servants of the servants,
Karuna-sakti dasi and Omkhar Jugunanan,
South Africa, Durban*



 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura. All glories to your divine self on this most auspicious day of your merciful appearance.

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatyadesa tarine*

LOOKING BACK ON THE FIRST OFFERING THAT I WROTE to you only two years ago, I mentioned that I would like

to read more of your books. Always endeavouring to keep to this promise, I decided, late this year, to read

 Karuna-sakti dasi and
Omkhar Jugunanan
Durban
South Africa

 Kashmira Goolab
Cape Town
South Africa

the Bhagavad-Gita. Just a few days ago I came to text 56 of chapter 2 which speaks of a *sthita-dhir-muni* which resonates with your nature. Srila Prabhupada you are a prime example of a *sthita-dhir-muni*.

As stated in the purport of text 54, “The immediate symptom of a Krsna conscious man is that he speaks only of Krsna and of matters relating to Him.” And in the purport of text 55, “Such a transcendently situated person has no sense desires resulting from petty materialism; rather, he remains always happy in his natural position of eternally serving the Supreme Lord.”

Srila Prabhupada, in spite of all the obstacles you faced and hardships you endured, you continued fearlessly... travelling and preaching Krishna consciousness.

You are perfect in every way because you are always in the consciousness of Krishna.

Being a true “sage of steady mind”, you were never distracted nor disturbed by misery or happiness (which makes a worldly person lose focus).

It is my heartfelt prayer to learn from your unparalleled example and strive to live in the

manner described in your purport of text 56: “Such a fully Krsna conscious person is not at all disturbed by the onslaughts of the threefold miseries, for he accepts all miseries as the mercy of the Lord, thinking himself only worthy of more trouble due to his past misdeeds; and he sees that his miseries, by the grace of the Lord, are minimised to the lowest. Similarly, when he is happy he gives credit to the Lord, thinking himself unworthy of the happiness; he realises that it is due only to the Lord’s grace that he is in such a comfortable condition and able to render better service to the Lord.”

Srila Prabhupada, we need to try our best to follow in your footsteps. Please help me to put my selfish desires aside and be more engaged in Krishna consciousness and be more dedicated to devotional service; realising that our relationship with you and all the Vaishnava’s and Krishna is the be-all and end-all of all happiness.

*Begging for a drop of your causeless mercy,
Bhaktin Kashmiri Goolab
Cape Town, South Africa*



Kasi Misra das (disciple of His Holiness Partha Sarathi Das Goswami Maharaj)
Johannesburg
South Africa

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

I THOUGHT I KNEW, but I knew nothing, Srila Prabhupada. I didn’t even know who or what or where, I am.

Now only by your causeless mercy, Srila Prabhupada, I know what is essential to know as a human being, basically, who or what I am, where I came from, why I am here and where I should be. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. I am truly grateful to you for kindly letting me know.

Srila Prabhupada, I only know what I need to know, because of your voluminous books, your pure disciples, your wonderful temples, your detailed prescribed methods of worship and your leading by

example. I thank you for creating my current and future good fortune.

Srila Prabhupada, I know that you have compassionately gave the world everything needed for eternal liberation, however, due to my incapability, there is still so much more for me to know, but what I know is that no matter what, I have to stay connected to you via your magnanimous ISKCON, for me to be sheltered from ignorance and for me to transcend this material conception of knowing. Thank you merciful Srila Prabhupada, for the facilities of security, care and real deliverance.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you, for expertly transforming my foolish “I thought I knew” to “what to know” – thank you for “simple living and higher thinking”, I really do appreciate it.

I deeply pray to remain in your powerful ISKCON, at your divine lotus feet, trying my best to avoid offences and to render services with love and devotion for your pleasure.

All glories, all glories to you Srila Prabhupada.

The insignificant servant of the merciful servants of your real servants,

Kasi Misra das (disciple of His Holiness Partha Sarathi Das Goswami Maharaj)
ISKCON Lenasia, Johannesburg, South Africa



Hare Krishna my dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to your lotus feet.
Please accept my humble obeisances.



Kavesh Maharaj
Reservoir Hills
South Africa

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY to thank you for bringing ISKCON into my life as well as to my family's life. It is by Your Divine Grace bringing chanting, book distribution, harinama and love feasts that you have attracted some many souls to ISKCON. I pray that by your grace and blessing that I can do more in service to your movement. I pray that

by your blessings I can serve you and the temple and the namahatta more, by whatever means possible.

All glories to you.

Your humble servant
Kavesh Maharaj
Reservoir Hills, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.



Kavita Ranjit
Cape Town
South Africa

WITH EVERY TINY BIT OF SEVA I DO, with every line I read from one of your books, or with every Kirtan I listen to, I am ever more grateful for the sacrifices you took and for every hardship you overcame to bring to the world Krishna Consciousness.

I know that I am probably not fit to serve you or even the devotees of ISKCON, let alone serve Lord Krishna. But, I pray one day, my love and devotion will be pure enough that I may be considered your simple servant.

This wonderful home you created, makes the devotees feel like family and best friends, and for that I am grateful.

Your strength and determination to carry out your duty in the most difficult of circumstances is motivation and encouragement for me never to give up, no matter how difficult things get.

Please shower your mercy and blessing upon me so that I may become a good devotee, and one day even become the dust that rests at your lotus feet.

Your servant,
Bhaktin Kavita Ranjit
Cape Town, South Africa

Keli Lalita Devi Dasi 🌸
Cape Town
South Africa



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

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srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te saraswate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

IN ONE LECTURE YOU SAID, “When our eyes are anointed with love of God, we can see him everywhere. We have to develop our seeing power by developing love of Godhead. When one is sufficiently developed in Krishna consciousness, he can see the Lord at every moment within his heart and everywhere, wherever he goes.” (Srila Prabhupada, San Francisco, June 27, 1971)

The above quote would have never been made possible if it was not for your sacrifice to come to the western world to start your mission Srila Prabhupada. You have taught all these wandering souls the real truth, and that is how to develop a relationship with Krishna. You have developed an admirable and strong movement that still carries on to this day and still more and more wandering souls are benefiting. You made the ultimate sacrifice and the entire

world benefitted from it. I see true happiness when associating with your devotees and that is because they have followed your instruction so diligently by putting Krishna in the centre of everything they do.

I pray that one day my eyes will become anointed with love of God so that I may see Him everywhere; however before I reach this goal I must serve the spiritual master and the devotees. Please Srila Prabhupada show me how this useless servant may be of some service to your phenomenal ISKCON.

A very happy Vyasa-puja to you dearest Srila Prabhupada.

Your servant,
Keli Lalita Devi Dasi
Cape Town, South Africa



Keli Vrindavana Devi Dasi 🌸
Durban
South Africa



My Dear beloved Srila Prabhupada,

*jaya om visnu-pada paramahansa parivrajakacarya asottara-sata
sri srimad bhaktivedanta gosvami maharaja srila prabhupada ki jaya!*

“**ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHT GLORIES** to the wandering mendicant, to the great bhakta who resembles a swan, to the glorious master Sri Srimad Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaja Prabhupada, who has taken refuge at the lotus like feet of Visnu.”

I offer my humble obeisances to your lotus feet. I extend my deepest gratitude and appreciation to you for bringing to the world the Hare Krishna Maha

Mantra, to uplift humanity. I thank you Srila Prabhupada for also bringing to the world, Food for Life. In an era were so many face extreme hunger and starvation, this spiritual world global food distribution mechanism, brings to many solace and spiritual sustenance. Your Divine philosophy, no one within a ten-mile radius of our temples should go hungry! We can only continue to strive fiercely to ensure

that your precious Food for Life continues to feed millions around the world.

Thank you very much for everything, Srila Prabhupada. All glories to your lotus feet.

*Your humble servant,
Keli Vrindavana Devi Dasi
Durban, South Africa*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

Srila Prabhupada, you have given us everything. You gave us your books and the association needed to help us understand their deep purports. Can we ever repay you?

We thank you Srila Prabhupada, for uplifting us and teaching us the path of Krishna Consciousness. Please bless us in carrying out your duties and

servicing you at your lotus feet. By your mercy we hope to become fixed in our services, and our only desire is to be able to serve you eternally.

*Your struggling servants,
Kesav Murti Das and Ananga Manjari devi dasi.
Lotus Park, Durban, South Africa*



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

I WANT TO OFFER MYSELF AT YOUR LOTUS FEET wholeheartedly. I have been realizing more and more how much we are dependent on you to become happy in this lifetime, while we are here in the material world. Every day of my life, I humbly beg that you continue to allow me to serve in your ISKCON. The gift of devotional service that you have given me has brought about so much change in my life. Before I became part of your ISKCON, my mind was so disturbed, my life was a mess and I had absolutely no direction. Allowing me to take your association daily through your books and lectures has brought me so much happiness that I can never repay you for.

I was thinking back at when I lost my father in 2009, where I ended staying on my own to complete

my studies. This was a very painful time in my life but what I didn't realize was that you had given me that rare opportunity to surrender to Krishna and feel his presence in my life more than ever. In this time, I had the freedom to cry my heart out to Krishna and this was only possible by your causeless mercy Srila Prabhupada. Thereafter you gave me the good fortune to meet your pure devotee His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami who then became my real spiritual father. By his guidance and unconditional mercy, I am now able to render some menial service for your pleasure.

I pray that I may continue serving your desires to spread this movement to every town and village.

Please kindly forgive me for my shortcomings

 Kesav Murti Das and
Ananga Manjari devi dasi
Durban
South Africa

 Kesava Bharati das
Equestria
South Africa

as well as offenses that I may have committed to any of the devotees knowingly or unknowingly in your ISKCON.

*Your insignificant servant,
Kesava Bharati das
Equestria, South Africa*



Khesi Ghat dasa 🍷
Syama Rati devi dasi and
Bhakta Raghunatha
Chatsworth
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanatha, Sriman Mahaprabhu and Sri Giriraj.

ONCE AGAIN, we get the privilege to offer our deepest gratitude to Your Divine Grace. Indebted does not do justice to the transformation you brought to us and to this world.

We daily anticipate what your stalwart disciples will surprise us with; offering your Bhagavad Gita to some President, getting a celebrity to sing the Govindham prayers, your Hare Krishna Movement added to a school curriculum to name just a few. Only souls with extraordinary mercy can achieve such goals - your brave soldiers.

This gives us, struggling neophytes, courage to know that some sobriety can be restored in this gruesome society. At least we have some solace for our children in that they can take advantage of your ISKCON.

Our own sadhana is so challenging, we fear for our kids. At least they feel so sheltered and overwhelmed within your temples, festivals and with the devotees.

Kindly keep us engaged in your mission and bestow upon us the mercy and intelligence to fulfil our services and to relish the taste of the Holy Name as you are praying to Lord Krishna in all humility.

Insert by Raghunatha: Dear Prabhupada, I enjoy distributing your books and I like to listen to your kirtans.

*Your eternally grateful grandchildren
Khesi Ghat dasa, Syama Rati devi dasi and Bhakta
Raghunatha
Chatsworth, South Africa*



Kishan Maharaj 🍷
Reservoir Hills, Durban
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace!

THANK YOU FOR SHOWERING YOUR CAUSELESS MERCY upon this fallen soul. By your grace and endeavours, you have enabled millions of devotees to walk once again along the path of Godhead and toward the Supreme Truth, Sri Sri Radha Krishna and realise our constitutional position as the servants of the

servant of the servant. I cannot thank you enough for gracing this material world with your presence. The spark of spirituality has been ignited in us all, thanks to Your Divine Grace. You have given us the greatest gift imaginable by reconnecting us with the Supreme Personality of Godhead via disciplic

succession and giving us the “keys to the back door of Goloka” through your teachings. I wish to always remain at your lotus feet and never leave ISKCON.

Your servant
Kishan Maharaj
Reservoir Hills, Durban, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada, Hare Krishna,
Please accept my most humble obeisances upon the dust of your lotus feet.
His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta swami Srila Prabhupada ki jai.

 Kooshul Gopaul
Mauritius

nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktisiddhanta-sarasvatiti namine

I AM YOUR MOST FALLEN SERVANT. We cannot glorify you as you are because that can take a whole lifetime to speak about you, but in short, I am doing it.

I am indebted to you. If you had not established this ISKCON movement, then I would not be a well-regulated human. Your teachings are so powerful. I learnt a lot from you: how you listened to your spiritual master's order, how you renounce all family, house, child, etc., how you went to a foreign country to preach in that age.

Nowadays, in this age, everyone is bed-sleep in hospital. Even you faced a heart attack, cyclones that Krishna was testing you but your aim was to follow the order of your spiritual master. You are called Divine Grace; this title, no one in the world can take it. You are so merciful, powerful.

You were not an ordinary man. You gave us the transcendental vibration, established by the chanting of Hare Krsna, Hare Krsna, Krsna Krsna, Hare Hare, Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare is the sublime method of reviving our Krsna consciousness.

As living spiritual souls, we are all originally Krsna conscious entities, but due to our association with matter from time immemorial, our consciousness is now adulterated by the material atmosphere. The material atmosphere, in which we are now living, is called maya, or illusion. Maya means “that

which is not.”

And what is this illusion? The illusion is that we are all trying to be lords of material nature, while actually we are under the grip of her stringent laws. When a servant artificially tries to imitate the all-powerful master, he is said to be in illusion.

In this polluted concept of life, “We are trying to exploit the resources of material nature, but actually we are becoming more and more entangled in her complexities. Therefore, although we are engaged in a hard struggle to conquer nature, we are ever more dependent on her. This illusory struggle against material nature can be stopped at once by revival of our eternal Krsna consciousness.” (*The science of self-realization* 5)

As you predicted, Mauritius could become the first Krishna Conscious island. I am sure that it will happen just by the blessings of your sincere devotees and Krishna. As you can see: harinam, Ratha Yatra and your books are spreading all around this island every day, for sure it will change.

Please keep showering your blessing upon us so that we can push this Krishna consciousness movement forward.

I know you are still here with us forever.

Your servant of the servant,
Bhakta Kooshul Gopaul, Mauritius

Krishna Balarama dasa 
Mondeor
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my obeisances, all glories to you.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvīsesa-sunyavadi-pascatyā-desā-tarīne*

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED, and I still stand here in your wonderful world of ISKCON. I am in awe on so many levels in respect of what you have done, and what you continue to do. This year has been a reflection on how the many devotees are trying to please you. Some are trying to leave a legacy, some are trying to keep your temples going, some are trying to spread the preaching, others are trying to spread the festivals, some are trying by keeping the devotees who are already in ISKCON spiritually enlivened, others are finding ways to help devotees and still others are trying to uplift society through kindness and compassion. It is incredible that all of this is happening. You must be so proud of all the devotees,

big or small and whoever is trying in whatever way to fulfil your mission, that of which is to bring the souls back to Lord Caitanya.

There is so much to be impressed by, and there is so much to enthuse us in our Krishna consciousness. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this wonderful world of ISKCON, and I pray that I am always sheltered by Your Grace and that of your disciples, grand disciples and all those that follow.

*Your servant,
Krishna Balarama dasa
Mondeor, South Africa*



Krishnarupa Sewsunker 
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the unconditional shelter which are your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace and to your Vyasa Puja day, which purifies us and brings us closer to you.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvīsesa-sunyavadi-pascatyā-desā-tarīne*

I AM DEEPLY INDEBTED THAT EACH YEAR, I have felt your shelter penetrate my life in a more personal, unmistakable and undeniable way. This has no correlation to my level of advancement or spiritual progress. I have not much to show in that regard. This is a testament to the depth of the compassion and concern of Your Divine Grace, the Lord's magnanimous

intimate associate, toward one whose life is not of much consequence, especially if one makes some feeble attempt to submit oneself to you. You, as the glorious preeminent siksa guru of ISKCON, oversee every activity within ISKCON, which is your body on this planet for us to honour and serve. You, furthermore, as the loving, concerned, great father of

ISKCON, oversee all the actions within the devotees' lives, regardless how small that devotee may be. As proof of your care, you protected me throughout an unexpected turbulence this year and you steadily provided the spiritual support (through many avenues) for me to understand the proper course of action. You also ensure that within ISKCON we have access to heart-reviving examples of devotees who made and eternally make you their life and soul. You are providing this spiritual support in a most pertinent way not only for one person but an increasingly vast amount of people and devotees who are at markedly different stages of spiritual advancement.

I pray to you with special fervour on this day, Srila Prabhupada, that you may allow me to offer my life to you, and somehow allow me the mercy I require and depend on to do all the things I am meant to do for you and for your ISKCON. I am minutely small, but I wish to do things as large and impactful as I can for you. Please mercifully help me and bless me to align myself with your wishes.

*Aspiring to become useful in Your Divine Grace's service,
Krishnarupa Sewsunker
Durban, South Africa*



My dear Srila Prabhupada,

I CAME ACROSS THE ISKCON MOVEMENT through the family that surrounds me, and ever since, my life has changed.

It was always my dream to get into my pharmacy program, and through your grace, it came through. I thank you for putting me in an environment that has helped me prosper in a way I never thought possible. The Science of Self-Realization has

given me direction in my life, and a sense of happiness in my heart.

I'm eternally gratefully for these blessings, and will try my utmost best to never fail you.

*Yours faithfully,
Kriya
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*

 Kriya
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desat-tarini*

ACCORDING TO THE VEDAS, the most amazing thing is that when somebody is dying by your side, you would not believe you are the next victim. The most amazing quality of His Divine Grace Abhay Caranaravinda Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada to me is

the writing of Bhagavad Gita, Bhagavatam and other maha books he had written.

To me, it is like Keshava Himself entered his brain, directing his activities of writing about Himself.

 Krshadesha Dasa
Sango Otta, Ogun State
Nigeria

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Your prodigal servant,

Krshadesha Dasa

Hare Krishna Temple

Sango Otta, Ogun State, Nigeria



Krsna Karuna Manohar 
(daughter of Rasaraj Das)
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

All Glories to the society, temples and devotee association you have created.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO ENTER THIS WORLD through parents i.e. Rasaraj and Mahabhav. This year I am 18 years old and currently studying towards a teaching qualification. My father has explained all through these past years that Sri Krsna has plans for me and my brother.

I think I can serve you nicely one day when I graduate by opening my own school so that devotee children can have their own place to study in a Krsna conscious way in Cape Town or Durban - South Africa.

Each day I feel your mercy reaching our family from afar. My dad has sponsored me an old VW beetle as my first car. I am learning the Sitar and Violin,

not really a super star. But I am trying in every way possible to serve your mission. I pray that you guide me and my family towards you. Bless me that Sri Krsna's mercy is for me always true.

My parents named me as the mercy of that Sweet Lord Blackish Blue. Thank you for always being our well-wisher. I am studying, writing, taking part in dramas, music and also practicing to lead harinam kirtans. Currently staying in the city with lots of sun - Durban.

Krsna Karuna Manohar (daughter of Rasaraj Das)
Cape Town / Durban, South Africa



Krsna Krpa Dasa and family 
Newcastle
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

THE MOST BLESSED EVENT Sri Vyasa Puja, the appearance day of our beloved Srila Prabhupada. How can I thank you, words fail me. You are so magnanimous. Someone who left *Barath* to give spiritual knowledge to all the fallen souls around the world and also my family included.

Your message of love you spread without reservation, your heart is so pure, full of compassion for all the fellow souls. Your only motive in this material world was to gather all the fallen souls and guide them into the loving embrace of Lord Sri Krsna.

Your name is revered throughout the world.

In every town and village your name is hailed in reverence.

Prabhupada you are a saint to me and my family, you made unhappy people into gracious loving devotees of the lord. Dear Srila Prabhupada, excitement in Newcastle is becoming fever pitch because ISKCON Newcastle is going to perform *Bhumi Puja* on the 5th of October 2019 and also it is the first of its kind to be performed in South Africa and then we are going to receive the blessings of all the spiritual gurus to construct Krsna's temple.

For the first time in *Barath* the chanting of

Radhe Radhe was heard in the Indian parliament chambers.

There is good news, upon the request of the Indian embassy, devotees chanted the Hare Krsna mantra at a yoga event in the previously war-torn capital Sarajevo of Bosnia - Herzegovina.

Wow, the devotees are making Krsna conscious progress in impossible places, because of your faith in your disciples. Lord Krsna chose you as his

commander to search for all the lost and bewildered souls and guide them to their blissful spiritual lives. Once again, my humble prayer to you Srila Prabhupada, please bless all the devotees in Newcastle and make their spiritual lives grow in harmony.

*Your eternal servants,
Krsna Krpa Dasa and family
Newcastle, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

NO WORDS CAN DESCRIBE how much you have sacrificed to bring Krsna consciousness to the Western world. Through your wonderful endeavour we have come in contact with the devotees.

Now because of your never-ending mercy we have taken to Krsna Consciousness. There is nothing that we could ever do that would ever be enough to repay you. All we can do is follow your

instructions and distribute your books.

Taking initiation directly from your disciple His Holiness Partha Sarati Das Goswami Maharaj has only brought me closer to you and my appreciation for what you have done increases daily.

*Krsnamrta Das
Durban, South Africa*

 **Krsnamrta Das**
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I WOULD LIKE TO SAY that you are a beautiful soul. Thank you for showing me what is love and what is happiness. If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't have known the Absolute Truth. Thank you for saving the whole world and for saving me.

*Krsnapriya Naidoo
Havenside, Chatsworth
South Africa*

 **Krsnapriya Naidoo**
Havenside, Chatsworth
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

 **Lalita devi dasi**
Durban
South Africa

ONE THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY, all that I want to say is **THANKYOU**.

If it were not for you, I would not be performing devotional service. I am eternally indebted to you. I pray to you today to please bestow your mercy on me so that I can perform my service with devotion.

*Your servant,
Lalita devi dasi
Malvern, Durban, South Africa*



Lalitha Devi Dasi 🙏
(Aundhoora Ishwarlall Manohar;
Mother of Rasaraj Das)
Durban
South Africa

Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All Glories to your Holy Appearance Day.

Thank you for all that you have done for me and my children, and especially my grandchildren. I know that your mercy knows no bounds, so please also be merciful to my dumb and deaf son, plus late husband. I am eternally indebted to you.

*Lalitha Devi Dasi (Aundhoora Ishwarlall Manohar;
Mother of Rasaraj Das),
South Africa, Durban*



Nila-Madhavi (age 12) 🙏

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU for bringing Krishna Consciousness to the World! Sita (8 years old)
You brought your love for Krishna to the world and for that I am thankful. If it was not for you, I

would not know Krishna.

Nila-Madhavi (12 years old)



Lalla Family 🙏
Port Elisabeth
South Africa

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU, SRILA PRAPHUBADA, for your amazing books and beautiful temples. Your love for Krishna and this movement shows when we read your books and visit your temples. Your unlimited spirit shows in your smile, and that helps me to continue my Krishna Consciousness.

Thanks for teaching us how to live in Krishna Consciousness, and how to ultimately return back to Godhead...

*Lalla Family,
Port Elizabeth, South Africa*





Our Dear Grandfather, Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisance.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day of your appearance in this planet.

 Lokanath das, Prema Sarovara dasi
and Madhava Caitanya
Johannesburg
South Africa

RECENTLY I HAVE BEEN READING BOOKS written by your disciples about their association, training and time spent with you. I love reading these books as it brings you to life for me.

To see your loving exchanges with your disciples, to see your complete faith in the Lords, to see your attention to detail in every aspect of your practise of Krsna consciousness...to see your kindness and perfect understanding of each soul that has come before you...

This is inspiring to me, it teaches me lessons and mostly brings you to life, making me feel close to you.

You have always shown that you are present in this ISKCON Society and have been the kind grandfather over the years. You have kindly answered my prayers and provided shelter in times of difficulty...

Srila Prabhupada, I pray that you will continue to bless us with your shelter and we can somehow reciprocate with your kindness in some small way.

We love you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servants,
Lokanath das, Prema Sarovara dasi and Madhava
Caitanya
Johannesburg, South Africa*



Hare Krsna,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
I'd like to offer my humble obeisances to Srila Prabhupada.

 Lushen Pillay
Johannesburg
South Africa

MY THANKFULNESS GOES OUT TO SRILA PRABHUPADA on bringing us back to the rightful path towards Krsna consciousness. His readings and lessons that he has written or spoken about answers questions that could not be answered for me before and in light of that has shown me the path that needs to be

taken in our material lives and which will lead us to a much needed spiritual one.

*Lushen Pillay
Oakdene, Johannesburg,
South Africa*



Dear Swami Srila Prabhupada,

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshtaya bhuta-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-tarine*

 Madhava das and
Dharani devi dasi
Durban
South Africa

WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE to be connected with ISKCON and feel blessed to be linked to the guru parampara system now that we have taken diksa.

It is only through your compassion, determination and mercy that we became aware of our identity and what our purpose is, in this material world. Your tireless sacrifices in such an advanced age is testimony that you are our ever well-wisher.

Although we could have taken advantage of your association through your library of books, we were too steeped in ignorance to notice that we were sliding even further in the cesspool of material existence. Now that we have awoken from this slumber, we are trying everyday to be better persons and to serve our Guru, the vaisnava's and the community at large by being instruments in your service in the mission of Lord Gauranga.

Now that we have come to our senses, we face challenges everyday in our spiritual growth and sometimes it overwhelms us, but we are forging ahead with renewed strength and vigour knowing that you, Guru, Gauranga and the holy name is with us on our onward journey.

Our fervent prayer to you is that we can serve our Guru Maharaj as you have served yours, and being the spiritual grandson and granddaughter of you is reassurance that as much as we face adversity, success is guaranteed if we remain steadfast in

all humility in our spiritual practices, in our Krsna consciousness.

What more can be said, except thank you, thank you and thank you for leaving the spiritual world and taking birth amongst us to provide a beacon to us conditioned souls so that we can understand the love of our Supreme Lord and how He is pining in separation from His children and show us by your example how to rekindle our eternal lost loving relationship with Him and our fellow brothers and sisters.

We will be forever indebted to you, a debt than cannot be repaid except be negated by our success in Krsna consciousness, for we know that nothing will make you happier than to see us grow into strong Krsna conscious persons and show the same love and compassion you exhibited by spreading the Lord's message through yours and our previous acaryas teachings to whomever we come in contact with.

We love you Srila Prabhupada and always will.

*From the most fallen of the fallen,
Madhava das and Dharani devi dasi, disciples
of His Holiness Rama Govinda Swami Maharaj
and members of the Srila Prabhupada Prema
Namahatta
Lotus Park, Durban, South Africa*

Madhuri, Hemandra 
and Rahul Prag
Cape Town
South Africa



Haribol Prabhupada,

I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH for allowing me to make your garlands and for keeping us under your umbrella.
Thank you.



*Madhuri, Hemandra and Rahul Prag
Cape Town, South Africa*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to you, O Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desā-tarine*

I WAS RECENTLY CASTING A GLANCE on “Transcendental Diary” where Your Divine Grace was emphasizing the urgency for the conditioned soul to take to Krishna Consciousness as soon as possible. In fact, as an acharya you were pinpointing the defects of this world. By using your own body, you were showing how old age affects one’s life. You were illustrating that due to old age, half the number of your teeth were missing. Of the remaining teeth half were loose and you were saying that many diseases are associated with poor dentition. When the teeth are not healthy, chewing food properly is not possible and thus there are digestive problems. You ascribed your coughing to your poor dentition. Prabhupada, you accepted to come to this material world and suffer as an ordinary living being and to teach us by example; you acted as our only acharya just to save us. As time passes, we experience, to a deeper extent, the

reality of your words.

Our gross body undergoes the process of birth, growth, dwindling etc as mentioned in the shastra. We can only be grateful to Your Divine Grace who brought the shastra to us. Of-course when you were going through old age, you remained completely sober which we cannot imitate. Your mission was to save conditioned souls and you remained focused on it till your last breath.

Thank you again for giving ISKCON, Gurus, and devotees. What I am saying is not new, but this is the only way that I can purify myself. Thank you again and again Prabhupada.

SRILA PRABHUPADA KI JAYA!

*Your worthless grandson
Maha Muni Das
Quartier-Militaire, Mauritius*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

A VAST OCEAN

An ocean of despair
An ocean of suffering
Each wave greater than the last
There is no sweetness in her salty waters
There is no quenching of the thirst

As I struggle to fight back, my efforts are futile
I cannot fight back, I am immersed in adversity
Oh alas! How will I be saved, who will be my saviour, I am all alone...

 Maha Muni Das
Quartier-Militaire
Mauritius

 Mahasrnga Das, Sri Maharani Dasi,
Keshav Krpa and Krsna Priya
Newcastle
South Africa

I am defeated

I throw my hands in the air and beg the mercy of
His Divine Grace AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada for he is my only salva-
tion,
he is my liberator, he is my ever well-wisher...

We bow down to you again and again.

*Your servants,
Mahasrnga Das, Sri Maharani Dasi, Keshav Krpa and Krsna Priya
Newcastle, South Africa*

Mallika Dasi 
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatyā desa tarine*

"I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, who is very dear to Lord Krsna, having taken shelter at his lotus feet. Our respectful obeisances unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Sarasvati Gosvami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanya and delivering the western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism."

Thank you for establishing this wonderful International society for Krsna consciousness. Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur wrote sometime in 1871, to explain what an influence a great Vaisnava carries in this world even after his departure:

*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!*

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for giving us this good

fortune to obtain the mercy of Guru and Krsna. I have no qualification to serve you in the mood you would like me to, but you so kindly arranged this wonderful day of Sri Vyasapuja, on our calendar, so we can get a small opportunity to glorify you, even though we may not be qualified to do so. Thank you, for the wonderful worship and services, you allow us, to perform. We can, only to the best of our ability, until we attain love of godhead. It is hard, to understand all that you have given us. Only by reading your books, serving in the association of devotees within ISKCON, and, trying to accept your instructions, can we understand your position in ISKCON. Your surrender and dedication to your spiritual master, can be an example to millions in the world.

When a disciple tries to appreciate his spiritual master, he always sees perfection in him, and you are one of those, great exalted souls, who not only saw perfection in him, but embraced every instruction of his to your heart. By understanding

and embracing these instructions, you are changing the whole world. You had a vision for the next ten thousand years to come. I find this hard to even think about. How did you envision this? I can simply conclude that it was only your surrender, and your full faith in your spiritual master's instruction. Just thinking about it, no ordinary person can do what you have done. It must have been very difficult and challenging for you Srila Prabhupada.

I pray that one day, I may be able to understand and appreciate all that you have done, to establish this International Society of Krsna Consciousness. At this point, Krsna consciousness has been established so wonderfully all over the world. You have moulded so many people's lives to become a purposeful one.

Thank you, for your most significant contribution to us, your books, which will benefit the next few decades. I pray that I may understand the significance of your books. Thank you for the wonderful

purports which you have given us. Your saintly disciples are always preaching your glories and teaching us your books. In this way, we get to know Your Divine Grace. Even though I did not personally meet you, Srila Prabhupada, you will live with us forever.

*He reasons ill who tells that Vaisnavas die
When thou art living in sound!
The vaisnavas die to live, and living try
To spread the holy name around.*

On this auspicious day, I pray that you may help me, on my path in Krsna consciousness. Srila Prabhupada ki jai!

*Your granddisciple,
Mallika Dasi
Durban, South Africa*



Pranam to our beloved Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to you.

I FEEL SO BLESSED being born on this earth by seeking you and relishing the natural, scientific knowledge you have imparted through your books. When I read your books and drink the sweet nectar of words.

My only problem is that my memory does not absorb as much information needed to preach to others.

Your guidance in your books have made this a heavenly place to live.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servant,
Manjari Mahima Devi Dasi
Durban, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

 Manjari Mahima Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

 Manjumedha devi dasi
Pietermaritzburg
South Africa

SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST YEAR. My spiritual life has been both challenging and enlivening. Your wonderful disciple His Holiness Partha Sarathi Das Goswami Maharaj, my spiritual master, gave me Brahmin Initiation in November last year. It's been a very wonderful experience to serve our beautiful Deities Sri Sri Dayal Nitai Guara Hari so intimately. It's been rather challenging when the pujaris helping at our temple in PMB returned to India. The pujaris had to learn very quickly how to serve our Lordships according to your perfect standard.

I feel so blessed to have this amazing opportunity to serve our stunning Deities in PMB. Thank you dear Srila Prabhupada for your causeless mercy, not forgetting my spiritual master and our beautiful Lordships.

*With love and great respect from your worthless servant,
Manjumedā devi dasi
Pietermaritzburg, South Africa*

Manoj Dullabh 🙏
Johannesburg
South Africa

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

IT GIVES ME GREAT PRIVILEGE AND HONOUR to be able to write a small offering to you. I want to express my most sincere gratitude for all that you have given us and for showing us the way back home, Back to Godhead. Krishna Consciousness is ever blissful. It gives meaning to life, to my life.

I pray that I always remain at your lotus feet

and the lotus feet of all the wonderful devotees in ISKCON.

Happy Vyasa-Puja, my dearest grandfather.

*Your most insignificant servant,
Manoj Dullabh
Johannesburg, South Africa*

Manojkumar Bhika 🙏
Plettenberg Bay
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances unto the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BOOKS and your teachings. They have given me a chance to know Krishna. Hare Krishna! Dandavat Pranaam... Om Tat Sat Hare Krishna!

*From your very low insignificant and struggling neophyte servant,
Manojkumar Bhika
Plettenberg Bay, South Africa*



Hare Krsna my dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH for giving us this most beautiful Krsna consciousness. Currently I am going through a difficult patch in my life but due to your causeless mercy, the association of the kind and wonderful devotees and engagement in devotional service all of which you have formed and created, I am managing. My sincere and heartfelt gratitude to

you, Srila Prabhupada always.

Happy Vyasa Puja

*Maran Pillay
Iskcon Phoenix
South Africa*

 Maran Pillay
Phoenix
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

LOVE OF GOD KRISHNA - Srila Prabhupada

Incredible India, where a Great Saint appeared, in the world,
strung with full Spiritual Knowledge like a pearl.
His Spiritual Master requested to broadcast the Vedic Knowledge,
To the Westerners even if they went to College.
Stunned to fulfill his Spiritual Masters desire,
Penniless he looked around, no dollar, no ship to hire.
Please Lord Krishna please help me, he prayed,
He begged, then in a cargo ship, over thirty days he stayed.
The struggle ride on board the ship Jaladuta,
To bring the message, love of God.
Where in New York City Prabhupada went,
At first, the Americans were board.
His advanced age took no mercy he suffered many heart attack,
he chanted and prayed Krishna got him back on track.
After a miserable ride to the West he came,
And nowhere to go or stay, what a shame.
America here I am where do I start I am now in a stew,
A great Personality he was and no one he knew.
he looked around he cried for Krishna's mercy
Weird looking people, hippies, drugs and no Mr. Percy.
More than a year only chanting He spent,
Nothing had happened, he decide not to repent.
Chanting he prayed to Mahaprabhu, why did you bring me here,
Finally a family appeared and Maharaja began to steer.
We are scientists so say the big guns,
Westerners are masters of the Earth and Sun.

 Mathuresvara Das
Chatsworth
South Africa

Many Million dollars rockets into the sky,
 Boasted no man has ever reached so high.
 Dogs and rats were used in the race.
 So called professionals declared there no God in space.
 While highly paid technicians rejoice their success,
 Hippies drug themselves sick in the process.
 Prabhupada's message came in time,
 The saffron clad monk did stop the crime.
 As the hippies began to regain their sense
 they noticed their new life was not so tense.
 Come one, come all He said Krishna Katha has started, but No rum,
 He taught the American's to play the cartel and the drum.
 It was very exciting the white "elephants" danced and sang,
 Prabhupada's heart missed a beat as everything went with a bang.
 The vedic knowledge he preached with a lot pride,
 Devotees learned and they eagerly applied.
 During prayer meetings Maharaj spoke out to the crowd,
 the American's listened to the Spiritual Master making him proud.
 Any religion is good Prabhupada says,
 your religion teaches to love God and Gods creation, you may praise.
 if religion teachers does not teach that you simply wasting your time,
 over the years "manufactured" religion committed serious crime.
 Eat the prasadam Prabhupada would say,
 Krishna will give mercy as you pray.
 Sing, dance, chant the holy name.
 The white "elephants danced in frame.
 American followed Prabhupada through the streets,
 The masses raised their hands to guru to greet.
 Sending Krishna's messages through their heart,
 Cartels, drums, flags and jump to do their part.
 "Come on they said, come all"
 Black, white, brown, big and small.
 Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, chants,
 Wear dhoti, kurtha, tilak not your pants.
 In the spiritual Sky there appeared a Brilliant Star.
 He was Prabhupada with Krishna's message mot so far.
 All you have to do he said just chant the Holy names,
 Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna and you will be famous
 All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

Mathuresvara Das
Chatsworth, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH to have been born in the Hare Krishna movement, however, due to the very strong Kali-yuga that we are currently living in, I drifted to another organisation who supposedly had similar teachings, and I was convinced for four years that I had found my spiritual master in that organisation.

I, however, continued reading your literature, and it is only by your grace that I am slowly finding my feet back into the movement, together with my husband and two children.

I have not found a spiritual master as yet, and I know I will do so in the future, however, for now, I spend most of the day watching discourses you

on YouTube, and it has given me the sense of home once again, and my path to self-realisation has once again begun.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for creating such a strong foundation for the movement that even till today, your teachings are the solutions to many challenges faced. My family and I look forward to the rest of our journey through your guidelines.

Jai Gurudev!

*Your servant,
Melissa Daljith
Durban, South Africa*

 **Melissa Daljith**
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I BOW AT YOUR LOTUS FEET and offer you my eternal gratitude for your supreme, eternal gifts. Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, I was once bewildered, rebellious and addicted to all sorts of sinful activities, like so many other young people today who are lost and confused, but when I received one of your books from a devotee of yours and read it, it changed my life.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, your devotees say that you disappeared in the year 1977, but I, with all honesty refuse to accept that statement. Because as far as I am concerned you never left this planet, you are still here, you are here in your volumes of transcendental books that you have left for us

‘fools’ like me, you also left so many recorded lectures again for the benefit of fools like me.

Whenever I open and read one of your transcendental books or listen to one of your lectures, I feel

that you are sitting in front of me and instructing me and making me understand the verse very clearly. Your examples and quotes provide clarity and supports your conclusions, so that my dull head could grasp the point and try to understand it. Prior to this I had no desire for spiritual realization. I had no idea of God in his original personal feature. Much of my time was spent trying to find the quickest means of spiritual realization of God, but after reading your first book I found what I was seeking all my life.

Having sensed the spiritual power of the Hare Krsna mantra, Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare, I became interested in using it. The bliss I derive from chanting is so much greater than any bliss possible in material life, your books have taken me out of this maze of speculation. The invisible potency of the Maha Mantra soon began to have visible effect on me.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, though I have never

 **Mervin Pillay**
Durban
South Africa

met you personally, I am still indebted to you for all your great accomplishments, your transcendental books, your recorded lectures and influence that have helped me make positive changes in my life, you have led me to a much brighter and better path. I am fully indebted to you from head to toe.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, I want to thank you for building the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. I beg you for one benediction, please

give me shelter at your transcendental lotus feet. Please bless me with your causeless mercy, so that I would become a servant of your devotees and be able to do devotional service to the supreme Lord Sri Krsna and help to expand your movement.

*Yours faithfully,
Mervin Pillay
Durban, South Africa*

Mesha Varaden 🙏
Durban
South Africa

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

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL DEVOTEES I have in my life. Devotees are the best and most loving people I have ever met. Without your compassion I would not know anything about Krishna or have the association of devotees. Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

Please help me to always appreciate your

devotees and the service they engage me in. Please help me to always appreciate you and your bottomless compassion and love.

*Your aspiring servant,
Mesha Varaden
Durban, South Africa*

Michael Charles Corry 🙏
Park Rynie
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KNOWLEDGE, LOVE AND COMPASSION. Thank you for guiding me through all the confusion in this world. Thank you for letting me experience so many lessons in this life by letting me go but not allowing me to get lost.

Now that I have come into contact with you and your followers, I do not feel alone anymore, and I

promise to come closer to you, learn more about you, speak about you and most of all learn to love you.

Thank you. Hare Krishna.

*Michael Charles Corry
Park Rynie,
South Africa*

 My dearest grandfather Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my little offering on the occasion of your Vyasa Puja day at the dust of your lotus feet.

Mitravinda Chummun (age 12) 🙏
Sri Pancha Tattva Mandir, ISKCON
Fond Du Sac, Port Louis, Mauritius

S - SHOWS US THE PATH TO KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS

R - remembering Krsna was made easy by him
I - illusion gets punished by his purports
L - love and devotion for him
A - always chant and be happy
P - protects us from Maya
R - resides in our hearts
A - association through his books
B - back to Godhead is made possible by him
H - humility and honesty are his jewels
U - ultimate truth has been known by him
P - personal servitor of Lord Krsna
A - always the most perfect gentleman
D - diminishes our problems by his explanations and quotes
A - always remember him as he is our well-wisher

Srila Prabhupada Vyas Puja ki jai. Hare Krishna.

Mitravinda Chummun (12 years old)
Sri Pancha Tattva Mandir, ISKCON Fond Du Sac,
Port Louis, Mauritius



Dear SrilaPrabhupada,



**YOU ARE THE REAL REPRESENTATIVES OF LORD CAITAN-
YA.** Without caring for any stable home, without any
thought of personal gain, you are travelling and dis-
tributing Krishna consciousness everywhere you
go. I am very grateful to you and Lord Krishna for
assisting me so energetically. I pray I always dwell

at your service.

Your servant,
Mohini MurtiRupadevi
Ebonyi State, Nigeria

 **Mohini Murti Rupadevi**
Ebonyi State
Nigeria



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



I AM SENDING THIS OFFERING TO YOU for you to give
us good health and prosperity. You brought the
Hare Krishna movement to us. We improved in our

spiritual life and are thankful to you.

*Mr. and Mrs. Sabeer, Durban, Chatsworth, South
Africa*

 **Mr. and Mrs. Sabeer**
Durban
South Africa

Mukara Devi Dasi and 
Prema Madhuraya Devi Dasi
Northdene
South Africa



All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

THANK YOU SRILA PRABHUPADA for bringing Krishna consciousness to our lives.

Without your mercy in bringing Krishna consciousness to us we would have been lost souls in this material world.

We pray for your mercy and please allow us to

be at your lotus feet birth after birth.

*Begging for your mercy, your servants,
Mukara Devi Dasi and Prema Madhuraya Devi
Dasi*

Northdene, South Africa



Mukunda Dasa 
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I PRAY THAT I CAN UNDERSTAND how to love you more,
I pray I can serve you with a better understanding,
I pray that I can surrender to you more deeply,
I pray that I can appreciate you more sincerely,
I pray that I can serve your disciples even more,
I pray that I can develop real kindness and appreciation for all Vaishnavas,
I pray I can be of more value to your movement yet remain insignificant,
I pray that I can genuinely learn to surrender at your lotus feet,

With that being said, please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.

All glories to you Srila Prabhupada, all glories to you on this wonderful auspicious Vyasa Puja celebration and I pray I can accept you in my heart

completely.

*Mukunda Das
Johannesburg,
South Africa*



Mukunda Datta Dasa 
Gauteng
South Africa



Hare Krsna, dear Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories unto your divine lotus feet.

YOU HAVE GIVEN US EVERYTHING at the sacrifice of your own welfare. You have given us Krsna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Who am I to offer anything in return? All I can do is say: "Thank you." No words can repay our debt to you. Please bless us in our endeavours to serve

you through your beloved disciples.

Thank you for saving us, Srila Prabhupada.

Trying to serve in your ISKCON, an insignificant

soul,

Mukunda Datta das

Gauteng, South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyā-desā-tarīne*

WE HAVE WANDERED THROUGH MATERIAL EXISTENCE for countless lifetimes. Each lifetime has brought with it many temporary circumstances and relations. In this lifetime, however, through the divine will of Sri Gauranga Mahaprabhu, I have come across you, Srila Prabhupada.

Absorbed in the meditation of pure love for Krsna, you contemplated the anguish of the living beings in this world, caused by a lack of this love for Krsna, which you were constantly tasting.

Within your meditation, Srila Prabhupada, you carried the meditations of our previous acaryas: Lord Brahma, Narada, Vyasadeva, Sukadeva, Sri Rupa Gosvami, Sanatana Gosvami, Raghunatha Dasa Gosvami, Jiva Gosvami, Krsna Dasa Kaviraja, Vrindavana Dasa Thakura, Haridasa Thakura, Narottama, Visvanatha Cakravarthi Thakura, Srila Bhaktivinoda, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati.

You are not an ordinary person, Srila Prabhupada. Your level of magnanimity cannot be underestimated or overstated. You have carefully transposed the sacred teachings of every one of our acaryas and sowed the seed of love for Sri Sri Radha and Krsna within our hearts.

What was once a dry and desolate heart is slowly being transformed into a lavish, fragrant and colourful garden of sages. For by your divine

mercy, Srila Prabhupada, not only have you introduced us to our acaryas, you have acquainted us with devotees such as Bhisma, Khatvanga Maharaja, the Kumaras, Devahuti, Prthu Maharaja, Dhruva, Jada Bharata, Vitrasura, Dadhici, Prahlada Maharaja, Mahesvara, Vibhisana, and the Avanti Brahmana. You have introduced us the glories of Sri Nityananda Prabhu, Sri Advaita Prabhu, Sri Gadadhara, Pundarika Vidyanidhi, Suklambara Brahmachari, Kola-veca Sridhara, Srivasa, Sarvabauma Bhattacarya, Mukunda, Ramananda Raya, Lokanatha Gosvami, Svarupa Damodara Gosvami and the remorseful heart of Madai after receiving Nityananda's mercy.

You have brought us in contact with Queen Rukmini, Kunti, Uddhava, Akrura, the Brahmama Sudama, and Draupadi. You have introduced us to the cows and calves of Vrindavana, Krsna's friends (Sridama, Subala, Madhumangala), the Yamuna, Sri Govardhana, Nanda Maharaja, and Mother Yasoda.

You have given us the spiritual world in full. Ours is to simply take it.

Jaya Prabhupada! Jaya Prabhupada! Jaya Prabhupada! These are your glories, and the glories of the associates you have spread all over the world. I pray to forever be in their company by being deeply attached to your lotus feet, Srila Prabhupada.

Srinivasa acarya once approached Sri



 Mukundanghri Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa

Gadadhara and asked to be taught Srimad Bhagavatam by him. In the same meek spirit, Srila Prabhupada, I pray to be allowed to live in the pages of the Bhagavatam, in the association of these devotees through your purports. This I humbly and sincerely pray my dear most lord and master, to be taught Bhagavatam through your divine purports and the instruction of the spiritual master. Allow this fallen

soul, forgetful of his eternal relationship with the Supreme, to gain some small entry into Bhagavatam and allow me to forever live there as a tiny servant of your servants.

*Your ever grateful grandchild,
Mukundanghri Dasa
Johannesburg, South Africa*

Nakesh, Sashnee and 
Mikael Sookdeo
Kwazulu Natal - Chatsworth
South Africa



Hare Krishna,

WE, AS A FAMILY, have been attending Sunday Service almost weekly this year, to change our spiritual path, which we were lacking. Each of us has our own struggles, but we are now finding some solace and peace thanks to the great spiritual masters who inspire us.

Just wanted to say, “THANK YOU”, and we really

“ENJOY” the lovely spiritual atmosphere.
Peace and prayers to all.

*Nakesh, Sashnee and Mikael Sookdeo,
Kwazulu Natal – Chatsworth,
South Africa*



Namacarya das (BCAIS) 
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of Your Divine Lotus Feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

THIS IS THE MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY for us in ISKCON.

Thank you for building a house that everyone can stay in very nicely. If you had not come to the West what would have been our condition, we would be suffering in the lap of Maya. Worst still, although we would be suffering, we would not know it. I cannot imagine a world without you.

I am in your house for more than 30 years and feel very sheltered by your Vani and the Vapu of some of your Divine sons. You are the Jagad Guru, and no one else ever comes close to you. You are truly the Divine messenger of Sri Krishna and the Guru Parampara. Your purports are amazing, and Vani is

the medicine for this age of Kali.

You have built so many temples where we all can go and take Sadhu sanga, which is so important to us without which we will be lost. Thank you for the GBC so that your ISKCON can go on for the next 10000 years.

Your books are our law books if there are any differences we look into your books for guidance.

I pray that you keep me in your ISKCON although I am unqualified and undeserving. Please bless me to be a better devotee.

Praying to remain like a speck of dust on your Divine

*Lotus Feet,
Your insignificant grandson,*

*Namacarya das (BCAIS)
Johannesburg, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

WHEN I MET THE DEVOTEES and when by their mercy I was introduced to the world of Krsna consciousness, I was initially blind to the treasure I had come upon... that it was indeed a treasure, and how immense. Thankfully, I held on to it anyway, somehow... Or rather, by that same mercy, it held on to me, never releasing. More and more, still only by mercy, am I surrendering to its hold. And every year and every day more and more is being revealed, and my vision is improving, that I may begin to see and appreciate and honour it. I pray for the sense and the good fortune and always more mercy, through which to make it the substance of my life and my life's very air, as it should be.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for this blessing. Thank you for saving me...For giving my life direction and purpose - a basis in the highest truth,



and the greatest love as my aim. Thank you for the countless, limitless, truly matchless gifts you have given - the kirtan, prasadam, sastra, saintly association...indeed, a saintly family...a home, in this world, as well as the hope of the eternal Home. For the reminder, of Krsna...of our eternal friendship... and for its imminent revival.

My most heartfelt thanks for my Gurudev. Please bless him continuously, and please allow me, as his assistant, only to serve your mission.

Please grant me a position, by his side, at your divine lotus feet. I pray somehow to please you by the life I lead.

*Sincerely your servant,
Namanta devi dasi
Rondebosch, South Africa*

 **Namanta devi dasi**
Rondebosch
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Your Divine Grace on this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.



*Nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
Srimate bhaktivedanta-svaminn iti namine
Namaste sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
Nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desa-tarine*

THANK YOU SRILA PRABHUPADA for providing us with this path, a road map of how we can save ourselves and other wondering souls from this material existence. Through the transcendental knowledge that you have given us in your books millions of people

around the world will be saved from this material birth.

I pray for your mercy so that I am not distracted or unfocused from my true purpose to serve you and your devotees. I am often distracted by the illusions

 **Nama-srestha dasa**
Johannesburg
South Africa

of maya, these distractions I feel prevent me from totally surrendering to you. However, with the support and association of your devotees and the chanting of the Hare Krishna mantra I have confidence that I will overcome these obstacles.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for allowing me to serve in your movement. I trust that you will use me

as an instrument to spread Krishna consciousness.

For this special opportunity I am forever in your debt.

*Your humble servant,
Nama-srestha dasa
Johannesburg, South Africa*



Nanda Gopi Priya devi dasi (JPS) 🙏
Durban
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisances to Your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Glorious Vyasa Puja.

A MILLION BIRTHS I DIED ALONE, to be saved in this lifetime, through Your causeless mercy. You have, through Your dear disciple, created my good fortune.

I do not amount to much, but I sincerely wish to march in Your Glorious army called ISKCON, behind Your Victory Flag.

Everything that You represent is embodied in the example that my dear Spiritual Master sets daily.

I can only hope to properly revere You, through assisting my Gurumaharaj to please You. Thank-You for Your compassion.

*Hoping to remain in the shelter of Your ISKCON, I remain Your spiritual grand-daughter,
Nanda Gopi Priya devi dasi (JPS),
Durban, South Africa*



Nanda Nandini devi dasi 🙏
Cape Town
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada, please accept my humble obeisances at the dust your divine lotus feet, the shelter of many conditioned and fallen souls.
All glories you on this most auspicious day of your divine appearance. All glories to my Gurudev!

SRILA PRABHUPADA, IT'S A VERY SAD AND CONFUSING TIME now as one of my very close friends, is relocating to Canada, causing a huge gap in our yatra. I was meditating on this as this devotee is still very young and has no family or friends there, and the only consolation is that we have a temple and huge congregation there. Srila Prabhupada, I was thinking of all the wonders you have left here for us. We can travel around the world and still find temples and most precious of all devotees. When devotees meet there is the one common denominator between us and that is you! We share the same love for you. You

so expertly created a house that we can all live in. The more I understand your unique position, I can clearly see this when Lord Krsna explains in Bhagavad Gita, about the one with divine consciousness and how to recognise one. You immediately come to my mind.

Srila Prabhupada, as my fallen and conditioned nature is being cleared by knowledge of the absolute truth, which you so kindly taught us, it is becoming more and more difficult to glorify Your Divine Grace, an eternal associate of the Supreme Personality of Godhead Lord Krsna. Your transcendental nature!

All I can say my love and appreciation grows every day for you.

Please accept this offering at your lotus feet, where many great vaisnavas take shelter. I pray that I can also get the mercy to take shelter of your lotus feet!

*Your granddaughter and daughter of your son
Bhakti Caitanya Swami,
Nanda Nandini devi dasi
Cape Town, South Africa*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

 Nandarani devi dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA, JUST YESTERDAY, I HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE of giving class at the Alberton namahatta. The namahatta comprises of a few families who meet each month for kirtan, a discourse, arati, prasadam and associating with one another. I felt really grateful and humbled to be amongst this committed group of devotees who are sincerely trying to perform devotional service and even take some responsibility in your mission.

As I began speaking, I expressed my gratitude to them for inviting me into their warm association and explained how I was struck by the fact that although not everyone was related to each other, it felt very much like a family and I felt at home. A few days prior, when visiting a devotee who was very ill, during a kirtan, I had a similar feeling of connection, a sense of belonging - the warmth of being with sincere, simple devotees who are trying to serve in your mission.

It is only through your mercy that we have been able to build these bonds of bhakti. It is only because of you that we can travel anywhere in the world, and upon seeing another devotee that one has never seen before, feel a deep sense of connection. You are our connection. You are the binding force between all of us. You connect us.

In the Nectar of Instruction, verse three, Rupa Goswami outlines the six principles that are conducive to devotional service, one of which is patience

and in the purport to this verse you explain how you had to be patient:

“One should not be impatient in Krsna consciousness. Indeed, this Krsna consciousness movement was started single-handedly, and in the beginning there was no response, but because we continued to execute our devotional activities with patience, people gradually began to understand the importance of this movement, and now they are eagerly participating. One should not be impatient in discharging devotional service but should take instructions from the spiritual master and execute them with patience, depending on the mercy of guru and Krsna. The successful execution of Krsna conscious activities requires both patience and confidence”.

Srila Prabhupada, we are the beneficiaries of your patience. Thank you. Through your patience and perseverance, we have inherited bonds of bhakti, a deep sense of connection and belonging amongst devotees. One this most auspicious day, I pray that I can somehow build my patience in devotional service and that I always remain in the association of and can serve your sincere devotees.

*Your servant,
Nandarani devi dasi
Mondeor, Johannesburg, South Africa*

Narahari das and family 🌸
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada, Please accept my humble obeisances.
All Glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga.
All Glories to ISKCON's Founder-Acarya: His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE for your expert yet simple guidance in helping and rescuing us - the fallen souls - from the clutches of Maya. You have by your compassionate and caring nature given us the secret formula to overcome this nescience of repeated birth and death in this forsaken material world.

It is no surprise, and by the Mercy of Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga, you have intrinsically infected the whole of humanity in this material world with the Holy Name. By your grace, everyone who has, by any means, come in contact with the Holy Name has thus, been given a second chance in this lifetime. This was by no means an easy task for just any person, let alone a very elderly person, yet you have meticulously and with gusto distributed the Holy

Name worldwide! Bravo..!

In gratitude, we beg for your mercy at your lotus feet, and we humbly and kindly request you to at least offer us – the fallen and degraded souls - some shelter at your lotus feet. Thus, we are indebted to you and your mission, lifetimes upon lifetimes. Please accept our humble request and grant us a second chance to serve you unconditionally. I am always ready to serve you and your mission.

*Your most fallen and a degraded servant of the servant of the servants,
Narahari das and family.
Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple, Chatsworth,
Durban,
South Africa*



Nareshwar Das, 🌸
Vijay Laksmidevidasi,
Rukmini and Diya
KwaZulu- Natal
South Africa



To our Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Sri SriRadhanatha. All glories to your Divine Grace.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, THERE ARE NO WORDS APT ENOUGH to express our immense gratitude to your Divine Grace, for bringing Krishna Consciousness to the West. Your beautiful ISKCON is our salvation, and our direct link to your Divine Grace and our beloved Sri SriRadha Krishna.

You have indeed built a home in which the whole world can live. As we chant our japa daily, your profound words vibrate through our hearts, “your love for me will be shown by how you

co-operate with one another”.

Srila Prabhupada, we beg of you to please keep us safe in the shelter of your Divine lotus feet, so that we may always work together, to show you our immense love and gratitude.

*Your Fallen Servants,
Nareshwar Das, Vijay Laksmidevidasi, Rukmini
and Diya
KwaZulu- Natal, South Africa*





Dearest Srila Prabhupada

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

All glories to your divine grace!

Nashvin Gangaram

Durban

South Africa

RECENTLY, when devotees were encouraging us to submit our Vyasa-puja offerings, I was reflecting that I am so grateful that you created ISKCON where we receive these reminders! Although this offering is completely for my benefit, I must confess that without being prompted, I would probably not have written it. Although it should be natural to meditate on and appreciate the spiritual master, it is my misfortune that I rarely deeply contemplate your value in my life. Therefore, I am thankful for the association of your followers, who sometimes “force” me to absorb myself in your activities, via WhatsApp messages, videos, classes, etc.

These are some of your words that I found particularly inspiring this year:

Devotee: How does the devotee go about practicing this Krsna consciousness when he’s asleep?

Prabhupada: Yes. Just as sleep means your gross senses are stopped, but your mind works; therefore you dream. So if you practice your mind to be engaged in Krsna consciousness, in dream also you’ll see that you are preparing prasadam, “I am going to sell Back to Godhead.” (chuckles) That’s all. Sometimes some nights when I feel hungry, I dream that I’m eating krsna -prasadam very sumptuous. (laughing)

Devotee: Oh, haribol! (laughing)

Prabhupada: (laughs) Somebody is supplying me nice parata, and I am eating. (laughs) But, being hungry, oh, my hunger is not satisfied. I’m eating, eating, till the dream is end.

So if you practice, this is the technique. We have to practice in this way, that when all functions of this body will be stopped at the time of death, oh, we shall remember, some way or other, Krsna. Then successful. Immediately

successful. That is the technique. (Srila Prabhupada, lecture on *Bhagavad-gita* 2.1-10, 25 November 1968, Los Angeles)

“Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu, as the supreme spiritual master, instructed His mother about the Mayavada philosophy. By saying that the body is dirt and eatables are also dirt, He implied that everything is maya. This is Mayavada philosophy. The philosophy of the Mayavadis is defective because it maintains that everything is maya but the nonsense they speak. While saying that everything is maya, the Mayavadi philosopher loses the opportunity of devotional service, and therefore his life is doomed.” (*Caitanya-caritamṛta*, Ādi 14.29, purport)

“A devotee’s conclusion is that no one is directly responsible for being a benefactor or mischief-monger without the sanction of the Lord; therefore he does not consider anyone to be directly responsible for such action. But in both the cases he takes it for granted that either benefit or loss is God-sent, and thus it is His grace. In case of benefit, no one will deny that it is God-sent, but in case of loss or reverses one becomes doubtful about how the Lord could be so unkind to His devotee as to put him in great difficulty. Jesus Christ was seemingly put into such great difficulty, being crucified by the ignorant, but he was never angry at the mischief-mongers. That is the way of accepting a thing, either favorable or unfavorable. Thus for a devotee the identifier is equally a sinner, like the mischief-monger. By God’s grace, the devotee tolerates all reverses.” (*Bhagavatam* 1.17.22, purport)

“[W]hoever joins us they are not under any obligation, our only tie is Love of Godhead. It should be our definite policy that nobody is ill treated that he may go away. We recruit a person to join us after spending gallons of blood. Everyone comes for reformation, you cannot expect everyone to be perfect, rather it is our duty to make everyone perfect as far as possible. So we shall be very much cautious and careful in this connection.” (Srila Prabhupada letter to Tamala Krsna 23 August 1973)

“Vaisnava is the ocean of mercy. There is no end. As you cannot, I mean to say, draw all the waters from the ocean—it is not possible—similarly, a Vaisnava, a devotee, ocean of mercy, you can draw from it as much mercy as you like; still, it is full.” (Srila Prabhupada, lecture on Lord Nrsimhadeva’s Appearance Day, Boston, 1 May 1969)

And the whole world is problem for ordinary persons, but to us it is not problem. Because we see everything Krsna’s. If there is problem, it is Krsna’s problem. Why my problem? Krsna can know how to solve problem. So we have no problem practically. Krsna’s problem. Krsna will see to it. Just like Arjuna was, I mean to say, encouraged that *nimitta-mātram bhava savyasācin* (BG 11.33). “You don’t worry about your victory. I have already arranged.” So we should have such faith and conviction and let us try. Let us do very sincerely and seriously. Then everything Krsna will do. I haven’t got to do anything. (Srila Prabhupada, lecture on *Srimad-Bhagavatam* 1.5.8-9, 24 May 1969, New Vrindavan)

Please bestow your favour upon me even though I do not deserve it.

*An aspiring servant of your loyal followers,
Nashvin Gangaram
Durban, South Africa*



Navavrinda dasi 
Sri Sri Krishna Balaram Mandir
Mauritius

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

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisea sunyavadi pascatyā desa tarine*

BY YOUR CAUSELESS MERCY I will try to say a few words on this most auspicious day of your appearance day. I feel so indebted to you Srila Prabhupada for having given me the gift of Krishna consciousness. If you would not have descended on earth I would

have still been rotting in this hellish material condition of life. I would be still thinking that this world is my permanent world. You made me realize that I am a spirit soul and my real goal of life is to serve Krishna and return back home back to Godhead. I

am so grateful for this! Thank you, great grandfather Gurudeva!

By your purity you were able to inspire many people to take up Krishna Consciousness seriously and one of those people is HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami Maharaj who later on empowered other devotees to continue the parampara. One of those empowered devotees is my Gurudeva, HH Bhakti Dhira Damodara Swami. Once again thank you!

My Gurudeva always encourages me to hear your lectures daily. Srila Prabhupada, you are indeed a problem solver, everything is found in your lectures, we just need to hear them! Whenever I am stuck in a problem I think of you and pray for your mercy and you indeed reciprocate in some way or other. You may not be physically present, but I know you are here for me in the form of my spiritual master and in the form of your books.

Once I dreamt of you with some powerful effulgence coming from your body. From this very day I was very much convinced that you are always protecting me! You are the only one who helps me in gaining taste to chant the holy name. As soon as I get some free time or while I am traveling, I plug in my headphones just to listen to your japa! It is so sweet that it immediately brings us to a transcendental platform. This is the power of a pure devotee!

I cannot repay you for what you have done for me. My condition is so bad that I can only pray for your mercy so that you I can at least become a good devotee!

Trying to become your servant,

Navavrinda dasi

Sri Sri Krishna Balaram Mandir, Mauritius



Hare Krishna,

I AM THANKFUL to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada for his selfless visionary determination to start a universal movement of ISKCON, even though he knew that he might not be present at this time to enjoy the fruits of his labour. He thought only of the welfare of others, and sought no recognition.

Swami Prabhupada started a spiritual revolution, and spread the chanting of the Hare Krishna

Maha Mantra, wherein devotion, simplicity, and compassion became a way of living.

All glories to Swami Prabhupada, and the wonderful inspiring gurus.

Jai Shree Radhe Krishna. Jai Nitai Guaranga.

Neemantha,

Gauteng, South Africa



Neemantha
Gauteng
South Africa



Hare Krishna dearest Srila Prabhupada,

All glories to your divine lotus feet on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

THE ONLY SMALL OFFERING THAT WE CAN MAKE to you is the number of books that you so kindly and mercifully engaged us in distributing. We are indeed

most fortunate and privileged that you have given us the honour of distributing your books. We hope and pray that you, please engage us in this service



Neeraj Maharaj
Phoenix
South Africa

for years and years to come.
Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Neeraj Maharaj,
Phoenix, South Africa*



Neeren Gulab 🙏
Durban
South Africa

 Dear Prabhupada,
My humble obeisances to you.

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING that you have done for me. You have shown me who Krishna is and how to worship and glorify Him. No one in this world has been so successful in spreading God Consciousness like you.

You have convinced so many people to become devotees of the Lord and they work tirelessly and enthusiastically to spread your movement. All this for the benefit to mankind.

Your teachings are inspiring and filled with love and truth. I would be lost and have no direction without you and your devotees dear Prabhupada.

Please accept me although I am useless at serving you.

*Your servant,
Neeren Gulab,
Durban, South Africa*



Neran Tilak 🙏
Durban
South Africa

 Dear Gurudev,

YOU EMPHASIZED in the book “On the way to Krsna” to use this life and take the opportunity to be Krsna conscious and to not waste the knowledge that is available in the Krsna conscious movement.

By your inspiration and by blessing me with your mercy always, I have advanced.

Eternally appreciated,

*Your servant,
Neran Tilak
Durban, South Africa*



Nikesh 🙏
Oakdene
South Africa

 Hare Krishna.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

SRILA PRABHUPADA’S ACCOMPLISHMENTS are so far beyond any description.

To say that Srila Prabhupada was an amazing spiritual teacher, who transformed lives of millions,

and started a worldwide spiritual revolution in consciousness, still wouldn’t do justice to how incredible his personal character was.

I consider myself to be incredibly fortunate to

have the opportunity to read Srila Prabhupada's books and be part of the Hare Krishna movement.
Hare Krishna.

*Nikesh,
Oakdene, South Africa*



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to your divine grace by whose mercy the whole world has become so blessed to have come in contact with such a divine being.

 *Nikunja Seva dasi
Durban
South Africa*

SRILA PRABHUPADA, I will never be able to really express my gratitude enough for all that you have done for me over the years. In 2017 my sister-in-law was diagnosed with cancer, and it is most difficult to preach to one's own family members. I am always going out visiting devotees who are terminally ill and it's so easy to preach to them. It's more difficult for non-devotees because they are very attached to the body and never really think or feel that they will one day leave this material body.

I was in India and this was the first time in my travels that I kept in contact with my family so often because of the situation at home. Srila Prabhupada, your spiritual son would enquire from me about the condition of my sister-in-law and the family. He asked me to get the family to get a music box of you, Srila Prabhupada, chanting the maha-mantra. I was feeling so hopeless because I couldn't do much.

Srila Prabhupada, I remember you once telling your disciples that their parents will only know their good fortune at the time of death. Although

my sister-in-law was not connected to you directly, your mercy is so magnanimous. Only by your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, was she allowed your divine association. From 25th December every morning till night you chanted the holy names for her until she took her last breath on 13th January. This is your miracle Srila Prabhupada. For someone who I could never really preach to, you were there for this living entity - that's the power of your potency. I pray Srila Prabhupada that I can also one day be fortunate enough to leave in your presence and the holy name.

Thank you, once again, Srila Prabhupada for everything that you have done for me. My debt to Your Divine Grace is ever increasing.

Begging to always remain sheltered at your divine lotus feet,

*Your most unworthy granddaughter,
Nikunja Seva dasi
Durban, South Africa*



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

 *Nilacala devi dasi
Stellenbosch
South Africa*

I ALWAYS FIND IT CHALLENGING to come up with an offering that glorifies you adequately, as no words

can compare to how much gratitude I feel for this wonderful gift you have given me. I will try anyway.

I am always in awe at the amazing qualities you possess, one of these being, your ability to always bring everything back to Krsna.

This year I was thinking about how you always engaged devotees according to their abilities, and how through that, and your encouragement, they were always able to go above and beyond to please you and Krsna.

I have also been thinking of your humility. You achieved so much, yet you always made it clear that

it was by the mercy of your spiritual master and Sri Krsna. I am fairly certain that this is probably why you were able to achieve all of that.

I hope to, one day, be able to put my desires aside, and use this life for Krsna. For this, I request your blessings.

*Your great-granddaughter,
Nilacala devi dasi,
Stellenbosch, South Africa*



Nimai Sundara das 
Mondeor, Johannesburg
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

THANK YOU FOR WORKING SO HARD to translate the Srimad Bhagavatam so that we can read it. You have given us the privilege of learning about Lord Krishna and His pastimes. I pray that I can become a better devotee.

*Your servant,
Nimai Sundara das
Mondeor, Johannesburg
South Africa*



Nirdash Singh 
KwaZulu- Natal
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances to his Divine Grace A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

I WRITE TO YOU my thankfulness and appreciation. I was introduced to you by my late father, when I was 16 years of age. I'm soon to be 46 years of age.

I was lost and fallen at the age of 26, lost my way to you, and tons more, during my time away. I am thankful I still have my wife and 2 wonderful sons, who stood by me.

I'm so gratefully humbled, that through the association with your humble servant, Smith Krishna Prabhu, I am back. My family and I had missed the Sundays over the past 2 years. I am your loyal and humble servant that glorifies, and plays your kirtan every morning in my home when I light the lamp.

I have now started reading first Canto of Shrimad Bhagvatam. I'm now in the 13th Chapter, after a month of reading during my spare time. I thank you for being the center of my life and family. And, I aspire to become a better devotee, as I am back serving you. No man can achieve what you have, and that is, spreading of Krishna consciousness single handedly throughout the world.

I love you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your humble servant,
Nirdash Singh
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*



Dear most Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you on this auspicious day.

 Nishana Sunker
Durban
South Africa

I BOW DOWN UNTO YOUR LOTUS FEET and seek your blessings.

I am very privileged in this life time to have the association of ISKCON, of which you are the founder. You have been so merciful that you sacrificed and dedicated your entire life for the welfare of others - the lost souls.

Prabhupada, you have changed my life. You brought faith and hope into my life. You have taught me how to love Krsna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. You taught me how to serve and be humble. You taught me how to chant the holy name and be happy. Without you I cannot imagine where I

would be.

I am very grateful for all the sacrifices that you have made and all the difficulties that you went through to spread Krsna consciousness. I would forever be indebted to you. I owe you my life. Once again thank you for bringing Krsna consciousness into my life.

Please forgive me for any offences that I may have committed in ignorance.

*Your servant,
Nishana Sunker
Durban, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

 Nitai Pada das
Johannesburg
South Africa

THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS BEING THERE to protect my family and me. You have changed the lives of so many people to become devotees so that they can live and serve Lord Krishna. You have made it easy by translating the Bhagavad Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam, Caitanya Caritamrta and other books into languages that everyone can understand very easily, and we are grateful.

I pray for mercy so that I can read and study these sastras.

*Your servant,
Nитай Pada das
Mondeor, Johannesburg
South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCE UNTO YOU, who through my spiritual master has opened my eyes, blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the

torchlight of knowledge. I am filled with a sense of gratitude and wonder. I cannot even imagine where my life would be today, if you had not

 Nitai, Sita Laxsmi Devi Dasi
and Govindaji Churran
Durban
South Africa

appeared and blessed us all with your divine benediction.

I do not have enough words to thank you, as thank you is a very insignificant word for your kind efforts in bringing us closer to the Lotus Feet of Sri Krishna, I'm begging you for your mercy and I pray you use me in service.

Hence I humbly pray to Your Divine Grace to bless me and permit me to move forward in the direction that you desired us to practice Krishna

consciousness. Our attempts and projects will boldly glorify you, and you alone, we wish to dedicate all our life, action and activities to Your Divine Grace only.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada, for everything.

*With gratitude, your insignificant servants,
Nitai, Sita Laxsmi Devi Dasi and Govindaji Churran
Northdene, Durban
South Africa*

Noleen Durgapersadh 
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada, Hare Krsna.

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Their Lordships, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, Sri Gira Govardhana, to you Srila Prabhupada,
to your glorious ISKCON and to your wonderful devotees.

NEITHER WORDS NOR DEEDS can enable me to reciprocate adequately for your magnanimity of devoting your life to serving Their Lordships Sri Radha Krsna and the instructions of your spiritual master.

Your dedication to Guru & Krsna has saved me and thousands of others globally from materially entangling lives & lifestyles and you taught me about Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu, Lord Nrsingadev, Sri Gira Govardhana and gave us wonderful festivals like Ratha Yatra.

You gave us the best philosophy and bhakti yoga, and taught us by your personal example. You instructed us in the real art of living. Your legacy lives on in your books, your temples and your devotees.

Thank you for building homes in which we can

all seek shelter and for refining us so we could redefine our purpose in life. My life would be unfathomable were it not for you. You are truly my "ever well-wisher" and my role model.

I promise to serve in your mission always... distributing your books and the holy names. Please help me to remain fixed and surrendered and to continue in these services.

I am eternally grateful to you for saving and protecting me.

An aspirant in the service of your devotees and your mission,

*Noleen Durgapersadh
Durban, South Africa*

Nundlall 
Chatsworth
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

SRILA PRABHUPADA! A SAINT AMONG SAINTS

You came to show us the way
So that we may not go astray

You came with a powerhouse of wisdom and Knowledge
Which we all so dearly acknowledge

You came not to exploit and control but to serve
That which many of us do not deserve.

You have sacrificed much and under-went great pain
So that we may all gain

You accomplished the impossible with-out name and fame
So that we may follow same.

You have revolutionized the world without sword or rod
And have shown us the correct path to God

You have shown by your own example the virtue of simple living and higher
thinking.
So that we might adopt same without even blinking

Truly you are a great saint that the world has ever known and you deserve our
praise and adoration.
You have given the world the greatest gift that can ever be given, the gift of
Krishna Consciousness.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Nundlall
Chatsworth, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

OH SRILA PRABHUPADA, just saying your name;
Brings you fame.

And why not? You are the worlds saviour;
For you are our brave warrior.

 Padmavati Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

Chanting the Holy Names and saving the world, the fools gain.

You gave us a spiritual treasure, the Holy Book;
But all we do is just look.

High above us, your presence still hopes, but all we do is mope;
Caught in the luxuries, that are our miseries.

You went through significant trial and tribulations;
For our now jubilation.
But still we, fools, delude this spiritual elation;

This great movement is Your fortitude;
Keeping it alive with gratitude;
Should be our attitude.

*Padmavati Devi Dasi
Durban, South Africa*



Panchali dasi 🌸
Isipingo
South Africa



My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this auspicious occasion of Sri Vyasa Puja.

ALL GLORIES TO SRI KRISHNA, the Supreme Personality of Godhead who gave you such power to preach as you have done when you were physically present and now continue to do so via your books, your instructions and your disciples.

It is amazing how at such a late age in life, you travelled the globe so many times and changed the lives of all who came in contact with you, regardless of colour or creed.

My life is fully blessed by being in this movement of yours. Having a guru who is your representative has made my entire family's lives blessed. Thank you for all that you have done for us, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servant,
Panchali dasi
Isipingo, South Africa*



Parama Karuna das 🌸
Germiston
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to you Srila Prabhupada.

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

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

THERE ARE MANY PROBLEMS we face within ISKCON and we pray to you to help us all with them. Please give me spiritual and material strength so that I can continue to try to distribute your books as much as possible.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your humble servant,
Parama Karuna das
Germiston, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories unto You and the disciplic succession.

 Paramatma Dasa
Durban
South Africa

WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU for spreading Krsna Consciousness so wonderfully and spreading the glories and teachings of Sri Krsna, and the holy names as propagated by Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Your disciples are also spreading Krsna Consciousness very nicely and lovingly and are always determined to awaken the lost souls that have forgotten Krsna.

Your books and writings have always captivated me and helped me in strengthening my faith that Krsna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead and that we are meant to serve him.

You have started an amazing ISKCON that has been established for this purpose: to spread Krsna

Consciousness. We are most grateful to the ISKCON that you have created where loving and humble devotees are spreading your teachings of Krsna Consciousness. I was fortunate to have come across such wonderful devotees that have helped me to understand our purpose in life and how we can be closer to Sri Krsna. I pray that by your blessings we will not take birth again but serve Sri Krsna selflessly in his loving abode.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your Servant of your Servants,
Paramatma Dasa
Durban, South Africa*



Hare Krishna dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances as we bow down to the dust
at your divine lotus feet on this most auspicious event your 123th Vyasa-puja.

 Paramisvara das and
Paramisvari devi dasi
King Williams Town
South Africa

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

ALL GLORIES TO YOUR DIVINE GRACE, who out of pure compassion for all us fallen souls, descended to this

material world in this dark age of Kali Yuga to distribute your mercy, blessings, love and to guide us all back home, back to Godhead. To leave the ever blissful spiritual world and come to the dark miserable material world takes a lot of compassion and love for everyone. Your love and sweetness knew no boundaries. You drenched all who came in contact with you with your divine love. Even though you left this material world to return to that ever blissful spiritual world, you still continue to drench all with your divine love in the form of your instructions in your books. You have always stressed on book distribution, because you so much wanted your love to continue being spread throughout this material world. You have trusted and depended on those that had a taste of your love to continue distributing your divine love. After tasting the sweetness of your divine love, who will not want to share that sweetness with others.

Your books have taught us how to offer prayers to Krishna to please Him. How could we have ever known what to even say? You have described the behavior of pure devotees, how to purify how very

existence, how to practice serving Krishna right here in this material world so that when we eventually reach that most beautiful spiritual world, we would already know how to best love and serve Krishna unconditionally. You have done all this by the perfect example in which you lived your life in this material world. You have exemplified how to live a life and enjoy life in Krishna consciousness. You showed us that the best joys of life are in Krishna consciousness. The deeper we get into Krishna consciousness, the more we get to experience the joys of real living.

Thank you so much for everything Dear Srila Prabhupada.

We offer our most sincere love to you and offer our most heartfelt wishes to you on this most auspiciousness event of your Vyasa-puja.

Happy Vyasa-puja to you dearest Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krishna.

*Your very insignificant servants of your servants,
Paramisvara das and Paramisvari devi dasi
King Williams Town, South Africa*



Parjanya Dasa 🙏
Durban
South Africa

 Hare Krsna,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All Glories to You on this Most Glorious Occasion.

YOU ARE UNDOUBTEDLY THE SPIRITUAL SAVIOUR of the whole world. We thank you Lord Krishna for sending a pure soul, Srila Prabhupada, to this degraded world. Your movement ISKCON, that propagates KRSNA CONSCIOUSNESS, is the guaranteed way out of this place of suffering. There is no substitute for 'Bhakti Yoga'.

We are wholly indebted to you. Please pardon

me for my shortcomings. Please bless me, so that I may improve my service attitude, and serve you more, thus reaching more fallen souls.

I beg you to keep me at your Lotus Feet.

*Your humble servant,
Parjanya das
Durban, South Africa*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhuta-tale
shrimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

THANK YOU FOR INSPIRING AND MOTIVATING ME to be sane and focused in this period of Kali Yuga. I have many friends that are so confused in a faith, to follow. Hare Krishna.

*Payal Bansi,
Durban, South Africa*

 Payal Bansi
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I offer my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

YOUR EXEMPLARY LIFE AND SACRIFICE has inspired millions of souls to live a pure life, and thus, make our way back home to eternally serve our sweet Lord Krishna.

Having led the first 20 years of my life in sheer confusion, frustration, and deep sorrow, the day arrived when I was fortunate enough to receive your books, Science of Self Realization and The Higher Taste. Thus, my life took a turn.

The joy of devotional service, kirtan, japa, and sadhu sanga, has become “the air that I breathe”.

I thank you, from the depths of my heart, for saving my soul from drowning in the ocean of misery.

*Your servant,
Pisima Dasi,
Durban, South Africa*

 Pisima Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

TO PUT PEN TO PAPER, on this auspicious day, is a welcome feat to show my appreciation of your tireless dedication to Radha and Krishna. The entire universe has enormously benefitted by your many endeavors and many many sacrifices: chanting, deity worship, books, farming communities, temples, prasadam, and harinam.

This age-old culture and tradition that you have

awakened in our hearts, has definitely caused a spiritual revolution in the whole world.

You are the sole magnanimous representative of Vaishnava love and care.

*Totally indebted to you, life after life,
Your humble granddaughter,
Prabhavati Devi Dasi, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*

 Prabhavati Devi Dasi
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa

Pranayini Radhika Dasi 🍁
Durban
South Africa



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

I SINCERELY APPRECIATE THE GIFT YOU HAVE GIVEN US.

You gave us everything.

I am lost for words to describe your endeavour. You have led me from darkness to light. Thank you for allowing me to take shelter of your lotus feet. As I still float around in material existence, you are my inspiration to forge ahead on the road back to

godhead. I remain ever indebted to you.

Thank you Dear Srila Prabhupada.

*Your insignificant servant,
Pranayini Radhika Dasi
Durban, South Africa*

Pranesh Sewpuchan 🍁
KwaZulu- Nata
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES TO YOU, and all your dear devotees. All glories to Sri Krishna and Sri Radha for having taken pity on me, and so many others. And, for showing their mercy by sending their Lordships' treasured jewel, your Grace Srila Prabhupada, for the benefit and upliftment of the suffering fallen souls, especially myself.

Where do I start! I cannot put my appreciation into words. All I can do is thank you in a million, no, countless times, for pointing this insignificant soul who was wandering aimlessly in the wrong

direction. Thank you Srila Prabhupada, for enabling a father to fulfill his responsibility, by being able to impart the knowledge acquired from your books to my children, and enabling us to understand and realize that the ultimate goal of life is to go back to Godhead.

*Your humble servant,
Pranesh Sewpuchan
KwaZulu- Natal, South Africa*

Premabhaktiras 🍁
Durban
South Africa



Dear grandfather Srila Prabhupada,

I BOW DOWN TO THE DUST OF THIS DIVINE PERSONALITY who appeared on this most glorious day, a day after Sri Krishna Janmastami. You came simply to save us degraded, fallen and lost souls in this world of materialism.

Srila Prabhupada, you have done a lot for me even though you have physically left this planet. I was not chosen to see you when you came to

Mauritius. But by your causeless mercy and extreme kindness, through the devotees you have meticulously trained, and your books especially, I manage to connect to you, this most exalted personality in this era.

I definitely know that you are still present, overseeing us in our lives, even though not physically here. Otherwise, I would have slipped further and

further in this bottomless well of material nescience. I remember not understanding some facts of life. Feeling uncertain to where I was heading I started feeling restless. But it was only you, Srila Prabhupada, who effectively provided all perfect answers. Then I could carry on in life, knowing what the real goal of life is.

Although I am not qualified to serve you and Krishna, you still allow me to do so. You surely stand by my side holding my hand and directing me while I do seva or else I cannot do it. Whenever I feel low in energy and wonder how I will manage to complete my seva, all I need to do is to bow down to you or think of you, for assistance. The seva gets done systematically well. I was totally stunned when I heard that audio clip of you speaking of bhakti and you finished off in tears imploring us to take to bhakti yoga

and serve Krishna. This keeps on ringing in my ears.

We know for a fact that you are the most confidential servant of, and intimately connected to Krishna. You are a storehouse of compassion and will surely transform the hearts of the most fallen and deliver them back home, back to Godhead.

“My dear Vaishnava, seeing a person like you is the perfection of one’s eye-sight, 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.” (C.C. Madhya 20.61)

Your eternally indebted servant,

Premabhaktiras

Durban, South Africa



My dear Srila Prabhupada,

I MUST THANK YOU for allowing me to make my offering to you.

I have become so addicted to your voice that I only want to listen to you. Nothing else gives me satisfaction and security as your teachings do. You have made me aware of so many things that I take for granted, like in every wood there is fire, in every seed there is a tree, the level of consciousness in every living being etc. This amazes me and I look at every living thing differently.

I would question myself what would Srila Prabhupada say about this or that and try to act accordingly but sometimes I fail in following your instructions and that makes me sad because I know you would be sad for such behaviour by me.

But I remember you saying we can rectify our behaviour by following your advice.

You are my pillar of strength and everything to us.

Your mercy is carrying us through each step in

our daily activities I cannot thank you enough and always wonder how an unworthy person like me can serve you.

Srila Prabhupada you have sacrificed so much by coming to this miserable material world just to save us. You are so kind and merciful.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for giving me and my boys and all the devotees shelter at your lotus feet.

May we be of service to you always, no matter where we are and we pray to always remember you and your teachings and always make you smile by our daily actions.

We love you Srila Prabhupada. Thank you always. Hare Krishna.

Your servant,

Prema datri devi dasi

Germiston, South Africa

 Prema datri devi dasi

Germiston

South Africa

Prema-dhvani devi dasi 
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All Glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja!

AS I SIT AND THINK OF THE LIFE I LIVED and how different it is compared to the majority of people my age, I feel so much gratitude to you. I was privileged to be born into ISKCON, the movement which you had sacrificed so much to build. I had the fortune of growing up surrounded by your mercy. I could chant the holy names of the Lord and be guided by your knowledgeable disciples. I got to lead a life that was full of wonderful devotee association, beautiful temples, rocking kirtans, amazing festivals, sumptuous prasadam and visits to the holy dhams. All of this is because of your mercy.

I work with people who cannot get through a single day without breaking one or more of the regulative principles which have protected me throughout my life. I shudder to think where I would be and the person I would have become without you.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada, for sacrificing so

much of your time to save us. Thank you for travelling all over the world to help all the fallen souls such as myself. Thank you for giving me a wonderful family of devotees. Thank you for ensuring I will always have a home no matter which part of the world I may go to.

Even though you have given me so much, I am so fallen that I am unable to take advantage of everything that I have. Please forgive me for being selfish and not sharing my good fortune.

With your mercy, I pray to be able to assist the devotees in preaching and helping to share with others this amazing gift that you have given us.

*Your most insignificant great granddaughter,
Prema-dhvani devi dasi
Johannesburg, South Africa*



Premamrta Das and 
Kankabja Devi Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Beloved Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All Glories to your divine grace.

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THIS WORLD to save us in spite of the tremendous difficulties and obstacles which you had to face alone, depending solely on the mercy of the Supreme Lord Krsna and your eternal spiritual master Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura.

We really give you gratitude as you have given

us guidance of Krsna consciousness; It was a milestone to your sacrifice having established more than 108 temples within 10 years.

*Your ever-grateful servants,
Premamrta Das and Kankabja Devi Dasi
Cape Town, South Africa*









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

 Priya Kishori devi dasi
Durban
South Africa

HAPPY VYASA-PUJA, SRILA PRABHUPADA. Thank you for giving me the shelter of your ISKCON.

Recently on Book Distribution, there was a man who passed our table giving us a dismissal type of look, but from the corner of his eye, he had a glimpse of The Science of Self Realization which had a picture of you on the cover. This instantly caught the man's attention and persuaded him to come to the book table to buy it.

Srila Prabhupada, there are millions of living entities wondering this world with a lack of purpose and direction, but due to your compassion, you break their illusion and plant the seed of love for Krishna deep within their hearts. I am evidence of this.

What really is amazing, Srila Prabhupada is how you use us as your instruments to distribute the mercy of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. I know I

have no qualification, but I see how you engage me in services that I never thought I would ever do. From being completely materialistic, this process of Krishna Consciousness has changed my life and has given me a deep sense of purpose and belonging.

On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-Puja, I thank you for all the risks you took to travel to the West so that the entire world can have an opportunity to re-establish their relationship with Krishna.

Srila Prabhupada, you are really an ocean of mercy. I beg to always be at your lotus feet and engaged in my Guru Maharaja's service to you and the parampara.

*Your most insignificant servant,
Priya Kishori devi dasi
Durban, South Africa*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to the unlimited vaisnavas.

 Pundarika Vidyanidhi das
Durban
South Africa

IT IS A MIRACLE how Your Divine Grace came to the Bowery on the lower east side with so little, almost nothing in our material estimation, but gave the whole world everything in the way of bhakti and Krishna. Only one who has Krishna can give Him to others - and Krishna is the possession or property of those fully surrendered to Him. Your Divine Grace started your mission to save humanity, under dire conditions and circumstances but without compromise, only to please the parampara and your most worshipful Lord.

By the purity of your message, even the

uncultured commoners were attracted, and were gradually transformed to unalloyed devotees. Your Divine Grace has given new meaning to alchemy, for you changed 'stone hearts' to completely surrendered souls.

Your miracle is still going on because Your Divine Grace is bringing conditioned souls to devotional service and closer to Krishna every day. You are the transcendental touchstone.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for your efforts, endeavours and kindness to us all, in presenting this highest and nectarean process of bhakti to help us

on the path back home, back to Godhead.

Pundarika Vidyānidhi das.

Durban, South Africa

Your indebted and aspiring servant,



Pundrik das and 
Radhakund devi dasi
Kismu
Kenya



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktisiddhanta-sarasvatīti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vāni-pracarīne
nirvīsesa-sunyavadi-pascātya-desa-tarīne*

WE HAD A REALISATION that Krishna is spreading 'Krishna consciousness' all over the world just to glorify you!

We are doing so little, but by Krishna's grace, that little effort is producing big results only because Krishna wants to glorify you, His pure devotee since you had no desire other than to glorify Krishna.

Your qualities are like an ocean.

O eternal master, you are the peerless, saintly person, whose mercy is bestowed upon us in the form of ISKCON.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving us the greatest gift ever imaginable. Srila Prabhupada Ki Jay.

We are insignificant beggars; please give us your mercy so that we can always remain humble servants at the dust of your lotus feet.

Your servants,

Pundrik das and Radhakund devi dasi

Kisumu, Kenya



Purnendu Krishna das 
Midrand
South Africa



My Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to your ISKCON. All glories to your ISKCON Midrand.

ANOTHER YEAR UNDER YOUR SHELTER. Another year in your care.

There is nowhere I would rather be. It's only through your nectar, for all our welfare.

Through faith in your instruction, without deviation, we are able to see, yours and Krishna's hands expertly making every eventuality

You keep on giving so unconditionally, a reservoir of grace and mercy

Thank you for always blessing us with greater facility, to better serve

Those who serve you personally, their love for you grows and grows, in awe I simply observe

Their mood is to only please you in all humility
 Praying I too can develop this deep love and revel in that ecstasy
 Your protection is unshakable, your promise is always true
 You have the perfect recipe, the cure for every diseased condition
 Your loyal servants continue, to expertly deliver the message anew
 I pray I can too, with the requisite purity and no personal ambition
 Thank you for their priceless association
 They are your empowered representatives, I surrender even more
 I pray I can always honour you with all you have given
 Thank you for your love, I surrender more and more
 It doesn't matter what condition of life I am in
 For as long as I can always remember the lotus feet of Lord Krishna
 Keep you both centered within
 My life would then be the perfection of your life's sacrifice

*Your insignificant servant,
 Purnendu Krishna das
 Midrand, South Africa*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
 Please accept my humble obeisances at the rare dust of your divine lotus feet.
 All glories, all glories to Your Divine Grace.

 Purushottama Krsna Dasa
 Uitenhage
 South Africa

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
 srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
 namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
 nirvisesa sunyavadi pascaty desa tarine*

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED, and I have another opportunity to express my sincere, genuine appreciation and realizations of Your Divine Grace. For this rare moment, I thank you Srila Prabhupada.

The more I listen to your lectures and chanting of the Holy Names, the more I realise how wonderful this material is where one can enjoy sufferings upon sufferings upon more sufferings. Happiness in this material world is like chasing a mirage in the desert. I have chased it for millions of years and now I am in need of wanting real happiness. Srila Prabhupada, you are the only one who can give it to me. The

past year my health has gone down even more, more suffering, and now enough is enough. I am now tired and I cannot take it anymore; I am humbly begging you to please mitigate it.

Your life-saving movement is growing strongly, and more and more fallen sincere souls are boarding the ship, the ship that crosses over the world of material sufferings. Books are being published in different languages and reaching to all parts of the world.

Srila Prabhupada I beg you to please forgive me for my short comings. Only when I am forgiven, do

I know that you will take me to the spiritual world. My body is taking a beating, a beating no intelligent person wants. I am extremely indebted to you for giving me shelter in your Hare Krsna movement.

I am not sure that I am going to be around to write another offering next time round. I now want to be with my friends in the Spiritual Sky. Srila Prabhupada a zillion thanks, millions of trillion years

over and over for being there for me. Srila Prabhupada, I beg you to please give my fallen family shelter at your divine lotus feet.

*Your most fallen, useless, naïve, sickly, insignificant, ignorant grandson,
Purushottama Krsna Dasa
Uitenhage, South Africa*



Radha Damodara Das 
Bhaktin Ashika and
Radhika Sewsunker
Berea, Durban
South Africa



Beloved Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances at the dust of your glorious lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on the occasion of your Sri Vyasa Puja 2019.

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatya desa tarine*

ALL GLORIES TO THE DIVINE BOAT YOU HAVE GIVEN the world, your International Society for Krishna Consciousness that takes one from illusion to reality.

Within your International Society for Krishna Consciousness, Srila Prabhupada, you have given us absolutely everything we really need. Your writings which are like nectar further sweetened by your kind heartedness, to take every person back to Krsna, is the basis. Then we have your Temples, your farm projects and your restaurants. And then we have your devotees. Every person and every facility within your ISKCON is oriented toward lovingly rescuing the living entities and assisting them in their journey back to Godhead. Your implementation and ongoing success of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's plan of making Krsna consciousness available in very town and village is startling and one becomes struck with wonder at seeing your plan unfold. Krsna consciousness has grown across the globe in unprecedented ways. Krsna has a plan for every person and you are an intrinsic part of each plan.

This year we would like to thank you for helping

us get closer to your books and closer to the understanding of what a Krsna conscious life is. Through the reading program at your Sri Sri Radha Radhanatha Temple and specifically through the guidance of your servant, Vibhu Caitanya Prabhu, we started doing CHAD (Chapter of Bhagavad Gita a day). Some changes started to happen. We started to remember verses and started to get a deeper understanding of your translations. After about eight times through Bhagavad Gita, we attended a Srimad Bhagavatam evening at the Temple. Then it struck us what nectar is within your Srimad Bhagavatam. What nectar lies in reading Krsna's pastimes? So we started to do CHAD with Srimad Bhagavatam, reading only your translations at this time, and your summaries that appear at the beginning of many chapters. Further transformation took place in our hearts and our understanding of Sri Krsna increased substantially. After many months we completed reading Srimad Bhagavatam and are now at the Madhya Lila of your Sri Caitanya-caritamrta. Now we are starting to develop our relationship with Sri Caitanya

Mahaprabhu, and also recognize how carefully and meticulously you have architected your ISKCON to fulfil Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's will. It is simply complete and perfect.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for having worked tirelessly to give us your ISKCON. It is the most perfect Society that we know, and we are thankful to you for allowing us to be members.

Srila Prabhupada, the following words were typed into the offering by Radhika (12 years old):

Beloved Srila Prabhupada, please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your Divine Grace on the

occasion of your Srila Vyasa Puja 2019.

Srila Prabhupada, Your Divine Grace has bestowed upon us your International Society for Krsna Consciousness. Thank you for being the founder of Krsna consciousness. You have made the foundation for us to carry out Krsna consciousness internationally."

*Your insignificant servants,
Radha Damodara Das, Bhaktin Ashika, and Radhika Sewsunker*

Berea, Durban, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet
on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja.

 Radha dasi (GRS)
Durban
South Africa

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.14: "Always chanting My glories, endeavoring with great determination, bowing down before Me, these great souls perpetually worship Me with devotion."

"So far I am concerned I always take risk for Krishna. I came here in your country risking my life. And still although I am physically unfit, I am trying to execute the orders of my Guru Maharaja as far as possible. So to take risk for Krishna is very good. You know the history of my starting the society in 1966, it was all risky, and I was alone, but I took it depending on Krishna." (Srila Prabhupada, letter to Gargamuni, 12 February 1968)

Srila Prabhupada, at the age of 69, you left India for America, knowing nobody, there were no devotees to greet you, no prasadam and nowhere to live, and the only possession you had was what you could carry. Despite all these difficulties, you never gave up hope.

'Devotion is to offer everything to the Lord, whatever we do, what we say, our thoughts are all offerings to Guru and Krishna', with this realisation,

you sat beneath a tree all alone, there was no one to accompany you, with the only tools you had; your voice, karatala, and your heart full of compassion. You began to chant, putting your faith, and your life totally into the hands of Lord Krishna, and the Lord heard your prayers. From there Krishna Consciousness spread and is still spreading to every town and village. Your vani (instructions) continues to spread around the world and your presence can be felt by everyone who reads your books.

We appreciate and thank you Srila Prabhupada for all your sacrifices and for giving us all these wonderful gifts, we are eternally indebted to you.

Srila Prabhupada, I pray, please bless me by continuing to keep me under the shelter of your lotus feet, where I know I will always be safe.

*With lots of love and gratitude,
Your servant and grand daughter,
Radha dasi (GRS)
Durban, South Africa*

Radha Dyuti Dasi (PSDG) 🌸
Durban
South Africa



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances and immense gratitude at your lotus feet.
All glories to you on this blessed occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED, and I can only but pray that my gratitude for you manifests and grows deeper and deeper. I am not, by any stretch of the imagination, qualified to call myself your servant or assume that I have any right to your mercy but this beautiful verse by Sri Uddhava to Sri Krishna speaks of gratitude which I am endeavouring for. It reads:

“In return for my insignificant surrender, You have mercifully bestowed upon me, Your servant, the torchlight of transcendental knowledge. Therefore, what devotee of Yours who has any gratitude could ever give up Your lotus feet and take shelter of another master?” SB 11.29.38

How amazing it is to witness the constant

expansion and acceptance of Krishna consciousness throughout the world and one can appreciate and marvel at your divinity through these successes. Maybe one day I can proudly say that I was an instrument in this evolution but until that day I will continue with as much enthusiasm, confidence and determination as my pitiful self can produce praying to your illustrious disciples for the strength to be better. We are forever indebted to you, Srila Prabhupada!

*Aspiring to be a worthy grand disciple,
Radha Dyuti Dasi (PSDG)
Durban, South*



Radhakund 🌸
Phoenix
Mauritius



Hare Krsna Dear Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisances to your Lotus Feet.
Happy Birthday to you.

I FIND NOTHING OF VALUE TO GIVE YOU, except my dusty heart full of ego, lust, material desires and all bad qualities. Although I have no qualifications whatsoever, today I come before you with a humble prayer in my heart. Please help me to heal the disease of wanting position, name and fame. But rather give me the desire to serve you and Lord Caitanya, to always be at your lotus feet. There is so much service to be done in executing your blessed mission of delivering the conditioned souls in this world and therefore give me your mercy to work together in a spirit of love to be truly effective in the way that you desired. But without your blessings, it will never

come to pass. So I humbly pray at your lotus feet that you will so kindly enter my heart and inspire me to find the ways and means of fulfilling your beautiful transcendental vision of a happy and unified world movement under your leadership and direction. Kindly help me to please you in this way.

I beg you to not toss me away. I beg you to use me in whatever small service you want me to offer to you, and I beg you to keep me eternally connected with you birth after birth.

You let me glimpse into the spiritual world through the eyes of the pure devotee. You are here always teaching, manifesting as instruction, lessons

and love. You always reside in our hearts. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for this intensely personal love you have given so generously to the most undeserving and fallen. Thank you for your causeless mercy and unlimited grace and your compassionate love. I wish to serve you with purity, love and devotion.

I thank you from the core of my polluted heart for the opportunity to serve you and do a little insignificant service unto your lotus feet.

Now, by your grace, I'm begging you to always

use me in your service in any way you desire - in success or failure, honor or dishonor, happiness or distress; please, oh most merciful Srila Prabhupada, let me never leave your lotus feet, because you are my only shelter and refuge.

*Your fallen servant,
Radha kund
Phoenix, Mauritius*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisance.
All glories unto your divine lotus feet.

*Nama om Vishnu - padaya Krishna - prestaya butale
Sri mate bhaktivedante - swamin iti namine
namas te satasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
Nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-tarine*

IT IS SOMETIMES HARD TO FATHOM that amongst the almost infinity of souls taking birth in the material world and almost being somewhat qualified through the many births of doing some penance, we almost got the chance to meet or see you.

Alas we were not so fortunate, but still so blessed that in this life we get a chance to glorify Your Divine Grace by studying your books. And honouring you by adhering to this path with serious heart, and trying to help others by teaching them as well what has been taught by your most fortunate disciples, but Your Divine Grace all of this is only possible through your blessings and kindness, to us most

fallen souls.

It is only through your blessings that we will ever remain faithful to our vows and possibly try to remember Krishna at the time of death.

It is only through your blessings that we will ever succeed at even achieving that great treasure of ever seeing the lotus feet of Radha and Krishna.

Even though the chances of falling are extremely high in this age of Kali, we are hoping and praying to always be your eternal servants,

*Radha Mohan Das and Syama Mohini Devi Dasi
Tonga, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your lotus feet.



Radha Mohan Das and
Syama Mohini Devi Dasi
Tonga
South Africa



Radha Raman Das
Durban
South Africa

YET AGAIN, I DON'T HAVE THE WORDS to glorify you Sri-la Prabhupada, on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa puja. All I can say is I am so grateful to you for allowing me to be a part of this Krishna conscious movement.

Srila Prabhupada, you sacrificed your life to give me this greatest gift which is to be linked to

Krishna.

Can I ever repay you? Most definitely not. All I have is a thank you for everything.

*Your servant,
Radha Raman Das
Durban, South Africa*



Radha Sharan das and 
Radharani Devi dasi
Cape Town
South Africa

 Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to your divine grace.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvīsesa-sunyavadi-pascatyā-desā-tarīne*

THANK YOU FOR SACRIFICING SO MUCH for us even though we are so undeserving. You have truly given us your causeless mercy. We are so fortunate to be connected to this most auspicious parampara, to have a direct connection to Lord *Caitanya* Mahaprabhu and his associates.

It is only by your mercy that we are able to serve you in our small way. We pray at your lotus feet that we may always remain under your shelter. Please always let us be enthusiastic about performing

devotional service. We pray that by your grace and mercy, we can be of some value for your ISKCON movement and to be an instrument in helping push Krishna Consciousness forward.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, we pray that we may be protected by the shelter of your lotus feet always.

*Your servants,
Radha Sharan das and Radharani Devi dasi
Cape Town, South Africa*



Radhadamodara Das and 
Sri Radha Devi Dasi
KwaZulu- Natal
South Africa

 Hare Krishna,
All glories and pranams to Srila Prabhupada.

I WISH TO THANK YOU, and all your disciples and grand disciples, for all that you, and those connected to you, have done for helping Sri Radha Devi Dasi through her trauma and her persistent health challenges. Your teachings, and the commentaries on

them by your disciples, have helped us, and her, tolerate intense suffering. Your teaching of complete surrender to Lord Krishna has been, and will continue to be, our guiding light.



Dear Prabhupada, on this auspicious day of your vyasa-puja, please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you, dear Prabhupada.
All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari.

 Radhakund devi dasi
Sandton
South Africa

IN THE MAHABHARATA, we learn that the Kauravas had a massive army. However from the Pandavas side, Arjuna, instead of having a big army, chose to have Krishna on their side. Even though the Pandavas army was considerably smaller, they won the battle of Kuruksetra, simply because they had Krishna on their side. We also learn that the Pandavas had full faith in Krishna. By having Krishna on ones side, bodes all auspiciousness and success!

Similarly, dear Prabhupada, you won the fight against extreme degradation and maya, not only in the West, but throughout the world, because you kept Krishna as your dear-most companion, always within your heart. Your guru maharaj, Srila Bhakti Siddhantha Sarasvati Thakur saw the preaching potential in you. He therefore instructed you to print books whenever you had money. He wanted you to preach in English and take this Krishna consciousness to the West. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu had said that Krishna consciousness will spread to every town and village. This wonderful prophesy was rendered into fruition, by you dear Prabhupada.

Prabhupada, when your beloved spiritual master left this planet, you felt extreme pain and separation. Your God brothers quarrelled and fought with each other to gain supremacy and whatever assets they could get. However you, dear Prabhupada, took your spiritual master's instruction to heart and started your earnest efforts in attempting to produce English publications of the scriptures. You single handedly translated the Bhagavad-gita and volumes of the Srimad Bhagavatam in English. You also single handedly started writing

thought provoking articles in the Back to Godhead magazine. This was the birth of the Back to Godhead magazine. Even today, it remains a world renowned spiritual magazine, with the aim of cultivating God consciousness.

You undertook overseeing the entire process of the printing thereof, including purchasing the required paper, since your God brothers were unwilling and simply had no inclination to follow Bhakti Siddhanta Sarasvati Thakurs instructions of printing the books in English and preaching and taking Krishna consciousness to the West.

Prabhupada, when you came to the West, you were greeted with the extreme degradation of the drug induced hippies. Through your wisdom, you quickly realised that even though New York was such a materially magnificent city, the youth were disillusioned and rebelling by entering into extreme degradation of drugs and other illicit behaviour. You realised that even though there may be material and technical advancement and opulence in the country, the youth were disillusioned because there was a serious lack of spiritual guidance. They needed Krishna!

Your repeated attempts to get any assistance and support, be it financial or other, from your God brothers, was again unsuccessful. Yet again it was left entirely up to you to fulfil your beloved spiritual master's instructions.

Dressed in your simple saffron spiritual attire and your simple and grave but aristocratic demeanour, attracted the attention of many hippies in the worst of the neighbourhoods in New York the

infamous and notorious Bowery. As these hippies gathered at the Matchless gifts storefront and sang the maha mantra kirtan, they were awaiting to get an all-time high which they thought may even surpass the drug induced highs they normally experienced. Prabhupada, you knew that they were not singing in the right mode, but yet you tolerated and continued. You sincerely believed that if they just continued with even the tiniest progress, their hearts will be cleansed and they would eventually be purified. You had total faith that if Krishna wanted, these souls will be purified and saved!

Just as a tiny stone thrown in a stream, causes concentric ripples, growing bigger and bigger; slowly your tireless efforts in preaching, gained momentum as more and more people started gaining an interest in Krishna consciousness. You stood out from all the other swamis that the Westerners may have had experience with. Unlike others, you were not surrounded with opulence; nor were you compromising on your principles. You were prepared to live under the most austere conditions in the most degraded communities, simply because you felt that these were the most fallen souls that needed the mercy the most. You sincerely wanted to give them Krishna and to thus save them, from the biggest danger of gliding back in the lower species of repeated birth and death.

Prabhupada, with your love and patience and tolerance, you attracted the most fallen souls. They felt attracted to you because they sensed your genuine care and concern for their wellbeing. You were sacrificing all bodily comforts, simply to give them this message of Krishna consciousness. They sensed how many a time when you preached, there was a sense of pleading with them to take up this Krishna consciousness to save themselves from the biggest danger. There was a sense of urgency in your voice because you knew that time was not on your side.

Prabhupada, the phrase that you used, “impossible is a word in the fool’s dictionary” comes to life when we hear how you, a single person who was already 70 years old, was slowly gaining momentum

in creating a gigantic spiritual revolution throughout the world. You were the single, lone puppet of Krishna that has been instrumental in bringing Krishna into our lives in the West and then taking it back to India and re-establishing India’s declining Vedic culture. A tiny seed of bhakti, sown within the down-trodden Bowery in New York, has fructified and blossomed into this most beautiful ISKCON house that you have established and built.

Your legacy lives on as more and more people throughout the world, unite in one common goal the goal of keeping Krishna within our hearts and deeds! Prabhupada, you have given us the most precious gift! In this most disturbing and degraded age of Kali, you have given us hope, and a lifeline to get out of this miserable cycle of birth, death, old age and disease. You have mercifully clutched us out of this deepest ocean of nescience in this age of Kali. You have given us the most merciful opportunity to recognise our constitutional position with Krishna, and live our lives with the right purpose!

Imagine if each of us distributed your mercy by distributing some of your books and Back to Godhead magazines which you so painstakingly translated for us fallen souls...

Imagine if each of us tried to encourage at least one other person each month to start their journey towards Krishna.

We could then start a spiritual revolution all over again, with renewed vigour! This will surely strengthen Srila Prabhupada’s house and make you happy! If Prabhupada is happy, Radharani is happy! If Radharani is happy then Krishna is happy!

As you said, Srila Prabhupada, and which you proved with your own life, “impossible is a word in a fool’s dictionary”. All we need to do is have faith in Krishna and make the endeavour, and then all success is there!

In a letter to Krishna dasa in 1972, you wrote: “You mentioned that your pathway has become filled with stumbling blocks, but there are no stumbling blocks. I can kick out all those stumbling blocks immediately, provided you accept my

guidance. With one stroke of my kick I can kick out all stumbling blocks". This is your mercy to all of us fallen souls, to accept your guidance and remain faithful to your mission, and we can be assured that you will remove the stumbling blocks that are preventing us from reaching our constitutional position with Krishna.

Please give me your mercy to imbibe at least a tiny bit of this most deep and profound wisdom. Please let me always remember that to always keep Krishna within my heart, means to be successful in my life. And that this should be my life's goal.

On this auspicious day of your vyasa-puja, I humbly beg you dear Prabhupada, to please give me your mercy and blessings to always be engaged

in loving devotional service. I humbly beg of you to please give me your mercy and blessings to remain focused on Krishna amidst my health challenges. Please give me your blessings to never forget Krishna. Please always allow me to be a worthy resident of your most beautiful ISKCON house.

Your most beloved books and Back to Godhead magazines distribution ki jai! Srila Prabhupada ki jai!

*Your eternally grateful and indebted
grand-daughter,
Radhakund devi dasi
Iskcon Sandton, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All Glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga.

 Radhamohan das
Phoenix
Mauritius

SRI CAITANYA MAHAPRABHU PREDICTED that one day the Holy name would be chanted in every corner of the globe and by your faith in your Guru and Krsna's mercy, you have been able to establish this Hare Krsna movement: the most successful preaching movement of all times.

Today we have the Bhagavad-Gita, Sri-mad-Bhagavatam, and Caitanya-caritamata in almost every major language of the world. Scholars all over the world have appreciated your translations from the original Sanskrit texts.

You travelled around the world twelve times and gave thousands of lectures, wrote thousands of letters, and met hundreds of scholars and dignitaries. You even planted the seed of Krsna consciousness in Russia when no one could even think of travelling there except for tourism during the early days.

Under your inspiration and guidance,

Jagannath Ratha-Yatra is held regularly both in India and overseas. ISKCON has today more than 600 centres, and New Temple constructions are currently underway in many countries. Regular Padayatra are held and the Holy names are being spread throughout the world.

This has been possible all because of your determination, love, devotion and your showering-kind mercy on us fallen souls.

We are ever grateful to you and forever indebted to you for saving us from this materialistic world, which is full of suffering.

*Your most fallen servant of your servant of your
servant,
Radhamohan das
Phoenix, Mauritius.*



Radhamrta Dasi 🌸
Durban
South Africa

 My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances.
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath. All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada.

I FEEL HONOURED to write an offering to you. I am grateful to you for giving to us Krishna consciousness. Last year on the 24th of October I took initiation from HH Partha Sarathi Das Goswami Maharaj. Thereafter, my life changed. Your books have so much nectar. I feel happy and enthusiastic when I read them. Following the instructions of guru has made me a better person.

I pray to you to please give me the physical

strength and health to serve you and the wonderful devotees. Please help me in my endeavour to become more serious in my practice in Krsna consciousness.

*Your most fallen servant,
Radhamrta Dasi
Durban, South Africa*



Radha Radhanath Manohar 🌸
(Son of Rasaraj Das)
Cape Town/Durban
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to your holy appearance day.
All glories to all the devotees.

I AM BORN TO RASARAJ DAS AND MAHABHAV DAS who are disciples of one of your spiritual sons.

This year I will be 15 years old and I am trying in many ways to grow in Krsna Consciousness.

I am learning to play mrdunga and I take part in Ratha Yatra plus harinams and I also help my father in many ways at home plus with puja and deities.

Sometimes I take part in drama plays at New JP in Phoenix Durban.

Thank you for bringing me into Krsna consciousness.

*Radha Radhanath Manohar (Son of Rasaraj Das)
Cape Town/Durban, South Africa*



Radhe (age 10) 🌸
Durban
South Africa

 Hare Krsna,
My dearest Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

I HAVE BEEN PRACTICING KRSNA CONSCIOUSNESS for the past ten years. I enjoy learning about Lord Krsna from lectures and children's books.

Chanting is important and I do it daily. I hope

to chant more seriously. I love kirtan. The sankirtan on our Durban beach front is most enjoyable. I sold a few books there recently. I felt so good.

During our Hindi classes in school, many

children get a chance to hear Krishna-katha and chant the maha-mantra. Sometimes I lead kirtan when our tutor is absent. All this takes place because of your mercy and kindness. My friends also know about you. I love being a Hare Krishna devotee.

Please bless and guide me always.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

Radhe (10 years old)

Durban, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

 Radhe Radhe dasi
Verulam
South Africa

WE ARE PRESENTED WITH SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES to serve in your wonderful movement.

The main reason to not be completely engaged is the time factor - so many services, so little time.

Everyone is overwhelmed by the element of time.

We work so hard in our youth to save for retirement, with no guarantee to reach that destination.

Everything is under the control of Krishna, as Lord Krishna says - "Time I am".

In the material world, we need to work to materially exist. Recently as work circumstances

changed for me, I have been presented with the situation of working part-time.

I pray that I may be more fervently engaged in devotional service in this period.

The rat race is really futile.

It's time to wake up to the reality, and work with Time, to please Krishna - who is time Himself.

Your eternally grateful granddisciple,

Radhe Radhe dasi

Verulam, South Africa



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

 Radhe Shyam das
Midrand
South Africa

THIS YEAR, THROUGH YOUR MERCY, we have you in your *murti* form at our temple. We instantaneously have felt you around us and feel your presence more than before. I don't want to let you down dearest Srila Prabhupada and beg you to forgive my shortcomings and pray that I have the desire always, intelligence, humility and many other necessary behaviours to serve you properly.

Every day there are constant reminders in my

environment to show me the importance of you appearing and displaying your pastimes. Your sacrifice is legendary and the impact to everyone that came in contact with you is priceless. I am positively different only because of you. And only because of you, I associate daily with the greatest human beings: your followers. You have transformed so many of us and continue to do so. We are all indeed so fortunate.

Thank you my dearest Srila Prabhupada, for everything. Thank you for your special mercy to me: my Spiritual Master and his God brothers and sisters. All glories to your amazing disciples, grand - and great-grand disciples.

*Your servant and grandson forever,
Radhe Shyam das
Midrand, South Africa*

Radhika Devi Dasi 🙏
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa

 My Dear Prabhupada,
All glory, all glory to Srila Prabhupada.

FIRST OF ALL, I pay my humble obeisances to you, Srila Prabhupada. I pay very respectful obeisances to your books. Thank you, Prabhupada, for bringing me to Krishna consciousness that has changed my life.

*From Radhika Devi Dasi
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*

Radhika Jivana dasa 🙏
Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple,
Durban
South Africa

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

THANK YOU for allowing me to be part of your glorious ISKCON movement.

In SB 5.12.16 purport, you write: "... Through the association of devotees, one develops Kṛṣṇa consciousness, which is dormant within. This Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement is giving this chance to everyone. We are giving shelter to everyone who is serious about progressing in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. We arrange for their lodging and board so that they can peacefully cultivate Kṛṣṇa consciousness and return home, back to Godhead, even in this life."

Srila Prabhupada, you have given everything, and it is up to us to take it seriously. Thank you for the wonderful association of devotees both at Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple and from our congregation. By your mercy, these devotees constantly inspire and encourage me in Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

*Your aspiring servant of your servants
Radhika Jivana dasa
Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple, Durban, South Africa*

Radhika Kripa devi dasi (Bcais) 🙏
ISKCON Sandton
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE LITERATURE that you tirelessly wrote and translated for us. There is so much of literature that you translated into English with elaborate purports just so that we could have access to this wonderful knowledge of what it means to be Krishna conscious and how to live life in a Krishna conscious manner. Through reading Bhagavat Gita there was a verse that really made me reflect and question my life. The verse is from Bhagavat Gita chapter 2 verse 13.

*dehino smin yatha dehe
kaumaram yauvanam jara
tatha dehantara praptir
dhiras tatra na muhyati*

Translation: As the embodied soul continuously passes in this body, from boyhood to youth to old age, the soul similarly passes into another body at death. A sober person is not bewildered by such a change.

This verse made me really reflect on the time factor in my life. Time is going by so fast from childhood into youth and soon old age will be upon me. I was reflecting what actually makes the years valuable and meaningful. It is so easy to get stuck in a kind of attitude where we feel that at a particular life event or age we will be happy or get more serious in spiritual life. The decision to get serious in spiritual life shouldn't depend on any age milestone or life event, because we may not have tomorrow. So the best time to focus and put ones all into spiritual life is the present moment. There is no loss in Krishna consciousness. If we give a little to the Lord, he gives so much in return. Even if we chant with offense there is still purification. This is the fortunate position of this age of Kali, which we should take advantage of.

Many times when I was a child I would think that I have so much of time still to go. I have a whole life ahead of me, I have enough time. But as I got older I realized that time moves by very fast and before

I know it, my time to leave this body will come. This kind of realization jolts me into the reality that if I don't try every day to be better in my Krishna consciousness another life will be wasted. Krishna consciousness is what gives life value, meaning and joy. It is permanent in a world that is filled with temporary things. Therefore above all else that is what I should give a lot of focus to. I observe a lot of young individuals around me, and their lives are filled with drinking alcohol, sleeping around and chasing after extravagant dreams, with the thought that when those dreams are achieved they will be happy. At death however those temporary things disappear and the spiritual credit is the only thing we go forward with.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for enduring the hardships and persevering. You are a prime example of the level of determination to fulfill the instruction of the spiritual master. In one of the pastimes in Lilamrita, It is described that your room mate was high on LSD and went crazy, and you ran out into the street practically to save your life, with no place to go. Yet you still stayed on in the west, persevered and remained faithful to the desire and instruction of your spiritual master to preach Krishna consciousness worldwide. I cannot thank you enough Srila Prabhupada as Krishna consciousness has kept me sane, satisfied and given much meaning and peace. Perhaps if I was not a devotee, in a state of confusion, or want for love and acceptance I may have also taken to drugs or chasing after extravagant dreams which would all disappear as the soul moves on.

I pray that I may always be able to remain fixed at your feet until so that I may become eligible to be able to eternally serve the divine couple, Radha and Krishna in Goloka Vrindavana.

*Your ever indebted granddaughter,
Radhika Kripa devi dasi (Bcais)
ISKCON Sandton, South Africa*

Radhika Ramana Das 
Durban
South Africa



Jaya Prabhupada!
All glories unto your divine lotus feet.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktisiddhanta-sarasvatīti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vāni-pracarīne
nirvīśesa-sūnyavādī-pāścatyā-dēśa-tarīne*

THIS YEAR on your most auspicious Vyasa-Puja, I of a poem.
decided to express my gratitude to you in the form

Not knowing who You are and how You have come to us
I decided this year to open Your lilamṛta to clear my mind from decades of dust
Your glories spread far and wide
I am so fortunate to receive all that You provide
Trying to understand Your transcendental nature
I appreciate what You have given us, a Kṛṣṇa conscious future
Reading Your pastimes brings tears to my eyes
You have shown us the truth from all the worldly lies
Never have I known what extremities You have gone through
Just to prove to us what we are really here to do
Executing Your Guru Maharaja's orders
Was Your first priority above all others
Risking Your health and pushing this movement forward
For the materially-minded, this would have just been awkward
Due to this material contamination, our minds have become rotten
You reminded us we are all just servants and have forgotten
I have been in darkness wandering and searching all this time
Until you came along just like the glorious sunshine
You have mended the hole within my heart
And have allowed me to make a clean and fresh start
I pray my love for You awakens more sincerely
My Jagad Guru Srila Prabhupada, I miss You more and more ever so dearly.

*Your servant in surrender,
Radhika Ramana Das
Durban, South Africa*





All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath. All glories to Sri Sri Guara Nitai Hari
 All glories to your divine grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Srila Prabhupada
 Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.

 Radhika Rathiram Pather
 Johannesburg
 South Africa

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
 srimate bhaktisiddhanta-sarasvatiti namine
 namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
 nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desa-tarine*

“I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, 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 Sarasvaté Gosvāmé. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.”

2019 has been a rollercoaster ride, but we great fortune to read nectar of devotion and *Caitanya-caritamṛta* this year.

In *Nectar of Devotion* He talks about the six qualities of pure devotional service. He states that there are six characteristics of pure devotional service, which are as follows:

- (1) Pure devotional service brings immediate relief from all kinds of material distress.
- (2) Pure devotional service is the beginning of all auspiciousness.
- (3) Pure devotional service automatically puts one in transcendental pleasure.
- (4) Pure devotional service is rarely achieved.
- (5) Those in pure devotional service deride even the conception of liberation.
- (6) Pure devotional service is the only means to attract Kṛṣṇa.

In my experience I found out how easy it is to go from no material desires to desiring everything and to how easy it is fall into maya's trap.

But after reading this extract it helped me

remember all this material desires are for nothing. It doesn't help my spiritual life. The only thing that helps my spiritual life is chanting, reading Srila Prabhupada books and the association of devotees when they speak about Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

Although pure devotional service is hard to achieve, thanks to you Srila prabhupada I will never give up. With practice, endeavor and the mercy of Sri Sri Radha Radhanath, Sri Sri Gaura Nitai Hari, your mercy Srila Prabhupada and the mercy of Guru Maharaj, anything is possible.

Srila Prabhupāda, may my words and efforts be pleasing to you. Rather, may my words and efforts be those you would wish. May my mind become one with your words, absorbed in your words, so that my efforts will always be what you would desire. May my mind be purified by taking shelter of you. Taking shelter of you is as good as taking shelter of Kṛṣṇa.

And may my speech, instead of being engaged in words words words, so many useless words, be always engaged in chanting the holy names of Kṛṣṇa. “Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and be happy”—and make others happy by spreading the chanting of Kṛṣṇa's holy names.

Srila Prabhupada, may sight always engage in devotional service of the lord. May taste always engage in prasadam and only prasadam. May my sense of touch always engage in devotional service. May my sense of smell, smell the remembrance of flowers petal offered to your lotus feet

Nothing with have been possible without you and fearless nature of crossing the ocean and spreading Kṛṣṇa Cons.

I am always indebted to you..

*Radhika Rathiram Pather
Westdene, JHB, South Africa*

Your sincerely,

Radhika, Karina
and Karuna Singh
KwaZulu- Natal
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktisiddhanta-sarasvatīti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vāni-pracarīne
nirvīśesa-sunyavadi-pascātya-desa-tarīne*



I BOW TO YOUR DIVINE LOTUS FEET, Srila Prabhupada. I'm thankful to my dearest parents for having become devotees of Krishna, and having brought us up in a very Krishna conscious household. We, in turn, have been able to do the same for our children. Thank you for your mercy, for being our salvation, and for bringing us to the human platform of life.

I offer my very respectful obeisances unto your lotus feet, Srila Prabhupada, who is a bona fide representative of Krishna.

*Your humble servants,
Radhika, Karina and Karuna Singh
KwaZulu- Natal, South Africa*

Ragava Caitanya Das
Durban
South Africa



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



I AM FAST APPROACHING OLD AGE and that, of necessity, means that I cannot engage in activities that were easy to accomplish when I was younger, one of those engagements being travel.

This leads me to appreciate with total gratitude the difficulty and discomfort you endured by travelling to America on a cargo ship in order to enlighten the whole world with knowledge of the Absolute. Naturally, bodily comforts and proper passenger facilities were absent, making your travel a huge struggle and a tremendous sacrifice.

Yet, you made that difficult and challenging voyage on the Jaladuta so that we could understand the real purpose of life which would transform the

attitude of anyone, irrespective of language or colour, to embark on the journey whose destination is eternal peace and happiness.

At this time in my life, with the ailments and restrictions that are synonymous with old age, I can understand the determination, fearlessness and compassion in your successful endeavour to deliver the holy name to every town and village in the world.

Thank you for your unlimited mercy and kindness, as I am one of the millions of your beneficiaries.

I pray also that I may, in some small way, at least, be able to give the holy name to the people that I meet.

Your loving and obedient servant,
Ragava Caitanya Das

Durban, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All Glories to Your Divine Grace.

 Raghunath Bhatta das
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa

IN THE SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM, you stated that one has to be exemplary in his governmental service, and after retirement, one also needs to be exemplary. This really struck me, as I recently retired from the service of the state. I was contemplating on what I should do? However, Swarup Damodar Prabhu has made nice arrangements for me to render devotional service at some of your temples/centers, in South Africa. Thank you for creating ISKCON, thereby giving us this opportunity to render service to you. As you said, there is an ISKCON in the spiritual world, and then again, we will meet you.

You also stressed the importance of association, and said that you created ISKCON to give people an opportunity to hear about Krsna. You emphasized the need to constantly hear the scriptures, especially the Srimad Bhagavatam. We are fortunate that we are able to chant, hear, and associate with the

devotees on a daily basis. As we hear the scriptures, all unwanted weeds are being gradually removed from our hearts.

I am often requested to perform arti to your murti form, at your temples/centers. As I perform the ceremony to your Divine Grace, my attachment and appreciation increases. Recently, as I was fanning you, I was deeply praying to you to fan away all my impurities.

On this auspicious day, I fervently pray that you bestow me with your mercy, to make me an exemplary devotee, so that I can become a worthy representative of your ISKCON.

Hare Krsna.

Your servant,
Raghunath Bhatta das
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances, my dear Srila Prabhupada.

 Ragini Govender
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa

I SIT HERE TODAY, on this day, to glorify you. I have taken something back with me from ISKCON books, and also, through the spiritual temples and feeding schemes. My heartfelt thanks to all the spiritual offerings you have given.

I was confused when I got here today. And, I did not even know it was a spiritual day for you. But, you have opened my eyes on what I want. I was confused

on making a decision in my life journey, and now I am clear on the journey that I want to take. And, that journey is with the Lord Himself.

So, all I ask of you, Srila Prabhupada, is guidance in the direction of Lord Krishna. Let all my confusions be taken out of my mind. Thank you for all that you have given us. I am leaving the temple with a clear mind as to what I want, and all I seek is

your guidance and strength to get on.

*Ragini Govender
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*

Thank you,

Rahul Prag 🙏
Cape Town
South Africa



Hare Krsna Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE, you have shone a light in this dark world in the form of your scriptures, which brings us to realise our true place in this creation.

Thank you for enlightening me on how to connect with our Lord.

I will eternally be grateful. I Love You. Hare Krsna.

*Rahul Prag
Cape Town, South Africa*



Bhakta Rajan and Jugroop 🙏
Bhaktin Rita
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to your Divine Grace and all glories to your ISKCON.

IT IS THROUGH YOUR MERCY that we have studied your books, and have awakened our senses to understand the real meaning of life. From this fascinating experience, we joined the Monthly Sankirtan Festival, hosted by the Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple, in order to spread your life's mission. And, by us strengthening our commitment to your mission,

we have applied for Harinam initiation from your disciple Partha Sarathi Dasa Goswami.

*Your humble servants,
Bhakta Rajan and Bhaktin Rita Jugroop,
South Africa, Durban*



Rajpersadh Manilal 🙏
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa



Hare Krishna!
Dear Srila Prabhupada, all glories unto you.

I DO NOT KNOW HOW TO ADEQUATELY THANK YOU. I was spiritually lost, and did not have much Vedic education. I did not know about karma and reincarnation,

therefore, I thought there must be no God. I did not know that the soul was eternal, and never dies when the body is vanquished.

I am still struggling with my spiritual life. It is much appreciated that you opened a temple in Chatsworth, thereby giving me an opportunity to come and chant, eat prasada, associate with devotees, thus, purifying my soul.

This life is very difficult for me. Your spiritual

power and teachings have given me power to come to where I am.

I thank you very much.

*Rajpersadh Manilal,
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY SOUL, my dearest Srila Prabhupada, for your selflessness and perseverance despite the challenges you faced. If it were not for you, my family and I would have lived this life in ignorance, without knowing the Absolute truth. We would have not known Lord Krishna.

Thank you for the sacrifices you have made, so that we can benefit effortlessly, by only just reading

your books.

We love you, respect you and we will be eternally grateful to you. You are the greatest leader of all times!

*Rakhee Gajoo
Johannesburg, South Africa*



Hare Krishna,
Srila Prabhupada, thank you.

I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO EXPRESS how much of appreciation I have in words. There is so much of hardship that you went through, to help man-kind to be able to understand God. I had no understanding of God. But, with your help, I have a small understanding, which is a very small percent.

I, therefore, request you to help me!!!
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

*Ralph Madanlall
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my prostrated obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet,

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatya desa tarine*

 **Rakhee Gajoo**
Johannesburg
South Africa

 **Ralph Madanlall**
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa

 **Ramanada Priya das**
Durban
South Africa

“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. 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.”

On your most auspicious Vyasa-puja, I would like to express my gratitude and eternal debt to you for allowing me to be connected to Gauranga Mahaprabhu's mission. I had received the good fortune of getting Harinam initiation this year in February.

I am indeed not the most learned of devotees nor the sincerest, however by your mercy and the mercy of guru param-para, I was afforded the opportunity of being connected to the process.

I cannot remember any slokas or verses from the volumes of literature's that you have given to us, but there is one verse that I hold very dear to my heart

*tad vidhi pranipatena
pariprasnena sevaya
upadeksyanti te jnanam
jnaninas tattva-darsinah*

“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.”
(Gita 4.34)

At the Durban Ratha yatra in 2001, I got full realization of this Srila Prabhupada. I was brand new to ISKCON, I was in my jeans and t-shirt and you had kindly allowed me to fan you whilst an ecstatic kirtan was taking place in the book tent. You also had so kindly arranged that there be no one available to escort you to your car, and once again afforded myself and Visham prabhu the opportunity to carry you to the car. Later on that night, you still further afforded us the opportunity to carry you to your room, where we were met with your most dear disciples. They too were shocked to see me in my jeans and t-shirt carrying you. Like you, they too had given me their blessings and your garland

18 years have passed, and my life has never been the same ever since and for that I am eternally grateful. I know that I will never be able to repay this debt for your kindness and mercy, I pray that I someday may be able to make you proud of this most unworthy and fallen grand-disciple.

*Ramanada Priya das
Durban, South Africa*

Rambhadra Gopinath Das 🌺
Nairobi
Kenya

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to you and to the entire guru-parampara.

WE ARE NOT SURE HOW TO FIND THE PROPER WORDS to glorify you, but I can realize this in a couple of years after reading some of your books and listening to your lectures of Shrimad Bhagvatam and Bhagvat Gita As It Is.

My main realization and faith increased when

I was traveling to Hongkong, and planned that I will go to mangal darshan. So, I booked a hotel near to, like 400 meters away, the Hare Krishna temple in Hongkong. Early morning, I dressed up like a Vaisnava (with Dhoti, Kurta, and tilak), and walked to the temple at 4:00 A.M. I was very happy to do

mangal darshan, and was praying to you and Krishna that I could get darshan even in those countries where we were never thought. But, while coming back from the temple to the hotel, by walk, everyone was watching me and my dress. During that time I realized, in 1970, you went to preach Krishna Consciousness where no one knows this topic, and you transformed so many people (instead of you changing into their culture). This is known as a pure/sudh devotee.

Now, when I read Bhagvatam 9.4.63, it is mentioned that Bhagvan controls everyone, and the pure/sudh devotee controls (or always associate with) Bhagvan. Therefore, as you are a pure devotee, you changed the world, spread Krishna

Consciousness across the world, and made my life full of enjoyment.

On this blessed Vyasa-puja day, I pray to you for the intelligence, patience, and spiritual realization to be able to cooperate with one another, so that we can effectively help you in Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's mission of spreading Krishna consciousness. Please continue to keep us in your service, while we strive to advance in realizing this lesson of cooperation. Thank you for engaging us in the Krishna consciousness movement.

*Rambhadra Gopinath Das,
Kenya, Nairobi*



 Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
All Glories to Your Lotus Feet.
Please accept my humble obeisances.

IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE that this offering is being made to you on this auspicious day of your appearance in this material world. No day passes that your name is not mentioned or spoken of or discussed in our home. Your life in this material world is a miracle by any standard and we pray that somehow we will be able to earn a drop of the mercy that you so benevolently gave to all and sundry. We pray that we will be able to somehow serve your lotus feet in a pleasing way so that your name and fame will constantly spread throughout the three worlds. Everything that you left is so perfect and relishable.

Prasadam, kirtan, Deities, devotees, festivals, temples, lectures, instructions, books and most important the holy name of Sri Krishna. Our prayers to you today is please bless and guide us so that we can become real servants to your mission and that we will never leave this great ISKCON movement that you have established.

*Aspiring to be the servant of the servant. Your insignificant follower,
Ramesvara das
Park Rynie, South Africa*



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

 Ramesvara das
Park Rynie
South Africa

 Ramvijay das
Durban
South Africa

I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO THANK YOU for allowing me to remain within your glorious movement for another year. I hope you will allow me to always remain within the association of your sincere followers. Through their association within this glorious movement, I have been able to access the most wonderful experiences of my life. Therefore, please grant me your mercy to always treasure this unique gift and inspire your followers to always keep me around despite my many shortcomings.

You have taught us everything, from who we are, what the world around us is, and what the purpose of our life is. You have also shown us how to live and act within this profound understanding you have given us. And ultimately, you have revealed to us the most desirable goal of Kṛṣṇa prema. You have literally given us all the education we require to become happy in this world and the next.

You have also created the environment of your ISKCON where we can be nourished and inspired and gain the association of like-minded persons to help us along in our journey and prevent us from losing our way. All the while, we are learning how to act and become prepared for our journey back to Godhead by the various service opportunities created

for receiving and sharing Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

Not only have you explained our spiritual path and process to us, but also you have given us such a broad understanding, that no matter what spiritual path we come across, we are able to assess and understand it, in terms of the teaching you have given us. This holistic view of the world, both material and spiritual, exposes us to such a broad perspective that nothing we come across can challenge our faith in what you have presented to us. All this you have done in a stroke of genius over a few short years. You have made this accessible to anyone and everyone.

We are all too aware that with the passing of time, many of your stalwart sons and daughters who have been instrumental in pushing your movement, have left and will be leaving us. They all have such a wonderful destination to look forward. I know you will not forget us - who are remaining here - and arrange for us to be taken care of.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for everything you have done and continue to do for us.

*Your servant,
Ramvijay das
Durban, South Africa*



Ranga Devi Dasi 🌸
Durban
South Africa

 My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance at the dust of your lotus feet.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, YOU HAVE GIVEN ME A PURPOSE TO LIVE. You have raised me from the dead and have situated me on the path of devotional service which I'm trying to render to the best of my ability.

This year we are endeavouring to please you by holding a Ratha yatra in an African township here in Durban to commemorate the Janmastami festival, and promote Kṛṣṇa so that Hare Kṛṣṇa will be chanted in every household.

You have so mercifully given us directions on how to execute devotional service and to spread

your mission far and wide, in every town and village.

I'm trying to make this instruction a reality by pleasing your divine grace and the guru parampara.

Book distribution, preaching, teaching, Deity service, prasadam distribution are the many ways you taught us. Now, we the second generation are trying to fulfill your order, although we haven't met you personally. Your instructions remain our life and soul.

Oh Srila Prabhupada, saviour of the three worlds, please bless me on this most sacred day of

your vyasa puja.

Ranga devi dasi
Durban, South Africa

Your granddaughter,



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance's at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

 **Ranganatha das**
Gauteng
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR TIME AND ENERGY in your old age when you shouldn't have been doing anything strenuous. You could have easily lived in Vrindavan and focused on your Sadhana

and preaching in India, but you felt so much compassion for the fallen conditioned souls all over the world that you sacrificed everything to save us.

Thank you for leaving India to spread Krishna Consciousness in every town and village.

Thank you for taking the time to give us your Bhativendata purports.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to chant the holy names of the Lord.

Thank you constructing temples to facilitate devotee association.

Thank you for giving us the spiritual masters to assist and guide us.

Thank you for creating BBT.

Thank you for creating the Sunday Love Feast Programs.

Thank you for the introduction of all the wonderful festivals which not only benefit us but give non-devotees an opportunity to become attracted to the Holy Name.

Thank you for starting up farm communities for protection of cows.

Thank you for encouraging the free meal distribution.

Thank you for giving us the congregational chanting of the holy name.

Srila Prabhupada you have given the world the formula for peace whereby everyone can live together harmoniously. All we need to now do is to share everything that you have given us with others. I pray to be able to assist you and all your wonderful devotees in attracting more and more people to

this amazing movement which you have so lovingly created.

Your aspiring servant,
Ranganatha das
Gauteng, South Africa



Rasakeli Sowamber 🌸
Amanzimtoti
South Africa



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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, I simply do not know where to begin to pay homage for what you have done for the world. What is most noteworthy to mention, in my opinion, is that you created a house in which the whole world can live in. There are ISKCON centres in almost every corner of the globe. I feel so embraced by the devotees who welcome me with loving arms and hospitality when I travel. The devotees in Berlin in particular, displayed such a warm, friendly attitude towards me when I visited and danced at their humble Jagannath temple.

It really struck me that in a place that was once a totalitarian area in Germany and under the Nazi regime (where so-called “pure” people were brainwashed to discriminate against other people of different ethnicities and belief-systems), is now transformed into a space that is tolerant and safe. It is only by your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, that those fallen souls who were led astray by strategic propaganda are aware that we are not this body but the spirit soul. All this hatred towards different cultural groups is unnecessary and is the product of being in ignorance.

Reiterating the above, I am still stunned by all the love that I received in Berlin. It is clear that the Holy Name removed the ignorance that blinded

several indoctrinated people. However, there are still some people in Germany who still believe in segregating people of different races and ethnicities. I pray that your everlasting mercy will prevail should any harm come to people who do not deserve to be oppressed.

My beloved Srila Prabhupada, you taught us to live a simplistic lifestyle. The hot plates of prasadam that we (the devotees) receive, the comfort of like-minded souls and a roof over our heads, prayer beads in our hands, is all we could ever ask for. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

I am grateful to have the knowledge that you shared in your translations of scriptures and your purports. I am also grateful for the association of your disciples. His Holiness Indradyumna Swami is like a father to me. Thank you for propagating Krishna Consciousness to Indradyumna Swami and other devotees who became your disciples, but especially Indradyumna Swami. If Srila Gurudeva was not in my life I would have no-one else to turn to who really understands me.

*I remain your forever indebted servant,
Rasakeli Sowamber
Amanzimtoti, South Africa*



Rasaraj Dasa 🌸
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to your holy Vyasa-puja.

THIS YEAR 2019 is all about what should have been. I turned 50 years on 23 May and was shot with 2 bullets that fateful day. You are named Abhaya one with no fears. I am still taking care of my wounds but I know your mercy knows no bounds. Each morning

as I open the altar I hear your chanting and the sacred sounds. Time is moving faster for me these days and I wonder in which life time did I falter. A 14 year old son and an 18 year old daughter. Even as I am chanting I must admit that there are times

when loneliness doth cover me with its maya cloth. One red dot for all my past lives karmic spot. Following the 4 regulations but chanting sometimes gives me jubilation whereupon my hair stands on end. Your disciple Partha Sarathi Das Goswami as my initiating Guru you did send. Aging, Old and Older is making me bend and my bow slipping but sometimes on a full moon this body has on the Blouberg Beach with folded hands can be seen dipping. My best wishes and humble obeisances on this Vyasa-puja I do send. Not perfect but I am trying. All around me Vaishnavas and people are dying. Saw a child's body lying dead on a train line in Durban -said a prayer for his soul. But me what a fool thinking all is fine and no possibility to take darshan of Vrindavan. What's done is done. Krsna consciousness with my quota is definitely not fun.

Your mercy is flowing all around the world including South Africa. I am a fourth generation descendant from India lost in diaspora chanting Hare Krsna Hare Rama eating prasadam and sometimes taking part in Harinama, Ratha Yatra and plays or drama.

I am eternally indebted to you for the ISKCON you established. You built a house wherein the whole world can live. My allegiance and service is the only repayment I can as payment give.

Taking care of Krsna Karuna and Radhanath over these past 13 years has become what a lot I got and surely your blessings have been covering them.

*A fallen soul,
Rasaraj Das
Cape Town, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I FELT ALL HOPE WAS LOST. But there you were in the temple room. I looked at you and knew that no matter what, you will never leave my side and that I still stood a chance; a chance to tread the path of devotional service, the path that you so perfectly arranged. You gave me the mahamantra, Krishna and my spiritual father. Have I learnt how to love Krishna? How to serve Him with love and devotion and how to surrender unto Him? Have I learnt how to chant His glories? The test I have failed. But

hearing your voice and reading your words and knowing that you lead to the path to the spiritual world gives, me strength. Your glories are endless and your mercy limitless. Will I pass the test? That I don't know. But I know that as long as I have you in my life I will always stand a chance.

*Your grand daughter,
Rasarani Devi Dasi (Bcais)
Durban, South Africa*



My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

I WAS UP THROUGH THE NIGHT sewing costumes for the Bhakti Theatre recently and in the quiet hours

I decided to listen to your japa.
The deep rhythmical vibration of your chanting

 **Rasarani Devi Dasi (Bcais)**
Durban
South Africa

 **Rasa-sthali Dasi**

filled the stillness and my mind. It was a soothing sound, a long-forgotten ancient sound, that slowly but surely filled me with joy and determination.

Thank you for blessing me with the holy name, and because I am not worthy, that makes me your

target audience.

Please bless me that the holy name will always find a way into my heart.

Rasa-sthali Dasi



Rasika Gopinath Das 
Nairobi
Kenya



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa-Puja, I would like to recount how I came to Krishna

I was walking on the road watching the ISKCON Nairobi temple, When did I enter inside, how did this happen... what is happening here...

I saw people praying by raising hands in air; I saw people paying obeisances sideways,

I saw people dancing here, unlike other temples,

Prasad is not a spoon full, but a whole plate full here, plus some take always also, what is happening here?

They have differences, but not in chanting, unitedly they are chanting and chanting

The deities are most merciful, dressing and decoration are out of this world, what is happening here?

Festivals are not celebrated as formality but in true sense to glorify the Lord.

The Lord, the Supreme Lord is only one: KRISHNA, Krishna Krishna here, Krishna there, Krishna Krishna everywhere.

Who introduced Krishna to us and to the whole world? It is you Srila Prabhupada, what is happening here, the right thing is happening here.

Tea, coffee, meat, onion, garlic, etc. are not allowed inside,

Ego, pride, greed, etc. are manageable through your books, your books, what you have written in this life time, I cannot study in the next 10 life time!

In the beginning one round was hard to complete, I took a vow of minimum 16 rounds per day.

I am initiated today; engaged in some services, want to dedicate more time to your movement, all glories to you, all thanks to you.

When I look back I still remember I was walking on the road and watching this temple from the outside.

Your Insignificant Servant,

Rasika Gopinath Das

ISKCON Nairobi, Kenya



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

NATURE OF PRABHUPADA, when whole world was following Americans, he went to America and taught

Americans... very hard for any Conditional Soul to do that.... Some few lines on his Nature.

सुनै है आज संसुर को बड़ा गुमान आया है
ले चलो नाव उधर ही जह तुफन आया है

I offer my humble obeisances unto your divine lotus feet and to one who is very dear to Lord Krishna.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, thank you for creating this opportunity for fallen souls like me to take shelter.

Without your causeless mercy where will this fallen soul be? Without your bountiful blessings what would have happened to this poor soul in this wicked world?

In all clarity gurudev, I only have to say a big thank you for delivering a sinner like me from the phenomenal dark and perilous world.

You are the saviour of the fallen souls.

Dear Gurudev, we appreciate your good deeds and kindness.

May your fame and glories spread all over the three worlds.

Jaya Gurudev.

Your unworthy servant of thy servant,

Rati Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna Temple

Sango Otta, Ogun State, Nigeria



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

IN THE GLORY OF SRILA PRABHUPADA

TODAY, WE MUST FEEL INDEBTED to the Founder Acharya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), Srila Prabhupada, for all his work and teachings to guide us through the modern age of humanity, for us to attain the spiritual wisdom for well-being and seeking the meaning of life in this modern age. I would consider him a statesman, a sage, a guru who showed us the path for self-realization and taught us how to conduct ourselves in this dark age where everything is so uncertain and unstable. His work for translating

the Srimad Bhagavad-gita into the English language popularly known as Bhagavad Gita As It Is, must be considered a mammoth task which he did so precisely and accurately that he deserves the praise for. His books certainly convey the message of Krishna consciousness around the globe. His act of reaching out to everyone worldwide through building the temples in exotic locations is exemplary which introduces the concept of Krishna consciousness to those who were earlier untouched with it. In my opinion, Srila Prabhupada has attained the

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Nigeria

 Ravendra P. Chauhan
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South Africa

immortality and his teachings will always inspire the humanity to lead a meaningful life with dignity for ages to come.

*Regards,
Ravendra P. Chauhan
Postgraduate Student
UKZN Westville, Durban, South Africa*

Ravindra Svarupa Das 🙏
KwaZulu- Natal
South Africa

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

I AM GRATEFUL THAT YOU SAVED ME from this material contamination. You gave us Krishna, and you made us understand that Krishna is the Supreme Lord.

You made us understand self-realization; that we are spirit souls, and we have a deep connection with the Supreme Lord.

Srila Prabhupada, I will make a promise that I will not fade from Krishna Consciousness.

I thank you for giving me a family of devotees

that I can get strength from. You mean the world to me.

You inspire us by your teachings, but what inspires me is the Krishna Books, his pastimes, that take me to Vrindavan.

*Your servant,
Ravindra Svarupa Das
KwaZulu- Natal, South Africa*

Reala 🙏
Durban
South Africa

 Dear loving Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU FOR THE CHANGE AND DRASTIC IMPROVEMENT you've made in my life. I pray for your guidance and assistance in the service of the Lord and his precious devotees. All glories to you, Krishna's beloved devotee. You are my inspiration. Your loving heart, pure smile, willingness to answer all questions about Krishna to its full capacity, devotion, compassion to all living beings and strength, drive me to achieve a better sense of myself every day. You have taught me that the association of devotees is one

that brings us closer to Krishna and I am grateful to you for that. You have taught me to be an instrument of Krishna. Not to be self conscious but Krishna conscious. This is what broke me out of a shell that I've been in for a long time. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for being the biggest inspiration in my life.

*Reala
Durban, South Africa*

Remuna Devi Dasi 🙏
Somerset West
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet on this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja.
All glories to you Srila Prabhupada.

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascaty desa tarine*

You are the Jagat-guru, the universal spiritual master.

Fallen souls like me cannot even understand the value of your contribution to the people of this world. You were driven in your mission only by love and you gave yourself selflessly.

Your legacy remains eternally, and I pray that I may take advantage of the facility you created, to

get to know Krsna and to understand the goal of life.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for the direction you have given to us - without it I surely would have been lost and in a hellish condition.

*Your fallen servant,
Remuna Devi Dasi
Somerset West, South Africa*



Hare Krsna Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you on this occasion of your Sri Vyasa Puja.

ANOTHER YEAR HAS GONE BY, and another opportunity to glorify the saviour of the modern world presents itself.

It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I write this small offering, in the hope that I can do justice to celebrate a personality who had such a profound impact in my life and countless others throughout the world.

My offering is simple Srila Prabhupada, made up of two small words of gratitude - thank you.

Though they may be small, they belie a depth of emotion and immense appreciation. Without you, I would not have known the glories of Lord Krsna, I would not have heard of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, I would not know the sweet sounds of kirtan, I would not have savoured the most divine prasadam,

I would not have had the most beautiful sadhu sangha and most of all, I would not have known my dear spiritual master.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for exposing to me such a beautiful life, and making me realise the importance of Krsna Consciousness. I remain forever indebted and I promise to try harder to be a devotee.

*I shall always remain,
Your servant,
Remuna-priya dasi
Greenside, South Africa*



 Remuna-priya dasi
Greenside
South Africa

Rikshana Jugoo 🙏
Stellenbosch
South Africa



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

THANK YOU for choosing me to be a part of your transcendental mission to go back to Godhead. I am so humbled for all the mercy, knowledge, enlightenment and purification that flow day by day, hour by hour, moment by moment through your divine teachings and grace. Please always keep me under your shelter. I pledge to follow your teachings daily

and spread this transcendental message with your mercy and guidance.

*Your most fallen servant,
Rikshana Jugoo
Stellenbosch, South Africa*



Rishikesh Ramjith 🙏
Milnerton
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you on your auspicious Vyasa-puja.

A FEW WEEKS AGO, we showed some of the new youth at our temple the documentary about you, and I was thinking about how many lives you have saved.

To leave your home and family, to travel to a foreign country at such an advanced age, to preach something so alien and so against western desires. And, despite being against seemingly impossible odds, you managed to make a movement to preach and practice Krsna Consciousness all around the world.

I said 'seemingly impossible odds', because the outcome was inevitable, as you were on Krsna's side. If that isn't proof of God, then I don't know what is.

The thing I find most amazing about you, is that

we can still develop a relationship with you, through your books, pastimes, lectures etc. I feel like it is so comforting that, despite me being born long after you left your body, I can still develop a unique relationship with you.

This year has been a very rough year for me, and it has made me feel as useless as a particle of dust. I just wish that I can be a particle of dust by your lotus feet. I pray for guidance for my spiritual life and material life.

*Your most fallen servant,
Rishikesh Ramjith,
Milnerton, South Africa*



Rohini Devi 🙏
KwaZulu- Natal
South Africa



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Vyasa-puja, the only thing that I can say is thank you:

Thank you for giving us Krishna consciousness.
Thank you for giving us a home, anywhere in the world we may go to.
Thank you for gracing this world with your divine presence.
Thank you for saving us all.
Thank you for saving me!

The savior of the whole world, Srila Prabhupada, Ki Jai!
All glories to your most magnanimous grace!!

*Your Fallen Servant,
Rohini Devi
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace!



Rookmin Sewbhajan
Midrand
South Africa

THERE IS SO MUCH TO GLORIFY YOU FOR, and most definitely, this single piece of mine does not suffice. Nonetheless, I shall try my best to make an offering in anticipation of your appearance day.

In writing a Vyasa Puja offering to you Srila Prabhupada, I have realized that this is not just a way to glorify you, but it also allows me to reflect, introspect and most importantly appreciate all that you have done. In glorifying you and hearing about your magnanimity, I am able to recollect how worthless this wondering soul was. Thus, I can gratefully proclaim that it is only by your mercy, I have found my cause.

Oh Srila Prabhupada, often when I read your books and watch videos of you, I sometimes fail to fathom how you have done what you have done and changed the lives of thousands drastically - performing the “greatest miracles”, by effectively teaching how to live, love and learn. It is still astounding to me that at your ripened age you nurtured, cared for and lead by example despite the numerous challenges you have faced. I then understood that these most wonderous miracles could have only been

performed by Lord Sri Krishna’s close associate. I was deeply touched when I recently watched some video clips of you where I was reminded that race, culture, age, gender and other external differences really did not matter to you. Instead, you gave yourself whole-heartedly to everyone and gave special attention and love to young lives you encountered.

I am so grateful that I can feel your divine presence in my life daily. Even if I profusely thank you, it surely would not be enough. I therefore pray Srila Prabhupada that you may forever be glorified, revered and appreciated through your teachings, books, philosophy, disciples and descendants as you continually touch the lives of thousands, bringing them closer to the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha Krishna!

On this most blessed event, bless me that my gratitude towards you deepens and that one day I become worthy of your service.

*Your ever-indebted servant,
Rohini Kumara dasa
Midrand, South Africa*

Rookmin Sewbhajan 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Haribol, Jai Shree Krishna.
Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I HAVE LEARNT SO MUCH FROM YOUR TEACHING. I am where I am because of you. You are an inspiration to all. Being through this world you have been sent from above to inspire all beings from all walks of life and be courageous and awaken the soul and this is the way back to godhead. You are the shining

light of my life.

Haribol, Jai Srila Prabhupada.

Rookmin Sewbhajan

Durban, South Africa



Roshela Devi Kandhii 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

BY YOUR MERCY, You have given the world the greatest gift of knowing Lord Krishna intimately. You have opened our darkened eyes to all the goodness of life. Until now, we were ignorant. You made so many personal sacrifices, so that others could benefit. All

that you have accomplished is mind blowing and mind boggling.

Roshela Devi Kandhi,

Durban, South Africa



Rukma Dasa 🙏
Nairobi
Kenya



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to you, and may your fame spread all over the three worlds.

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

WE LIVING ENTITIES ARE LIKE PRISONERS thrown into dark dungeons of the material world. You came and brought the light of Krishna Consciousness, and

have showed us the door that leads to freedom. Much more than that, is how not to misuse the much-sought freedom by sense control, and not to

be entrapped by the illusory energy - maya.

Also, you have, in your words and books, instructed how to lead a perfect life full of happiness and true knowledge, which is very hard to attain. You are a cloud that has ample waters to cool down this burning world. If just the world knew who you are, then the whole world would be different - it will

become another Vaikuntha, where everyone would love, respect and care for each other.

May our Lordship Sri Sri Radha Bankebihari, whom you brought with you, always bless you.

*Rukma dasa,
Kenya, Nairobi*



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

*om ajnana timirandhasa
jnananjana salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena
tasmai sri guruve namah*

INSPIRED BY A PARIKRAMA IN VRNDAVANA, I began research to write a script glorifying Srimati Radharani. I wanted to show the magnanimity of Her personality, Her depth of true beauty and how Her personality redefines the meaning of love.

Yes, it was ambitious. I began with the “staple diet” of Srimad Bhagavatam as the foundation, then I looked at the Hamsaduta and Uddhava Sandesh by Srila Rupa Goswami and then the Gopal Champu by Srila Jiva Goswami. The high subject matter made me very nervous. “Row carefully in these oceans of nectar”, I warned myself, “these waters are not for fallen souls plagued by lust and envy like you.” I felt like an intruder.

Finally, common sense hit me, and I turned to Krishna Book. Your words made me feel safe, at home and able to float despite the depth of the waters. I realised that, while offering obeisances to all our previous *acaryas*, I could have never connected to the essence of devotional service were it not for you. Your mood. Your words. Your style. Your accessibility. In my writers block some said, “Pray to Srimati Radharani,” or “Pray to Srila Rupa Goswami.”

It was good advice. Yet I all I could do, with any sense of honesty, was pray to you. I hugged my Krishna Book - which probably was repelled by my general lack of attention - feeling your presence in its perfect composition.

For a moment, I got a glimpse of theoretical understanding (emphasis on theoretical) that whilst our whole sampradaya exalts *vipralamba seva* (service in separation), and whilst this concept is so very hard to grasp for a material heart, the gopis are never separate from Krishna. I am separate from Him. I choose to be.

In the Caitanya Caritamrta, Srimati Radharani's beauty is described as *sobha* and is considered an internal quality of her nature. Her external beauty is only a symptom of her consciousness. Once while I was seated at the entrance to your home in Vrndavana, I met your disciple, Mother Rukmini, and she shared with me your words at the time of her initiation. You said that she was a beautiful girl and that she should also make the inside beautiful then Krishna would come and kidnap her. Graciously, she offered that Krishna would kidnap me too!

 Rukmini Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

I don't know if Krishna will ever kidnap me. I pray that Lord Caitanya may consider it. Ultimately, Srila Prabhupada, I offer myself a willing captive at your feet. If you find anything of value, inside or out, it births from the joy you have brought me. And for all that is ugly and unwilling to be captured; all that thirsts for the mundane and chooses to be separate; I place them at your feet. Maybe you will spit upon it, thus purifying me.

Thank you for giving me a wonderful life.

Please allow me the gift of devotional service. May it consume all my hours, energy, mind and heart.

May I learn to serve you better.

May it please you.

*A servant of your servants servant
Rukmini Devi Dasi
Durban, South Africa*

Rukmini Sundari Devi Dasi 🌸
KwaZulu- Natal
South Africa

 My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to your lotus feet, my dearest Srila Prabhupada.

THANK YOU SO MUCH for giving us Krishna. Otherwise, we would be drowning in this material world. It's because of your love that I was able to do deity service in the kitchen. Srila Prabhupada, please bless me to do more service.

*Your servant,
Rukmini Sundari Devi Dasi
KwaZulu- Natal, South Africa*

Rupa Goswami das 🌸
Bedfordview
South Africa

 Dearest, Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance's at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you on this auspicious day.

WHEN I PAUSE FOR A MOMENT and reflect on your journey of life – one that is so unselfish; leaving your comfort zone and taking your Guru's instruction so seriously, only to provide us (the unknowing) with the ultimate goal of life, that is, Krishna consciousness. Had it not been for you, my family and I would still have been in the dark seeking and possibly continuing with our undefined ritualistic life. You have

given me direction, a purpose and showed me discipline. For this, I will be forever grateful and indebted to you and your mission. Thank you.

Happy Vyasa-puja.

*Your Humble Servant,
Rupa Goswami das
Bedfordview, South Africa*



My Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All Glories to your Divine Grace.

 Rupa Manjari Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your appearance day Srila Prabhupada, I would like to thank you for everything that you have done, and all that you have sacrificed to give us the most precious and most valuable gift, Krishna!

From being lost in a world of darkness and no direction, always trying to find some happiness, I have now found you. By the Grace of the Lord, I have met you through your books and by your devotees. You have changed my life; you have brought light and guidance with better understanding of this world. More importantly, you have given me the greatest gift, to learn to love the Lord.

As I hear of your hardships and sacrifices, my heart becomes sore. I wonder with amazement at your kind heart, for wanting to save us fallen souls from the illusion that surrounds us. So kind are you Srila Prabhupada, for wanting us all to go back to Godhead. So kind are you Srila Prabhupada, for

showing us all the way.

As much as your pastimes sadden me, at the same time my heart becomes filled with love and appreciation for you. I thank you everyday Srila Prabhupada, for giving me and the rest of the world the Absolute Truth and real peace, for continuing to guide us through your books and your devotees. You have given me purpose in my life. The love and dedication you have shown will always remain in my mind, and will always inspire me to help you in your movement. I pray you use me as an instrument and guide me in humbly doing so.

I am forever indebted to you, and I beg for your mercy to kindly allow me to serve you, and your devotees, birth after birth.

*The servant of your servants,
Rupa Manjari Devi Dasi,
Durban, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my prostrated obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to your divine grace!

 Rupa Raghunatha das
(disciple of HH Giriraja Swami)
Cape Town
South Africa

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

"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. Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, you are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering

the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism."

I have recently been reading commentaries by our previous acharyas on Lord Caitanya's Sri Siksastakam Prayers. The depth and nectar of this bottomless ocean are unfathomable and wondrous.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for bringing the message of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu to the western world - for if you had not come what hope would there be for us Kali Yuga specimens?

Your expert cognisance of the scriptural truths coupled with your impassioned mercy for us conditioned souls was the perfect combination by which, for 11 years, you spent establishing your movement throughout the world.

11 years? Yes, just about 4000 days to establish a worldwide organisation that will herald the golden age predicted by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Some 53 years later, scholars and others can marvel at this amazing feat, as your ISKCON grows stronger and stronger.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your selfless love and devotion to the order of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati who requested you to preach in the English language.

On this most auspicious day, I pray for your kind

mercy as my Grandfather and spiritual master. I have no qualification, I have no right to ask, all I actually have is disqualification - and I am ashamed to admit it to you. Still, I am convinced of your unrestricted mercy.

Please always keep me within the fold of your sincere followers, please help me to broaden my appreciation for them and please inspire me to serve them as you see fit.

Please encourage in me an appreciation for your transcendental books.

Please bless me always to continue chanting the Maha Mantra and help me to avoid the offences to Their Lordship's Holy Names.

*Begging to remain your eternal servant and the servant of your servants,
Rupa Raghunatha das (disciple of HH Giriraja Swami)*

Gordons Bay, Cape Town, South Africa



Ryan Mark Naidoo 🙏
Durban-Chatsworth
South Africa

 My dearest Srila Prabhupada, please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your divine lotus feet.

*Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna preshtaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste saraswate deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

YOU WHO HAVE SPREAD THE GLORIES OF THE HOLY NAME and the mercy of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu throughout the world, and fulfilled the vision of Bhaktivinoda Thakur, that people from all nations would soon come together in harmony through the blissful chanting of the Holy Names of Krishna Sankirtan.

You made it possible for even the most wretched and fallen souls, such as myself, to achieve perfection in this life and attain love of Godhead, even though I am undeserving.

Modern education systems have failed many, and led many people to seek joy through sense gratification, such as intoxication. If it had not been for you, many of us would be indulging in drugs and many other atrocities.

People are searching for something sublime, but it is only through your grace that I am now able to understand that something is Krishna.

Thanks to you, we can have delicious healthy, sacred prasadam.

Thanks to you, whenever we have problems

and life crushes us, we can now chant Hare Krishna and be happy.

Thanks to you, we can visit your beautiful temples that have the most elaborate deity worship in the world. We get a glimpse of the spiritual world in them, and forget our struggles for existence in this material world.

*mahaprabhoh kirtana-nrtya-gita-
vaditra-madyan-manaso rasena
romanca-kampasru-taranga-bhajo
vande guroh sri caranaravindam*

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

Srila Prabhupada is the embodiment of spirituality and bhakti. Even though I am most fallen and devoid of any good qualities and intelligence, by your mercy, I am able to understand the real problems of life, such as birth, disease, old age, and death, as well as the solution to these problems. You have

worked arduously for me and the entire world, and left behind your transcendental books, which have transformed my life and the lives of many others, and soon to be, the entire world.

Please forgive me Srila Prabhupada, you have worked so hard to give me and the rest of the world the mercy of Krishna, yet for some reason my heart has not yet developed pure love of Godhead, even though I wish I did. But I know, through your mercy, I can become a pure devotee, and serve you and Sri Krishna.

Oh Srila Prabhupada, please be merciful to me now. There is no one except you who can purify the fallen souls.

The Holy Name delivers one who committed an offence to Lord Hari, but if one commits offence to you there is no means of deliverance.

Please help me overcome all my faults and attain pure love of Shri Krishna, and empower me so that I can serve you and give others Krishna. Please bless me with the dust of your lotus feet birth after birth. Please bless me with devotional service, birth after birth, for I am helpless without your grace.

*A great fool and dependent wishful servant,
Ryan Mark Naidoo,
South Africa, Durban-Chatsworth*



All Glories to you Srila Prabhupada,

I AM ETERNAL GRATEFUL TO YOU for spreading Krishna consciousness to all parts of the world. It was through your mercy that we have a wonderful temple in Chatsworth. My life stand has changed.

*Your servant,
S.P. Maharaja
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*



 S.P. Maharaja
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa

Saci devi dasi 🍷
Midrand
South Africa



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Nitai Gaura Hari! All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja!

WE HAVE RECENTLY INSTALLED YOUR DEITY at ISKCON Midrand, South Africa, and it has been one of the best services that my fortune has allowed me to engage in. Your presence has changed the entire atmosphere, you have made it feel like a temple.

I am eternally grateful for the home you have created. Every time I think about how life will be without you or your devotees, my mind cannot even begin to conclude an alternative - it is as if there is no life outside of your ISKCON.

Thank you for allowing me some mercy to drink

and know the taste of this life style, to have the association and be involved in some service. Thank you for keeping me under your shelter.

I pray with all my heart that I may be fortunate enough to never let go of the inch of the thread on your dhoti.

*Trying to be the servant of your servant,
Saci devi dasi
Midrand, South Africa*



Kishori 🍷
Nairobi
Kenya



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to you.

LORD KRISHNA APPEARS once in 8,600 million years and your appearance in this world is even more rare. You brought Krishna in everyone's life. Who can be more merciful and compassionate than you? You are the rarest gem in the three worlds. We find ourselves very fortunate to be part of this great disciplic succession.

There are thousands and thousands of preachers around the world but only you gave us the authorized knowledge regarding Lord Krishna as it is without even a tinge of personal sense gratification. You are our true well wisher.

You are like a bee that collects the best nectar

from flowers and makes it into sweet honey. You gathered all the essence from hundreds of scriptures and made it more palatable for us.

You have done unlimited things for us but we feel we have done nothing for you. We beg for your mercy so that we can take your teachings and facilities provided by you - the wonderful books and temples to make ourselves at least your worthy grand disciples.

*Sacinandana Das, Sadhvi Radha Devi dasi and
Bhaktin Kishori,
Nairobi, Kenya*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU FOR BRINGING KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS

to the west. Krishna could only trust you to make such an endeavour possible. Your unflinching faith means that the prophecy of Krishna consciousness books will be in every household, across the world.

Thank you for allowing us to be foot soldiers in your army.

We pray that your glories are spread over and over again throughout the three worlds.

*Your aspiring servants,
Sadhu Seva Dasa and Radhadyuti Devi Dasi
Durban, South Africa*

 Sadhu Seva Dasa and
Radhadyuti Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Hare Krsna, my dearest Srila Prabhupada.

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

ON THIS DAY OF YOUR MOST AUSPICIOUS VYASA PUJA,

please allow me to thank you for all your causeless mercy bestowed upon me.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for your merciful Lordships, your pure devotee's mercy, your compassionate Vaisnavas and most of all, for your love.

Thank you for taking care of me: all the times that I needed you and mostly during my hospital visits and even now, while I am going through my final exam. Thank you for all the Vaisnavas who care for my children. I appreciate it, and I cannot

understand how you could be so kind to me?

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada! I love you. You have always taken care of me.

Thank you!

Happy Vyasa puja, please accept my humble and most grateful obeisances at the dust of your most merciful lotus feet.

*Your foolish servant,
Sakhi Sharan Devi dasi
Durban, South Africa*

 Sakhi Sharan Devi dasi
Durban
South Africa



Hare Krishna,

THANK YOU SRILA PRABHUPADA. Krishna consciousness has changed my life.

I've been able to give up meat eating and have been trying to keep the Ekadasi/festival fasting going.

I also enjoy distributing your books and magazines, as many people on my travels take them home

and this gives us some joy.

Thank you to your devotees especially Prema Datri and family for helping me on this path.

*Your servant,
Sam Burrell
Benoni, South Africa*

 Sam Burrell
Benoni
South Africa



Sandra Krustnaiah 🙏
Chatsworth
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja. All glories Guru and Gauranga!

SRILA PRABHUPADA, although my association with devotees and attendance to programs are minimal, when I do attend your greatness comes shining through. With utmost dedication and selfless devotion, you established the ISKCON movement throughout the world.

Your translation of Bhagavad Gita As It Is, has saved many fallen and conditioned souls. Your ISKCON movement is increasing, so many centres

worldwide.

Srila Prabhupada, your contribution to the society has inspired my spiritual journey. Praying to be in constant shelter of your divine lotus feet.

*Your most fallen granddaughter,
Sandra Krustnaiah
Chatsworth, South Africa*

Sanjay Bansi 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

I HAVE LEARNT FROM YOU to spread the message and knowledge from Lord Krishna. It's a slow and gradual progress, but I make sure that more and more people feel the same love, that I feel for lord Krishna

Thank you for all your sacrifices that opened a beautiful and bright path, which is so simple and

easy to follow.

Hare Krishna.

*Sanjay Bansi,
Durban, South Africa*

Sankarshan das 🙏
(Sathia Moonsamy)
Verulam
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you and Sri Gauranga

THANK YOU SRILA PRABHUPADA for saving my soul. Many times I shared my story how I came to Krishna consciousness because of your book distributors

and your book: "Krsna The Supreme Personality Of Godhead", and people are just amazed as I still am.

I have been admiring your disciples behaviour,

and listening to their beautiful description of Sri Sri Radha Krishna and the Spiritual World which you have shared with them. Their disciples have come to teach us how to go back Home, all because they have so much faith in you. Recently, all the devotees around me are describing your wonderful character which cannot be matched by any human being, the pure soul who is always engaged in serving our sweet Lord and giving Him pleasure. I want this too.

I thank Sri Sri Radha Radhanath, Giri Govardan, Gaura Hari, Sri Jagannath Baladev and Subhadra Maharani, Nitai Gaurasundar for sending you to us, and that you are still with us in your books, audios, videos and disciples. Thank you for everything Sri-la Prabhupada, especially this beautiful family you sent to help me. I just read today that some of the devotees are worshipping you in Char-Dham in the photo taken at New Jagannath Puri Temple in which the Sun is taking darshan of you. I pray that we always have you in our hearts to guide us become

genuine servants of Sri Sri Radha Krishna.

I am relishing Your teachings and really wish every being in this universe, including everyone in my family, gets your mercy. My prayer is that I want to meet you personally. Please give me shelter at your lotus feet and help us all out of this miserable condition. Please give me the knowledge & courage and kindly empower me to help you in your mission to spread Krishna consciousness in every town and village.

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare

Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

*Your servant,
Sankarshan das (Sathia Moonsamy)
Verulam, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I offer my respectful obeisances unto you, Your Divine Grace: A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

 Sarasvati Kwane
Cape Town
South Africa

124TH SRI VYASA PUJA

The appearance day of our beloved Spiritual Master which is the most blessed day, 24 August 2019.

His Divine Grace Om Visnupada Paramahansa

Parivrajakacarya Astottara-Sata Sri Srimad

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada

Founder Acarya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness

Our Pre-eminent Siksha-Guru

On this day the multitudes are celebrating your love for your spiritual master, Lord Krishna and His devotees, for you have loved the devotees of the Lord and graced them with Absolute Truth from the Vedas - that is Bhagavad Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam, Sri Caitanya Caritamrita, etc.

I am so grateful that you have translated over 100 books for us to be able to receive your mercy and love by reading your books. Because of your dedication to your spiritual master, we can enjoy the nectar of your grace and glories, the wonderful service of Vyasa-dev to Narada Muni that has been handed

down through the disciplic succession.

You have received extraordinary power in spiritual advancement by pleasing your spiritual master, and you pass on that knowledge to your disciples, empowering us by the potency of the Lord.

I want to express my gratitude, thankfulness and appreciation for your matchless gift of Krishna Consciousness. Now is the time for your appreciation and glorification. Thank you for giving us direction, the purpose of preaching, understanding the Hare Krishna challenge, and a chance to sit in the assembly of devotees. For these purposes, you have built us a house in which the whole world can live.

You have taught us how to decrease the influence of Kali Yuga, and ultimately, you have given us a Vishnu-Centred kingdom. You have taught us how to engage in devotional service, worship, evangelising, honouring prasadam, devotee care, thinking of Krishna always, remembering Krishna always, surrendering to Krishna always and glorifying Krishna always.

You are the deliverer of the conditioned souls. You have befriended the poor, and you allow us to sit at your lotus feet. Your order is for us to preach to the world; therefore, you united us for preaching and to saturate every street and village with the Holy Names.

You allow us to participate in decreasing the influence of Kali Yuga by chanting and observing the regulative principals. Now the world will

experience peace, happiness, spiritual upliftment, Krishna consciousness and relief from suffering.

You have allowed us to fulfil everyone's desire for peace, joy and happiness by preaching, harinam sankirtan and chanting the Holy Names. Because Krishna is regulated and perfect, devotees are blissfully singing and dancing in ecstasy.

We are still appreciating the miracle of your establishing ISKCON on a shoestring budget, opening restaurants, religious farms, colleges and schools and giving ISKCON the power of GBC and RGC.

ISKCON's family business is to remain sober, non-violent, to have control over the senses, chant, dance, serve, worship and preach with a full understanding of your nectarean words, supported by Sastra. Your kindness converted the conditioned souls into beautiful swans like your saffron sannyanis who are currently torching us with the light of the Bhagavad Gita.

All this is coming from you, through the disciplic succession. You are the deliverer of the conditioned souls, and we are just trying to follow our acaryas because of you, our pre-eminent siksha guru.

His Divine Grace, Srila Prabhupada ki jaya!

*In gratitude,
Sarasvati Kwane
Cape Town, South Africa*

Sarika Priya 🌸
Durban
South Africa

 Dearest Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet.

THE MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY HAS ARRIVED. The Vyasa Puja of Your Divine Grace. Where does one begin to glorify you Srila Prabhupada? You started ISKCON, a place where we call home with devotees being our extended family. We are so fortunate to belong to this glorious movement. I simply cannot

imagine my life without ISKCON. At such an old age you underwent such atrocities just to help millions of fallen souls. Srila Prabhupada, you are merciful like Mahaprabhu delivering everyone with the Holy Name. Mahaprabhu said you would come and spread Krsna Consciousness all over the world and

we will eternally remain indebted to you for saving us.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I will never be able to thank you properly.....

*Your aspiring servant,
Sarika Priya
Durban, South Africa*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you on this glorious occasion of your Sri Vyasa-Puja!

 Sarisha Harrychund
Durban
South Africa

THE MOST GLORIOUS EXPERIENCE I have with you is your causeless mercy in affording me the opportunity to lead a spiritualised life. Even with all my failings, I am supremely grateful to have the opportunity to do service with, and associate with your devotees, to be influenced by your books, receive the merciful darshan of Sri Sri Radha Radhanath, honour prasadam, and experience the bliss of kirtan.

Your mercy is always present, and I feel it every time I recognise that it is your teachings, principles and practices which have brought meaning and purpose to my existence. Your mercy manifests in every good choice that results in my life, from trying to commit to following the four regulative principles and chanting the Hare Krishna Mahamantra. Your mercy manifests in every difficult situation, when I realise that I am really not, but rather, the Supreme Lord is, in control. And your mercy manifests in

every challenge - that I have to try and see - not as a threat, but as an opportunity to reduce my karma or a miraculous experience of Lord Krishna's mercy.

Your mercy is all that enables me to live each day as meaningfully as possible and I will remain eternally grateful for all that you sacrificed to distribute that mercy to me. I pray that I may always try to behave in a manner that will be pleasing to you, and that I can remember to act on my responsibility to share your mercy with others. I pray that I may always remain connected to your ISKCON, in the association of your devotees, and in your liberating service.

*Your aspiring servant,
Sarisha Harrychund
Durban, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

PRABHUPADA YOU ARE A GREAT MAN. You visited many countries, and gave good teachings, including in my country, South Africa.

My dear Prabhupada's teachings have carried on till date, and the music soothes us all.

I trust Prabhupada still takes care of the culture, and places he built. My humble pranams to my dear

Prabhupada, you will always be my ultimate. Please take care of my family, and my children, and the rest of the people.

*Sartha Mohan
KwaZulu- Natal, South Africa*

 Sartha Mohan
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa

Sarvanga Sundri devi dasi 🙏
Durban
South Africa

 Hare Krsna my dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Your Divine Grace
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

SRILA PRABHUPADA YOU ARE INDEED A SOLDIER in Krsna's army fighting and helping us fallen souls fight against maya. In Bhagavad Gita you explain that one who spreads the glories of Krsna is very dear to Krsna. Srila Prabhupada you are that special personality in our lives.

Thank you for creating a house for the entire world. It is because of you Srila Prabhupada that we have such a big family worldwide. I feel the warmth, love and guidance in relationship with

your followers and this makes life in this miserable material world more bearable.

I pray that you always keep me under your watchful eye, engaged in devotional service and at your divine lotus feet for eternity.

*Your worthless grand disciple,
Sarvanga Sundri devi dasi
Durban, South Africa*

Satcidananda das 🙏
Lagos temple
Nigeria

 Dear Your Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.
Please accept my respectful obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH for saving humanity through your personal realisations of Lord Sri Krsna, the Supreme Personality of God and your unparalleled compassion through your unquestionable transcendental teachings. What else can one say to glory you since your name alone is the greatest fortune one may get in this human form of life. Dear Srila Prabhupada, on this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-Puja, I say thank you, and I want to represent everything to say, Thank You!

Please help me, for I do not know what my interest is. Please, I have no good character or proper behaviours, but I fear the punishment of disassociation from your devotees,

*Thank you, Srila Prabhupada!
Your servant,
Satcidananda das
Lagos temple, Nigeria*

Satyanani Dasi 🙏
Durban
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please kindly accept my humble obeisances.
All glories unto you. All glories to you on this auspicious day.

AS TIME PASSES, the more service we attempt, the more I realize how insignificant all my attempts are

but still a large part of my encouragement, comes from my indebtedness to you.

By the kindness of the spiritual master so many simple things can now become devotional service, just like that, this is also mercy.

Our hearts are won over again and again, by the nature of your personality, which is full of patience, generosity and more so you gave us acceptance out of genuine love because you see everyone and everything in relation to Krsna. That perspective makes a person soft hearted and so affectionate, that the

recipient feels so sheltered.

One of the most appreciable qualities of your character is, purity and transparency. To find that, in a person, is finding sincerity and true guidance.

I pray to become the servant of your servants.

*Your aspiring servant,
Satyarani Dasi
Durban, South Africa*



Hare Krsna, Dear Swami Srila Prabhupada.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THE GOOD SPIRIT you have given me with your teachings and abundance of knowledge I am gaining and still learning by reading the Bhagavad-gita As It Is, there's so much inspirational information, Bhagavan's love, grace and appreciation that's fundamental in my life. Bhagavan has brought me to attend programs at the ISKCON

Lenasia temple, what a wonderful joy and great blessing this is to me.

I am thankful to Bhagavan, Hare Krsna.

*Senthamarai Govender
Johannesburg, South Africa*



To my Dearest Great Grandfather, Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories unto your lotus feet.

OH DEAR GREAT GRANDFATHER, how much more can I thank you for all the mercy and love you have showed upon me.

You have been so merciful by giving this unfortunate soul a chance to serve you at your lotus feet. From the time you have come to our Temple in Midrand in your deity form, you have left me in complete surprise as to how much you have arranged for me to serve you. From making a simple garland, to waking up early to bath and dress you.

When I make these small offerings, I take the dust from your lotus feet to guide me while doing these services.

Only with your mercy have I realised that the simple garlands are becoming opulent ones.

Staring into your majestic eyes has brought tears to mine and every time my hand touches your lotus feet, I feel a sense of warmth, love and care.

I humbly request you, to keep me under your protection and guidance, to keep serving the devotees, your dearest Sri Sri Radha Krishna, Your Divine Grace and your wonderful disciples.

*With lots of love and gratitude,
Your sweet great granddaughter,
Shaitala Mistry (14 years), Midrand, South Africa*

 **Senthamarai Govender**
Johannesburg
South Africa

 **Shaitala Mistry (14 years)**
Midrand
South Africa

Shalina, Sanvir and Jasvir 🙏
Oakdene
South Africa



All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

THANK YOU SRILA PRABHUPADA for bringing Krishna consciousness to our lives.

Without Krishna consciousness in our lives, we would be lost in this material world. Thank you for making Bhagavad-Gita so easy to understand.

Always at your lotus feet for your mercy.

*Your servants of your servant
Shalina, Sanvir and Jasvir
Oakdene, South Africa*



Shamalata devi dasi 🙏
Phoenix, Durban
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you, dear Srila Prabhupada.

A VERY HAPPY VYASA-PUJA FOR 2019, my master. I can only say thank you, daily, for all that you have given me - our Lord Krishna and engaging me in His devotional service.

Presently, I am engaged in helping with providing prasad at New Jagannath Puri temple in Phoenix, Durban, for our Tuesday namahatta. I must write that our devotees here are very happy in helping to provide bhoga for prasad every week and during our love feast on Sundays.

A few even took initiation.

I am sorry that I am incapable of following in your divine footsteps in spreading Krishna Consciousness. I am like a fool claiming to be a devotee.

Please bless me to attract at least one jiva to your mission.

I love You, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your ever well-wisher,
Shamalata devi dasi
Phoenix, Durban, South Africa*



Shaniel Padarath 🙏
Randburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

IT IS A WONDERFUL FEELING to be enlightened about Krishna. I found myself in many ways and adapted many virtues from the teachings of Krishna through the most wonderful teacher, you: Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for the knowledge and the teachings that you spread throughout the world and while, the teachings have positively affected the world over, it

has been used in my family through generations to teach and create blissful human beings.

Thank you for your wonderful efforts and for being a loving and humble individual. You are a role model to the whole world.

Shaniel Padarath, Randburg, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisances.
All glories to Guru and Gauranga.

 Shanth-Roop devi dasi
Durban
South Africa

I AM NOT SURE WHERE TO BEGIN. Last year, due to some unimaginable good fortune I received diksha. I know this was your mercy and Lord Krsna's mercy, and even though I was so undeserving, somehow or other you have been so kind to me to allow me this mercy.

I have learned a lot in this last year, especially when we did a drama for Gurudev. It was about Bhakta Thukaram. Speaking of Thukaram, there will be a big celebration this year in Pandharpur. There is a ghat that will be opened in your honour. It will be called "Prabhupad Ghaat".

I will be writing exams soon. This will be our final exam for Bhakti Sastri. I was just speaking to some devotees yesterday and just saying how sad I

am that it's finished now. I know the next course is available next year, yet I am not sure who will be there from this class. I will miss the devotees and their association.

I enrolled for Bhakti Sastri so that I could learn and then teach the next generation. There's so much to learn and we really need to keep on learning. Last year I was telling you about how we need to teach the next generation from an early age. I hope and pray that I can now be instrumental in doing this.

Thank you again, for being so merciful to me.

*Your grand daughter,
Shanth-Roop devi dasi
Durban, South Africa*



Dear SrilaPrabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet on this most auspicious and blessed day of your divine appearance. All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari.

 Shobhana Bhaga
Johannesburg
South Africa

*nama om vishnu-padayakrishna-preshthayabhutale
srimatebhaktivedanta-svamininitinamine
namastesaraswatedevegaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desa-tarine*

MY SINCERE THANK YOU, SRILA PRABHUPADA, and everlasting gratitude for all that you have done for humanity and myself.

Srila Prabhupada, you sacrificed everything to come to the West at an advanced age and preach Krsna consciousness. Through so many hardships you persevered in your undertakings and carried out your Guru Maharaj's instructions.

Without you, Srila Prabhupada, we would not have your ISKCON, association with devotees, the Maha Mantra, Krishna prasadam and your books, in which we find the highest wisdom, your precise and practical guidance, and the perfect understanding of the topmost knowledge.

We are so grateful that now your books are being printed in even more languages besides

English, so that Krishna consciousness is made easier for all to understand.

Srila Prabhupada you are a master, you led by example and no one can achieve what you have done for us in a short space of time.

Srila Prabhupada, although you are not here in person, you have left us all your instructions in your books, your disciples and your ISKCON temples.

Through reading your books you allow us

association with Your Divine Grace and Lord Sri Krishna.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. I am completely indebted to you for showing us the way back home, back to Godhead, in this lifetime.

*Your humble servant,
Shobhana Bhaga
Johannesburg, South Africa*

Shohana 🌸
Cape Town
South Africa



Dearest Prabhupada,

I AM THANKFUL that you have spread Krishna Consciousness. This has allowed me to understand where I am coming from and where I will be going to from here.

Because of you I have found a lot of peace.

*Shohana
Cape Town, South Africa*

Shukadev das 🌸
Tongaat
South Africa



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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

All Glories to you on your most auspicious and revered appearance day.

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvivesa sunyavadi pascatya desa tarine*

I PRAY TO ALWAYS HAVE YOUR MERCIFUL SHELTER and gracious blessings which I'm completely dependent on to keep me focussed and in alignment of my spiritual goal. A goal that you dear Prabhupada, have universally made possible, by seeding the thought of devotional service in the hearts of thousands.

Without the establishment of ISKCON, where would my life be. It is but a thought of dismay and greyness. The devotional service afforded to us in your ISKCON is plentiful, full of joy, offering the greatest ecstasy, creating the abundance of joy in

our hearts and giving our lives the deepest purpose and greatest fulfilment.

May your mercy forever flow, and may I always have the intelligence to be receptive to honour and welcome this mercy, which will be the ultimate saviour to my blemished self. I am in awe and in deep gratitude of your work Srila Prabhupada, and all that you accomplished with much fervour and love. Always selfless, always our well-wisher. No amount of anything can be a worth a suitable payment, for what you have done for me, for us and for

generations to come. All glories to you!

May I always relish your mercy, may I always have the dust of your lotus feet and may I eternally have service to you.

*Your loving grandson,
Shukadev das
Tongaat, South Africa*



My Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktisiddhanta-sarasvatiti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvīsesa-sunyavadi-pascatyā-desa-tarine*

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Sri Vyasa-Puja Celebration, I would like to offer my most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.

On this special day, there are a few words of appreciation and gratitude that I would like to offer to your divine grace.

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

Dear Srila Prabhupada, I am eternally grateful that in this lifetime you have allowed me to take shelter of your Hare Krsna Movement by delivering this poor ignorant fool from the blazing fire of material existence. By your mercy, I am fortunate to be able to develop a taste for chanting the Hare

Krsna Maha Mantra and to be part of this wonderful movement. You are an ocean of all auspiciousness, and by your glance of mercy upon me, I am able to perform devotional service.

Thank you, dear Srila Prabhupada, for saving me in this lifetime, no amounts of words can compare to the mercy that I have been blessed with by your grace, leaving your lotus feet where would I go?

Thank you, Srila Prabhupad for being so kind to me by offering me shelter at the dust of your divine lotus feet.

Jai Prabhupada, Jai Prabhupada, Jai Prabhupada!

*Your most fallen servant,
Shyama Kishori Dasi
ISKCON Phoenix NJP, Durban South Africa*

 Shyama Kishori Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*Namah Om Visnu padaya Krishna prasthaya bhulale
Srimate Bhaktivedanta Swami iti Namine
Namaste Sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvīsesa sunyavadi pascatyā dese tarine*



 Shyama Vilasini dasi
La Laura, Saint Pierre
Mauritius

*Jaya Sri Krishna Chaitanya Prabhu Nityananda
Sri Advaita Gadadhara Srivas Adi Gaura Bhakta Vrnda
Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare*

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of Your Divine Vya-
sa-puja, I am feeling so very blessed and honoured
to be able to offer a few words, which is worthless
knowing my unworthiness. However, I also know
that it is only by the mercy of your disciples and
ultimately your causeless mercy that I may become
purified to be able to practice devotional service and
therefore I am making this attempt for your pleasure
and the pleasure of Sri Sri Radha Golokananda.

*Aradhananam sarvesam
Visnor aradhanam param t
asmat parataram devi
tadiyanam samarcanam*

“Of all types of worship, worship of Lord Visnu is best,
and better than the worship of Lord Visnu is the wor-
ship of His devotee, the Vaisnava” (Padma Purana)
Srimad Bhagavatam (3.17.19) states:

*yat-sevaya bhagavataḥ
kuta-sthasya madhu-dvisah
rati-raso bhavet tivrah
padayor vyasanardanaḥ*

By serving the feet of the spiritual master, one is
enabled to develop transcendental ecstasy in the
service of the Personality of Godhead, who is the
unchangeable enemy of the Madhu demon and
whose service vanquishes one’s material distresses.

This age of Kali is full of inauspiciousness and
suffering for conditioned souls. But the Lord was so
merciful that He personally came as a devotee to
inaugurate the easy and sublime process by which
the fallen souls may be delivered. He declared that
His name will be chanted in every town and village.

He also declared that He will send His commander
in chief to propagate his message all over the world.

In Chaitanya Mangal, Lord Caitanya clearly
mentions that He will send His leading preacher
abroad

*ebe nama sankirtana tiksna khadga lana
antara asura jivera phelibha katiya
yadi papi chadi dharma dura dese yaya
mora senapati-bhakta yaibe tathaya*

Taking the sharp sword of the congregational chant-
ing of the Holy Name, I will root out and destroy
the demoniac mentality in the hearts of the condi-
tioned souls.

If some sinful people escape and giving up reli-
gious principles go too far off countries, then My
commander in chief (Senapati Bhakta) will appear
to chase them and distribute Krsna consciousness.

Before your advent Srila Prabhupada, this pre-
diction seemed impossible despite the efforts of
many. You were spotted by Srila Bhakti Saraswati
Thakur in your very first meeting with him. You had
firm faith in him and by your sincerity, dedication
and purity did the impossible at the age of seventy
two single handedly with no finance and within a
short span of 12 years made this a reality. You are an
embodiment of prema, compassion and the great-
est well wisher of all living entities. You have taken
great risks to deliver people from all faith, creed,
colour and race without any discrimination. You
did not care about criticism so as to make Krsna
consciousness accessible to all. You were fixed on
executing the order of your spiritual master for the
pleasure of Lord Chaitanya just like the gopis did not
care about going to hell by offering the dust of their

lotus feet to cure Krishna's headache.

“Try to understand our mission of Krishna consciousness. The world is all going to hell. They do not know what is the value of life. Like blind sheep following a blind leader, they are all going to the slaughterhouse. Human life is meant for saving, but instead the leaders are keeping the people in darkness. This is suicidal. Let us try to save them. Christian, Hindu, or Muslim, it doesn't matter.”

(Srla Prabhupada Letter, September 4, 1972)

On this auspicious day, I beg you Srila Prabhupada to please cast your merciful glance on me and use me as an instrument in your service. I pray that I may always be engaged in your service and the service of your mission birth after birth.

Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada ki jai.

*Your grand disciple,
Shyama Vilasini dasi
La Laura, Saint Pierre, Mauritius*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

Srla Prabhupada, You are the most elevated personality that was born in this universe.

Without You, I would definitely not be practicing Krishna Consciousness.

So thank you, we love you,

*Sita Priya devi dasi,
South Africa, Durban*

 Sita Priya devi dasi
Durban
South Africa



My dearest Prabhupada,

My humble obeisance at your lotus feet.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesa-sunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

*jaya sri-krishna-caitanya prabhu nityananda
sri-advaita gadadhara srivasadi-gaura-bhakta-vrinda*

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

Srla Prabhupada ki Jai.

 Sitaram Das
Phoenix
Mauritius

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

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO WRITE ABOUT YOU. O great sage of this kaliyuga, people of each asram is and will take advantage of your books and writings and become devotees, as it is now happening in China and other countries.

Prabhupada, in the late sixties you were facing some difficulties in the translating of this great literature that is Srimad Bhagavatam. The Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu appeared in your dream and told you to seek help from a lecturer, called Prabhakar at a college and who later became your first disciple.

Similarly, O' Mahajan, you made friends while preaching to the people and whom helped you to hire a room at Jhansi, where you performed your daily devotional programs. O' Prabhupada, your determination was so genuine to propagate Krishna consciousness, that your sweet Lord Sri Krishna

Himself appeared before you and gave you a very big garland, the scent of which was extremely amazing. It perfumed both the whole hall and outside. That scent did not belong to this world. As you went to pay your obeisances to the Lord, He disappeared. Prabhupada, you became transcendental and started performing kirtans by playing mridanga. You danced while tears were streaming down from your eyes. When your disciple came, he asked about your dance, the scent and tears. He was very much astonished when you related the incident to him.

Srila Prabhupada ki Jai.

*Sitaram Das
Sri Sri Radha Golokananda Mandir
Phoenix, Mauritius*



Smita Krsna das 🍷
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

YOUR LILAMRTA

At your lotus feet with pranams I prostrate
Your sacred benediction I supplicate.
Opportunity bestowed your Lilamrta to teach
Joy in the privilege others to reach.
If we do not about your life story preach
How will we Krsna's love beseech?
"The devotee of My devotee I hold more dear!"
To Krsna's declaration one must adhere!

Some of your disciples kindly encouraged me

Your lila to unravel in systematic study.
Masters they are in our Movement spiritual
Disqualified I feel to execute their will.

Thus, I pray your divine lila to contemplate
With single attention upon you to meditate.
I beg the vision to be able to see
Please reveal yourself to me.

Eternally Indebted I am, and humbled too
Such service bestowed -
I deepen my commitment unto you.

*Your servant,
Smita Krsna das
Durban South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I OFFER MY DEEPEST RESPECT AND GRATITUDE to His Divine Grace Swami Prabhupada for opening the path to my spiritual journey.

Swami Srila Prabhupada, in all his brilliance, has made the teachings of the great vedic literatures easily understandable and practical for any layman. His words bring comfort and resolution to you, whenever this material world becomes too grappling.

I want to thank Swami Srila Prabhupada for

giving me the greatest gift of all, by invoking my God consciousness. For it is only through his most eloquent literary works that have revealed to me the Supreme Opulence and cause of all causes, Sri Hare Krsna.

I whole-heartedly want to thank Swami Srila Prabhupada for sharing this love of God with me.

*Soimone Govender,
South Africa, Johannesburg*

 **Soimone Govender**
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances.

IT HAS BEEN ALMOST 10 YEARS since I have been introduced to ISKCON. My first, and most outstanding experience, was when I read your book on why we should become a vegetarian.

Your words were, “the human body is not a graveyard”. These have been firmly imprinted in my mind. I have become vegetarian, since then. Your Bhagavad Gita is the Crystal of Humanity. It is

 **Somasundram Govender**
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa

in-depth, and has successfully brought Lord Krishna alive to Humanity.

I am fortunate to have been exposed to ISKCON, and to have learnt from your devotees.

*Your humble servant,
Somasundram Govender
KwaZulu- Natal, South Africa*

Sonali Singh 🌸
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I BOW AT YOUR LOTUS FEET, and offer you my eternal gratitude, for blessing me with the gift of Krishna Consciousness. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for leaving behind an eternal legacy of literature, for which I am eternally grateful. Please help me to serve you to the best of my ability always. I am

eternally indebted to you.

*Your servant,
Sonali Singh,
Johannesburg, South Africa*

Sri Caitanya Dasa, 🌸
Caitanya Premi Devi Dasi, and
Yamuna Sundari Devi Dasi.
Newcastle, KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to you.

AT YOUR LOTUS FEET I offer my obeisances again and again. You are jagad-guru, savior of the whole world, and you are Prabhupada, the master at whose feet all other masters sit. Srila Prabhupada, you appeared in this world to bestow the priceless benediction of the holy names and to plant within our hearts the rarest of treasures, the taste for rendering pure devotional service.

Undoubtedly, you are a transcendental messenger, a pure representative of Srimati Radharani

and Lord Krsna.

Lord Caitanya commissioned you to save us, our lost bewildered, uncultured souls, from this miserably entangling material world of death, which is perpetually submerged in dire ignorance.

Dictated by lust, greed, and anger, we were all well on our way to hell for sure. However, thanks to your sublime mercy and our extreme good fortune, in 1965, at the advanced age of sixty-nine, you came to the West to rescue us.

Your kindness is without bounds.
Your mercy knows no limits.
Your knowledge is deeper than the deepest sea.
Your glories extend beyond mundane vision.
Your words of wisdom can end all depressive thoughts
Your happiness is Lord Krsna's happiness.
Your books are the basis of Krsna consciousness for all ages.
You are Srimati Radharani's agent, advertising the wonders of bhakti-yoga.
You gave the world Lord Jagannatha, Who brought his sister, Subhadra Devi, and

brother Lord Balarama along to bring more festive joy to all.
You gave us temples filled with devotion to Lord Krsna standing next to His Love,
the transcendently most beautiful Srimati Radharani
You gave us a structure made of pure love. You saw us at the side of the road,
looking for a free ride to happiness only you would bestow.
Your love for your children from around the world simply grows and grows and
grows.
We love you more each passing year and hope it somehow shows.

*Your eternal servants,
Sri Caitanya Dasa, Caitanya Premi Devi Dasi, and Yamuna Sundari Devi Dasi.
Newcastle, KwaZulu-Natal. South Africa*



Our Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.

 **Sri-Govinda Dasa**
Ruimsig
South Africa

OVER THE PAST YEAR, we, as a vaishnava family, have tried our best to live up to the ideals that you have passed down through your movement, your followers and your books. Monthly, we have the good fortune of going out on book distribution as a family, with a few of your dedicated grand disciples. Tara and Harini, in their own right, have become book distributors, eager to go out with the devotees and are developing a growing sense of achievement with each book that they distribute.

It is not easy raising a Krsna Conscious family in the western world, but we are finding innovative ways to ensure that Krsna consciousness is a constant part of our lives. The beauty of this process that you have given us is that not only do we teach the children to be Krsna conscious, but we learn from them to be better devotees. Through their innocent eyes, questions and interpretations, we practically

see your purports. The devotees are their family, the temple is our sanctuary, Govindas has become our family day out and your books are a constant reminder that we can do more.

We are further blessed with the kind association of The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust champions. These devotees inspire us to be better devotees in all aspects of our lives. The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust has become an integral aspect of our lives and our service, and we relish the opportunity to serve you through your publishing house.

Tara and Harini: Thank you Prabhupada for giving us Krsna. You are the best Swami in the whole world.

*Your servants,
Harini, Tara, Jayalalita, and Sri-Govinda
Ruimsig, South Africa*



Sri Nathji dasa 🌸
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to the dust of your divine lotus feet.

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

TIME AND AGAIN I curse myself to be the most ignorant and sinful for not meeting you at any of your programmes when you visited Durban in 1975. I read the many poster and newspaper articles about your visit and at that stage want to be spiritually inclined. My life time regrets haunt me almost daily for not having the opportunity to attend the City Hall programme.

In the early 1980's I came in contact with some devotees and become very attracted to the philosophy of your teachings. I visited the Cato Ridge Temple and was present for the grand installation and also witnessed your Deity installation at the Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple at the opening in 1985.

Your programmes of Deity worship, cooking, Food for Life, Sunday Love Feast and temples that you have established around the world cannot be compared to the achievements of any other living soul.

You are empowered by the Lord Himself to

establish this ISKCON movement single-handed around the world. You left India at a very late age and having two heart-attacks on the Jaladuta on your way to America. You are a pure spiritual soul of the Lord and your disciples are the true reflection of their Guru. Their example of preaching around the world and establishing Temples like the Temple of the Vedic Planetarium in Sri Dham Mayapur shows how sincerely they are following your instructions.

However, I am a bit fortunate that I take association of your disciples and take mercy from them. On a daily basis I honour you, worship you and beg you to keep this insignificant soul at the dust of your lotus feet. I always pray for your mercy, protection and for your guidance.

*Your most fallen servant,
Sri Nathji dasa
Durban, South Africa*



Srivas Dasa 🌸
Accra
Ghana



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

SRILA PRABHUPADA THE TRANSCENDENTAL TRAIL BLAZER FOR THE AGE OF KALI

Appearing as the darling son of Gour Mohan De you received pristine Vaisnava training from infancy. Organizing your childhood ratha yatra festivals you enthused the members of your community, and later in life you extended it to enliven the whole world. Attending Scottish College in Kolkata you prepared for a life of managing a worldwide spiritual

organization.

Accepting Param Pujya Srila Bhaktisidanta Sarasvati Thakura words as your life and soul you became so empowered to preach and write tirelessly for the upliftment of entire world.

Receiving a special garland from Lord Sri Krishna in Jhansi on Janmastami day you demonstrated





to the world Lord Krishna's deep affection for you. Living in Radha Damodara temple in Vrindavan you constantly sought the blessings and empowerment of the six goswamis of Vrindavan, which they gave abundantly. Weeping and sweeping Sri-la Rupa Goswami samadhi courtyard every night you attracted the mercy and empowerment of Srila Rupa Goswami, Srila Sanatana Goswami and Srila Jiva Goswami.

Ordering the brahmacaris in Kesevaji Gaudiya temple in Mathura to perform kirtan during your sannyasa initiation ceremony, you demonstrated your complete faith in the holy name.

Chanting your japa with great faith and love deep into the night, you attracted the attention of Lord Krishna who allowed you to hear the melodious sounds of His transcendental flute.

Embarking on your historic journey to America you accepted the austerity to travel on a cargo ship just to fulfill the prediction of Srila Bhaktisidanta Sarasvati Thakur that one of his disciples would cross the ocean and bring the whole world to Sri Dhama Mayapur.

Struggling alone in a foreign and unfriendly place like New York, you exhibited such unwavering determination and perseverance just to transplant Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu's sankirtan movement

in the Western world, for the pleasure of your guru maharaja.

Your preaching activities on earth were simply amazing, they were beyond the limits of this mundane world, because they were done without any material motivation. Your love for humanity was unparalleled, but your love for your followers was even much more deeper, hence your writing of the Bhaktivedanta purports for their spiritual nourishment.

At the Krishna Balarama temple in Vrindavan you regularly consulted with the members of Pancatattva on the strategies for spreading the worldwide sankirtan movement. You circumnavigated the planet fourteen times, to strongly establish your preaching mission in every major city of the world. In Vrindavan you gloriously departed from this world dictating your Bhaktivedanta purports.

Therefore, you are the transcendental trail blazer for the age of Kali, who kindly lead the way for others to follow.

*Srivas
Accra, Ghana*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*titiksavah karunikah
suhrdah sarva-dehinam
ajata-satravah santah
sadhavah sadhu-bhusanah
Bhagavatam 3.25.21*

AS I REFLECT ON MY LIFE'S JOURNEY, I visualise the two possible paths my life could have evolved through, and feel the need to take a moment to understand

the intervention of Your Divine Grace's thoughts, words and deeds, which created an indelible impact on my life's path and conscious awareness. I was

 Srivas Pandit dasa
Pretoria
South Africa

bombarded with philosophical and religious arguments from various spheres that made me feel irrelevant and insecure. I looked everywhere for some argumentative and philosophical support; however, I could never reconcile my birth and practices.

I yearned for knowledge of the source of my original heritage and a defined purpose.

1995, was the year the first drops of mercy cascaded onto my being, and as I studied Your Divine Graces' words, thoughts and deeds, I felt the surge of internal confidence to face the world. Charged with the weapons of knowledge, I faced my torturers one by one and grew confident. The more I read your purports the stronger I felt.

The time came to know the person behind the words, not realising that your earthly pass times would cure the solid foundation which emanated

from your divine words. I felt sorrow, pain and adulation as I progressed through the collections of your chronologically encapsulated life.

I have never known of a personality that would forsake personal happiness and comfort to help individuals with no apparent genealogical relation.

I now realise the nature of a Vaishnava and Acharya, and the fact that those whom are recipients of your mercy, need to promulgate your life teachings and character so that the souls on this planet can also be beneficiaries, as per the desire of your spiritual lineage and merciful orders.

I pray for your continued guidance and mercy.

*Your great grand disciple,
Srivasa Pandit dasa
Pretoria, South Africa*

Subal sakha das, 
Balarama and Gaura
ISKCON Newcastle, KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desat-tarini*

WHEN THE TIME WAS MATURE for the appearance of the Lord, the constellations became very auspicious. The astrological influence of the star known as Rohini was predominant. This star is considered to be very auspicious and is under the direct supervision of Brahma. According to the astrological conclusion, besides the proper situation of the stars, there are auspicious and inauspicious moments due to the different situations of the different planetary systems. At the time of Krsna's birth, the planetary systems were automatically adjusted so that everything became auspicious.

[Krsna, The Supreme Personality of Godhead, Chapter 3 - The Birth of Lord Krsna, paragraph 1]

I was surprised at the flood of emotions I felt

when I listened to a song from the seventies. Immediately I thought of you. Music can be evocative. In my mind's eye I was sitting at your feet gushing tears, lamenting a life wasted. When I calmed down after a few moments I felt grateful that I could think of you. In terms of chronological proximity, I am glad to be so closely connected to your pastimes, even as an outsider, and of course there is the boon of having opportunities to serve and hear from your disciples.

In a famous film footage clip, a reporter asks you what a hippie is, you reply, "something extraordinary" and laugh. The dictionary defines extraordinary as "very unusual or remarkable" and offers the synonyms: remarkable, exceptional, amazing, astonishing, astounding, marvellous, wonderful,

sensational, stunning, incredible, unbelievable, miraculous, phenomenal, prodigious and spectacular.

Extraordinary indeed! Hippies, the sixties, New York, San Francisco, the music. Somehow these seemed just right; the perfect stage for you to masterfully sculpt the astonishing lifeboat of the Hare Krishna Movement.

No less extraordinary was your five-day visit to Russia and finding your one and only Russian disciple who, under your guidance, would start a spiritual revolution in Russia. Can we say the consequences of your five-day trip to Russia were spectacular! Phenomenal! Unbelievable! Miraculous!?!? Or is the miracle still evolving?

Was it by chance that many sincere servants could be found on the streets of Haight-Ashbury or New York or in Moscow or was the universe conspiring to serve the mission of Lord Caitanya's servant, A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, the Founder-Acarya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness? Naturally, some detractors will devalue or minimize your achievements. They are but fog in the sun of your extraordinary,

transcendental adventures.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, our scholarship or sacrifices has not dazzled anyone, nor do we have much to give in charity. Austerity and penance make us restless. Just trying to be civilized human beings is difficult enough for us what to speak of controlling our mind. However, we are firmly convinced that there can be no greater perfection for us than to attempt to follow your instructions. Simply by hearing about your life story, people from many countries and different cultures take to the transcendental process of Bhakti Yoga. Such is your extraordinary power.

We wish that the touchstone of your pastimes remains in our minds and close to our hearts. In this way we may gradually rise with inspiration to serve your ISKCON. Therefore, our only prayer is to always have the company of your servants.

All glories to you Srila Prabhupada, the saviour of the fallen.

*Subal sakha das, Balarama and Gaura
ISKCON Newcastle
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to the lotus feet of our dearest Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to Guru and Gauranga.



Subashni Maistry
Durban
South Africa

THANK YOU SRILA PRABHUPADA for bringing Lord Krsna to us.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for ISKCON.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for creating a house for the whole world to live in.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for your most worthy disciples, our present Maharajas, your living representatives, who guide us back to Lord Krsna.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for allowing an unworthy soul, like myself, access to Lord Krsna, via Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for your wonderful gift of sankirtan, you have taken Lord Krsna to every town and village.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for devoting your life to Sri Krsna, in the hope that us fallen souls, will see the glories of Sri Krsna.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for allowing, one such as myself, who is most undeserving and fallen, the opportunity to know your glories, your compassion, your sacrifices, so that I may know Sri Krsna.

*Your most unworthy servant,
Subashni Maistry
Springfield, Durban, South Africa*



Subhadra (age 10) 🌸
New Jaganath Puri Temple
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU for spreading the Holy Name of Lord Krsna.

Thank you for teaching us that chanting Hare Krsna is the only way to get out of the material world of suffering and that real happiness can only be found by serving Lord Krsna.

I would like to thank you for translating books from Sanskrit to other languages we can

understand. Your purports help us to not make our own interpretations.

Thank You

*Your servant,
Subhadra (10 years old)
New Jaganath Puri Temple, Durban, South Africa*



Subhadra Devi Dasi 🌸
ISKCON Midrand temple
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada

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

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desā-tarine*

AS MY GRAND SPIRITUAL MASTER, I cannot tell you how much I wish I were physically present when you were on this planet! Oh, how I want to have been in your presence, if only just once! Or to take one morsel of Maha-prasad from your divine hands! Just to have gazed upon you once in your physical presence! How fallen I am! Alas! Alas!

You are the greatest gift to humanity. What you have achieved and how you achieved it, words cannot begin to describe nor appreciate it!

Today I humbly and most unqualifiedly desire to express a micro of a micro bit of love, attachment, surrender and gratitude for all that you have done, all that you are doing and all you will continue to do in the most selfless existences by anyone at any point in time in the existence of the material manifestation.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for giving me the opportunity to assist my Gurudev in serving you in your deity form, performing arti and other such

deity seva.

Thank you for opening the door for me to grow in seva by giving me the opportunities as you have for the longest time. Please, please, please, I beg you to continue to keep me as a small insignificant speck at the dust of your lotus feet eternally!

I pray that you mercifully protect me and find ways for me to serve you. Let my Kali Yuga memory remember your instructions, embed them deeper in my heart, and put them to action. Please use me as your instrument in Lord Caitanya's movement, so His prediction may continue to manifest.

Please, Srila Prabhupada, keep all wrongful and unsavoury elements away from your house as we are constantly under attack by gross elements as well as

subtle. Within your house, I pray that you inspire and help all that have taken shelter therein to use their intelligence, talents and desires to fulfil your mission and to keep your legacy strong in purity, harmoniously, respectfully, and with one goal only - to serve YOU fully in surrender.

Please, Srila Prabhupada have mercy on us all!
Please Srila Prabhupada, help us all!

With all my love, appreciation and deepest gratitude as I remain a beggar at the dust of your lotus feet, eternally.

*Your servant,
Subhadra Devi Dasi
ISKCON Midrand temple, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I LOVE COWS because I can brush them, milk them, and because they are so gentle.

I wish I could see you and hear you say, "Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead."

I love your books because they have mantras, so I can learn about Krishna, and they also have

nice pictures. I also like the *prasada* at the temple.

Thank you so much for all that!

Subuddhi Nimai (7 years); son of Rupa Sanatana Dasa, BBT Africa), Radhadesh, Belgium



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to your Divine Grace. All glories to your International Society for Krishna Consciousness!

A VERY STRIKING EXAMPLE OF YOUR PREACHING SPIRIT, motivated only by your unlimited compassion for all living entities, is demonstrated during one of your early preaching programs in New York city in 1965. You were scheduled to give a talk at the Tagore Society, dated Sunday, November 28, 1965, at 3:30pm. It is a very touching encounter that one person, whose heart was touched by your compassion, related in

your biography, Srila Prabhupada Lilamrita. The person's name was Daoud Haroon. He was a musician and he used to attend the meetings of the Tagore Society. His touching story brings one to shed tears when hearing or reading it. It goes as follows (as quoted from the Lilamrita):

Daoud Haroon: "I went uptown and walked into the auditorium, and I noticed that the stage was

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Radhadesh
Belgium

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Radhika and Gopika
Durban
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empty and a few people were sitting toward the rear of the auditorium. I walked forward down the center aisle, because I usually like to sit up front. Then I saw an old gentleman sitting over to the right, and he sort of drew me over to him. So I went over and sat beside him, and then I noticed that he was saying his beads. Even though he had his beads in a bag, I could hear them, and I could see his body moving. And I felt very comfortable, because this was something I was used to.

As I was sitting there looking around the auditorium, he just turned around and smiled at me very nicely. He nodded his head, and I nodded my head, and he smiled and turned around. Then he turned back to me again and softly asked me if I was from India. I said, “No, sir, I’m not from India. I am from here, the United States.” He turned back, and he kept chanting with his beads. Then he turned around the next time and asked if I was a Hindu. I said, “No, sir, I’m not a Hindu. I’m a Muslim.” And he said, “Oh, very good, very good. Yes, many times I hear the children in India reciting the Koran.” And then he turned back around and his body was moving, rocking, and he was working with his beads.

Then there were a few more exchanges of pleasantries, sort of intermittent. And then a lady came up on the stage and announced that the lecture was to begin and if the folks could give the speaker a round of applause they would welcome him to the stage. At that point, the man I was sitting next to put his hand on my shoulder and said, “Excuse me, sir, could you do me a favor?” And I said, “Yes, anything.” He said, “Would you watch over my books?” I looked down on the floor, and he had several boxes of books and an umbrella and several other articles. I said yes I would watch over these. And he said, “Excuse me.” He walked up the aisle, and surprisingly, he walked up on the stage. And it was the man I had come to hear—Swami Bhaktivedanta!

He walked up on the stage and introduced himself to the people and tried to get them to come forward. He said, “Come forward, come forward.” A few of them came up to the front. There were mixed

couples, many Indians, male and female, mostly middle-aged and some college aged, a lot of professor-types and ladies were there.

Then he began his speech. He dove right into it. He just started exclaiming, proclaiming, the greatness of the Creator and that the most important thing is to remember the Creator and remember God. He began to expand on God consciousness, what God consciousness is and how God is everywhere and how it behooves us all to remember God—no matter what we call Him, what names we call Him by, but that we should call Him. He gave a demonstration which was very moving. He chanted Hare Krishna, Hare Rama and spoke about the power and saving grace in the mantra. He took a little break about halfway through and had some water.

The last thing he said as he was coming down from the podium was that he had copies of the *Srimad Bhagvatam*. He explained that he had been working on them and that they came in three volumes and were sixteen dollars. Then he concluded and came down.

A lot of people went over to him. Some were timid, some were enthusiastic. Some people shook his hand and were asking for books. At first there were about fifteen people gathered around him talking to him and asking questions. With so many people around, he came over to me and said, “Sir, would you do me one more favor? Will you kindly take over the selling of the books? People will be coming to you for the books, so you sell the books and put the money in this little box, and I will be with you in a minute.” I said, “Fine.”

So while he talked to the people, others came up to me. They must have thought I was somehow his secretary or his traveling companion, and people were coming over to me and asking me personal questions about him, which I couldn’t really answer because I didn’t know. Some people were buying the books or looking through them. So this went on, and I was trying to listen to him carry on his conversations with people and carry on the book-selling at the same time.

Some of the people were looking for a guru and trying to find out what he was supposed to be. Some of them were really interrogating him. But he just smiled and answered all their questions simply. I remember he told them, "You will know. There's no pressure. You will know if I am your guru." He suggested that people go over and read the books.

And then the group dwindled down to about half a dozen, and the few remaining were just looking at him, and some were too timid to approach him. He walked over to them and spoke to them, putting them at ease. Later he came over, and we counted the collection, and I helped him pack up his box and carry downstairs the boxes of books that were left. As we parted he thanked me very much, and I gave him my name and address and phone number and purchased a set of the Srimad Bhagvatam- Srila Prabhupada Lilamrita, Chapter 14: Struggling Alone

This story is one of the countless examples of your mercy, and shows in many respects, the mood and mission of your International Society for Krishna Consciousness the preaching spirit to spread

pure love for Krishna, all over the world. You were sent directly by Lord Caitanya, to execute His mission of spreading Krishna Consciousness to every town and village. And you did it simply on the faith of your Guru Maharaj, with care and expertise. You simply touched people's hearts with transcendental love, like you did with Daoud Haroon. Daoud Haroon was drawn to you, and by your friendly demeanour and your humility, you expertly engaged him in so many aspects of Krishna consciousness in just a few hours, even without him knowing, namely "hearing, chanting, appreciation and service to a pure devotee, remembrance of God and book distribution! But more importantly, you just simply gave him your mercy. You even touched his shoulder, and ultimately, touched his heart. Likewise, you continue to touch the hearts of millions, for generations to come!

*Your eternal and lowly, servant of your servants,
Sudama das, Rasika dasi, Radhika and Gopika,
Durban, South Africa.*



All glories to you Srila Prabhupada.
I offer my humble obeisances unto you.

I OFFER MY GREATEST GRATITUDE TO YOU, for all the great hardships that you have gone through, at the old age 70. Thanks to your mercy, we have the Sunday Love Feast, which is the best way to start the week. My favorite is the Goshala, where cows are protected. To my misfortune, I have never been in your association.

Without this movement, Krishna Consciousness, I would be a lost soul, and I would drown in the ocean of this material nature.

*Your humble servant,
Sudarshan Chakra
Durban, South Africa*



 Sudarshan Chakra
Durban
South Africa

Sudarsini dasi 🌸
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada, please accept my koti koti pranams at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja.
All glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga.

I TRULY LOVE TO LISTEN AND SING KIRTANS, but my desire to listen to lectures by pure devotees of the Lord are greater. Recently while doing some cooking service at the New Jagannath Puri temple nama-hatta, I ran up to take darshan of Their Lordships before the altar closed at 8pm. I couldn't help but listen to the visiting devotee, H.G Radha Gopinath Prabhu, who was giving a lecture at that same time. I got so engrossed for a few minutes that I completely forgot about the rice on the stove. H.G Radha Gopinath Prabhu beautifully explained that every temple built in your name in this material world is an embassy of the spiritual world, and that you, dear Srila Prabhupada are the ambassador of the spiritual world, who is especially empowered by the Supreme Lord. You have come to save us Srila Prabhupada, that is why there is such an awesome feeling of peace, freedom and fearlessness which envelops us as we enter any of your temples around the world.

Through your kind mercy you left that beautiful world and came down to this miserable planet just

to save us fallen souls. Your mercy is unimaginable. To leave that Dham where every word is a song and every step is a dance, where kalpa vriksha yields anything one desires and where there is no pain and strife for material desires, but just the chanting and glorifying of the Supreme Radha and Krsna.

You so kindly built a house in which the whole world can live by speaking one language, and that's the chanting of the holy names of Lord Hari.

Please be so kind as to give this fool just one drop of your mercy, so that I may improve the quality of my japa and not commit any offences to my spiritual master and continue to make spiritual progress.

I thank you graciously Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept my most humble obeisances from a fallen and ignorant,

Sudarsini dasi
Durban
South Africa



Sudesh Ranjit 🌸
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktisiddhanta-sarasvatiti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascadya-desa-tarine

I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto His Divine Grace A.C Bhaktisiddhanta Swami Prabhupada. I am grateful for your scarifies you have endured to provide us with the knowledge and teachings of

Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvāmi Ṭhakura. You have given me the opportunity to surrender myself from this material world and to follow the four regulative principles which draw me closer to Krishna

Consciousness.

Your teachings of chanting the mantra have awakened my consciousness and freed me from Maya. I, therefore, show my respectful obeisances to you, Srila Prabhupada for saving this soul and one day, I can become fit to take shelter under your lotus feet.

I will help to develop your movement and spread the teachings and love of Krishna and serve as faithfully as I can.

*Your servant,
Bhakta Sudesh Ranjit
Cape Town, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja.

 Sudevi dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

In our weekly Bhagavad Gita classes, we were discussing the qualities that make one dear to Krsna which can be found in Chapter 12 entitled, “Devotional Service” text 12-14:

- One who is non-envious
- One who is a kind friend to all living entities
- One who doesn't think himself to be the proprietor
- One who is free from false ego
- One who is equal in both happiness and distress
- One who is tolerant
- One who is always satisfied
- One who is self-controlled
- One who is engaged in devotional service with determination
- One whose mind and intelligence is fixed on Krsna

Each and every quality mentioned above is exceptionally difficult, yet these are the qualities that make one dear to Krsna. You, Srila Prabhupada represent each and every single quality in perfect

measure, it is no wonder that you are so very dear to Lord Krsna.

Not only are you dear to Lord Krsna, but you are also very dear to all your spiritual children, who are our spiritual masters. To most of the disciples of your spiritual children, you are very dear and hold a special place in our hearts even though most of us haven't physically met you. You are present in your lectures, your books, your temples, your lessons and in our hearts.

All I know, is that through all of my imperfect senses, I may never possess a single quality that would ever make me dear to Lord Krsna, but because I know you Srila Prabhupada, I am connected to your disciplic succession and I pray sincerely that one day I may also get a droplet of mercy to follow in the footsteps of all the vaisnavas to make me dear to Lord Krsna.

I am deeply indebted to you Srila Prabhupada and I thank you for everything. I beg to always remain, the servant of your servants,

*Sudevi dasi,
Johannesburg, South Africa*



Sudhir Nimai Das and family 🌸
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING that you gave us and who still continues to give us your divine love and compassion to all we fallen conditioned souls. You have given us the solution to all the problems that exist here in this material world, that is by simply chanting Hare Krishna and engaging in Krishna consciousness.

The path to our ultimate goal of being pure devotees of Krishna, has been selflessly taught by your divine self. You have undergone so many

tribulations just so that we can regain our blissful experience of being in Krishna consciousness.

Thank you for blessing us with all your sincere disciples and the association of devotees.

We are forever grateful to you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your aspiring servants,
Sudhir Nimai Das and family
Durban, South Africa*



Sulakasana Ramjettan 🌸
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada

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

All glories to you on this most wonderful day of your appearance.

AS I WRITE THIS, I smile at being able to sit down and attempt to gather all the thoughts and feelings I have of you. Although ineffable and undoubtedly impossible to include everything in one offering, it is still a great reminder of your magnanimous and truly amazing efforts as well as the priceless gift you have given my family and me, which has had such a profound and moving impact on our lives.

It is only by your mercy that an unqualified person like me can serve and experience the divine association of your most beloved sons and daughters, dance and sing without a care in ecstatic kirtans, relish delicious prasadam, and take care of Sri Radha and Krishna: the most fulfilling activity in my home. You circled the world numerous times, equipped with resilience and unfaltering conviction to distribute Krsna Consciousness to every town and village and succeeded. This very thought softens my heart: the place in which my love for you has

built a cosy home and lives peacefully.

Over the past year, I have experienced many challenges, although unpleasant and severely debilitating, I would not have it any other way because, in retrospect, I see that it was a form of your mercy. It strengthened my faith in the holy name and helped me rely on Krishna more sincerely.

Thank you for being the most knowledgeable teacher and the most loving grandfather. However, most importantly, thank you for allowing me to live for something I would die for. I earnestly pray that I always remain under your shelter and can serve you in whatever way I can.

I love you with all my heart, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your granddaughter,
Sulakasana Ramjettan
Durban, South Africa*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

YEAR 1978 WAS A TURNING POINT IN MY LIFE. This 9 year old fallen soul was rescued by your Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada's son, His Holiness Parthi Sarathi das Goswami, via his tent campaign programme.

I shudder to think what my life would be like, if it were not for you, Srila Prabhupada, introducing Krishna Consciousness to the western world. You saved so many fallen souls from falling into the clutches of maya, and by some good fortune I was

one of them.

Srila Prabhupada, please allow me shelter at your divine lotus feet, and that of your dear son Partha Sarathi das Goswami and all the Vaisnava devotees.

Begging to be your servant,

Surya Kund Das,

Durban, South Africa,



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SAY that we do not know what to write as an offering to you. But as foolish as some of us are, this does happen.

Today I read something which guided my thoughts and encouraged me to write. As my Krishna conscious life progresses, I feel more and more how fulfilling it is to serve in your movement. ISKCON has provided in so many ways. No matter what it is I do it is fulfilling. Prabhupada, you have made this possible for me and for many other souls. I

reflect on the joyful feeling and this forces me to be thankful and to realise that you are the answer to prayers for a satisfying life which is also purposeful.

With all of my fallen actions both past and present, you are not letting go of me. Please don't, as I am still trying.

Your grandchild,

Sveta Manjari devi dasi

Cape Town, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Vyasa Puja, I am feeling very very blessed that I am still very lovingly

and strongly connected to your wonderful ISKCON Movement. I appreciate very much everything that

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Durban
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 Sveta Manjari devi dasi
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Port Elizabeth
South Africa

you have gifted us, starting from the chanting of the Holy Name, relishing Srimad Bhagavatam and other books, doing Harinaam with very wonderful devotees, honouring Maha Prasadam and so much more. They are so valuable, that we must all make sure we don't lose them, or our precious devotional service doesn't get stolen by the very dangerous rogues like lust, anger, greed or the most dangerous one...the misuse of our cell phones.

Srila Prabhupada, I feel very indebted to your Divine Grace for saving such a fallen soul like me. Every day, I beg and beg for the mercy of devotees, so that I will continue to serve Guru and Gauranga and the assembly of devotees with lots of love and with great enthusiasm.

Ohe! Vaishnava Thakura (from Saranagati)

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ohe!
vaishnaba thakura, doyara sagara,
e dase koruna kori'
diya pada-chaya, sodho he amaya,
tomara carana dhor
- (2)
chaya bega domi', chaya dosha sodhi',
chaya guna deho' dase
chaya sat-sanga, deho' he amare,
boshechi sangera ase
- (3)
ekaki amara, nahi paya bala,
hari-nama-sankirtane
tumi kripa kori', sraddha-bindu diya,
deho' krishna-nama-dhane
- (4)
krishna se tomara, krishna dite paro,
tomara sakati ache
ami to' kangala, 'krishna' 'krishna' boli',
dhai tava pache pache

Translation:

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

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

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

Krishna is yours; you have the power to give Him to me. I am simply running behind you shouting, "Krishna! Krishna!"

*The six passions are those pertaining to words, the mind, anger, the tongue, the stomach and the genitals. The six faults are overeating, attachment to material things, inability to follow regulative principles, sense gratification, useless idle talk, and impure habits. The six positive qualities are enthusiasm in practicing devotional service, firm faith in devotional processes, a strong desire to attain prema-bhakti, a favorable service attitude, avoidance of non-devotees, and appreciation of the company of devotees. The six methods of association are to go to an assembly of devotees, to invite devotees into one's home, to discuss and hear devotional topics, to take the maha-prasada of devotees and to offer maha-prasada to devotees.

On this very special day of your Vyasa Puja, I beg you to always give me your causeless mercy to continue serving the devotees. Please give me strength to not be distracted by the illusory energy. May I wake up and go to sleep daily, never forgetting how much you have given us open heartedly, to save us from the cycle of birth and death. All Glories All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

Your most insignificant servant of the servants,
Svetadvip das, Port Elizabeth, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace!

 Swarup Damodar Das
Durban
South Africa

I OFTEN TRY TO DEEPLY CONSIDER that for which I am grateful in my life. Gratitude is an essential quality of a civilized person, what to speak of a devotee of Krishna.

The beast, the birds, they cannot offer any gratitude. But I am human being, I have got developed consciousness. I must feel grateful for God's mercy and offer my gratitude. That is my duty. (Lecture on SB 7.9.12-13, August 20, 1968, Montreal)

God's mercy is unmistakable in so many ways — from the basic necessities of life: food, clothing, shelter — to other arrangements like health, a little intelligence, education, wealth, influence, etc. And that's already a lot to be grateful for.

There is the exacting universal law of karma that ensures that no one is ever ultimately treated unfairly; that my situation, whatever it may be, is a result of my own doing. That is also something to be grateful for.

Krtajna, Sanskrit for gratitude means to be aware of the good that has been afforded to one, and to recognize the persons that have benefited one. But what is actually beneficial for a person?

Recently, students from my grade in high school 'celebrated' our thirty year reunion. After briefly following the life accounts of a sampling of about 150 of my student colleagues, I felt very relieved to have been picked up off the treadmill of the rat-race mediocrity and the delusional sense of happiness and purpose those former colleagues experience. When I reflect on the direction my life was then focused, accruing the vast amounts of so-called knowledge dedicated to cement my future, I realize that I too would have been reveling in the veneer of success and satisfaction that I was apparently destined for.

*om ajnana-timirandhasya
jnananjana-salakaya*

*caksur unmilitam yena
tasmai sri-gurave namah*

"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."

You picked me up, Srila Prabhupada, by giving me awareness of reality, real knowledge; the first of the increasing number ways that I am eternally grateful to you — for giving me the essential awareness of the difference between the body and the soul, between matter and spirit. That is the foundational difference between the life path of mine and the life paths my former school colleagues.

That I am not the temporary, aging and decaying body is a revolutionary awareness. Everything in the material world is designed to promote the fallacy that we are material bodies. But you ignited a revolution by daring to broadcast that we are eternal spiritual beings, completely apart from the gross and subtle body. This transcendental coup d'état is gradually taking place in the hearts and minds of those that encounter your teachings. And in time, by your grace, a re-spiritualization of the entire human society will manifest.

In all the moments I have contemplated that for which I am grateful, I always realize that all the above are temporary and fleeting, and that there are experiences and opportunities that are eternal and with increasing beneficial results that have been graced upon me. These are the initial results of the spiritual path, the Gaudiya Vaisnava bhakti path that you carefully tailored and deftly gifted for me (and millions of others around the world). All this based on that torchlight of essential knowledge.

As I deepen my understanding and realisation of this one existential truth, I am fully confident that many more amazing opportunities will be

graced upon me. I pray that I will always recognize the source of all the tremendous eternal good fortune I have received - your divine lotus feet. And I pray that I may someday actually begin to appreciate your grace by sharing my good fortune with others, on your behalf.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Your Divine Grace!

*Your eternal servant,
Swarup Damodar Das
Durban, South Africa*

Syama Kishor das 🌸

 Dearest jagad guru Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet, again and again.
All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari. All glories to Your Divine Grace, the saviour of the three worlds.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja, I'd like to express to you how grateful I am for everything you have given me. My life has true purpose because of you.

I feel extremely happy, peaceful and eternally protected due to your dear spiritual son, Srila Bhakti Caitanya Swami, my spiritual master. By his mercy, I am eternally connected to you and I am yours. By his care and guidance, I feel greater and greater attachment to your lotus feet.

Srila Prabhupada, you are certainly present in your books. It is beyond the understanding of my foolish self but, whether I understand your axiomatic purports or not, I always feel elated whenever I read your books. Each page is perfect. Your books continue to give me much solace and strength and reinforcement to my faith. Your books continue to make devotees all over the world. Your preaching continues to grow the community in ISKCON Gauteng. Thank you for your transcendental books, Srila Prabhupada.

Reading your books enthralls my chanting and enthralls me to participate in harinam sankirtan. You have allowed this jaundiced fool to develop some little attraction for the holy name. There is nothing more joyful than being able to chant and also spread the holy names of the Lord in devotee association. This is the best place.

Your ISKCON is the home of the best people I know. Nowhere else have I been able to find such

sincere, virtuous, intelligent, kind, inspiring, supporting and joyful people as the members of your ISKCON. Devotee relationships and support structures are integral for our growth and we are most fortunate to have the association of the best of the best because of you.

I have been fortunate enough to travel to various countries across the world and I was able to witness, first-hand, how your movement is blooming and is dynamically progressing. My past myopic vision was rectified after seeing how nicely your ISKCON is doing in various parts of the world. Your ISKCON is home, no matter where I go.

By your mercy, this year marks the start of a happy chapter in my life. I have been reflecting on how this good fortune has been solely due to your mercy and the blessings of your disciples. This path of bhakti naturally attracts auspiciousness and happiness. These are simply some of the characteristics of this bhakti process that you have given us. How simply wonderful!

Srila Prabhupada, you have created real, eternal, auspiciousness for every living entity. There is nothing better that anyone could ever do than this. You are truly the well-wisher of all living entities. You have attracted so many living entities to Krishna consciousness.

Srila Prabhupada, I pledge my allegiance to your ISKCON, again and again. I pray to you that I may improve the quality and quantity of my services to

your ISKCON, including your sincere followers. I pray that I may also spread your mercy to others. I pray that my attachment and attentiveness to the Hare Krishna maha-mantra always deepens. I pray to earn your merciful smile. I pray to become a good representative of my spiritual master and I pray to ISKCON Gauteng, Northriding, South Africa

represent you nicely, dear grandfather.

*With all my love,
Your grateful granddisciple
Syama Kishor das*



Hare Krishna Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances,
All glories to you!

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

ON THE MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa Puja, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for everything that you have given me. There is indeed so much that I am still only beginning to realize, a tiny fragment of the inconceivable benediction you have bestowed upon me, in the form of the process of Krishna Consciousness. At the moment, I definitely do not appreciate this benediction as much as I should, and I am not taking full advantage of your divine gift. Therefore, I also beg for your mercy that I can be able to take this as the greatest boon in all of my existence, and try to reciprocate in some way.

In this past year, by the mercy of your two dear servants, His Grace Nrsimhananda Prabhu and Her Grace Mother Madri, to whom I am greatly indebted, I have begun to understand your instruction that we should scrutinizingly study your books. This is bringing me great delight and fulfillment. I pray for your mercy that we may always go deeper and deeper into the bottomless nectarian oceans of your purports, and somehow continue to encourage others to experience this readily available, but unlimitedly sublime, treasure.

Considering that it was really just your Bhagavad Gita As It Is that sparked my interest in devotional service, and now beginning to realize that there is unlimited depth in your books, I have been thinking that my life would be successful if I could spend it simply focusing on scrutinizingly studying your books and distributing them to as many people as possible. But, on the request of one of your dear sons, His Grace Nanda Kumar Das Adhikari Prabhu, I have accepted a very responsible service for which I feel very much unqualified. Therefore, I pray for your mercy that I can execute this service in a manner that pleases you, and helps to push forward your glorious Krishna Consciousness Movement.

*Begging to become and remain ever grateful and
submissive.*

*Your insignificant servant,
Syama Kunda Das,
Roodepoort, South Africa*

 Syama Kunda Das
Roodepoort
South Africa



WHEN ASKED WHETHER HE KNEW OF YOU, he instantly started to weep. Sripad Hridayananda Babaji Maharaj, a purjari at the Radha Damodara Temple for 78 years, recalled:

“Never have I seen anyone do sadhana like he did. I have lived all my life at Vraja and I have never seen anyone like him. Prabhupada did many arduous things, he worked very hard there at the Radha Damodara Temple. At that time it was austere, undeveloped and very muddy and dirty with no facilities.

“Many years later, when I heard that it was actually he who had been chosen by Caitanya Mahaprabhu to spread the Hare Krsna Maha-Mantra around the world, I was not surprised.

“Prabhupada spread this Krsna consciousness by the mercy of Rupa Goswami. **“You may please give me your mercy”**. And then he got that mercy. I know this because I saw some things he did at the Radha Damodara Temple. My room is still located in the same place as it was then, in 1964 or '65. Many times in the middle of the night, at midnight or 1 or 2 in the morning, I would hear a voice crying from the inside of the courtyard by Rupa Goswami's samadhi mandhir. That voice was calling out and crying but I did not know what it was because I was trying to take rest. But one night, on the full moon, I heard that voice again, so I climbed up to the roof of our house and looked down into the Radha Damodara courtyard. I saw something very amazing. Srila Prabhupada was sweeping the courtyard of Rupa Goswami's Samadhi. He was bending down with a small broom and as he swept the ground by the Samadhi, he was crying out, **“He Rupa! He Sanatana! He Gurudev! Please give me your mercy. Without your mercy I cannot do anything. Give me the mercy. Give me the strength that I may fulfil your**

orders.” Then I realised that it was he who almost every night was calling out as he was sweeping like this.”

In 1954, on Krsna Janmastami in Jhansi, your first disciple, Acarya Prabhakar Misra related how he woke up at 1:00am and heard you ecstatically playing the mridanga in the temple room. When he went upstairs into the temple room he saw you dancing around the room performing Kirtan. You were wearing a kadamba flower garland that went all the way down to your feet. Kadamba flowers are very rare in Jhansi and when they are available they are usually the size of golf balls. But the ones that you were wearing were the size of tennis balls. The entire temple room was surcharged with the fragrance of the heavenly planets. Acarya Prabhakar asked you, **“Where did this garland come from? It is not available from the market”**. But you would not answer. You kept on performing Kirtan, chanting and dancing around the room.

The next morning Acarya Prabhakar asked you, **“Where did you get the garland? Why does it have such a rich fragrance? And why were you feeling so blissful?”** you replied, **“I was chanting to Krishna and feeling some love for Him. And He appeared and gave me this garland. I went to touch His feet and He disappeared. Because of that I was dancing around the temple room”**. You then began to cry.

Acarya Prabhakar also commented that sometimes your mood was to perform kirtan very intensely. You would chant on and on for three days straight.

Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu foretold that the holy names of Radha and Krsna would be heard in every town and village. In 1875 Bhaktivinoda Thakura predicted that **“A personality will soon appear and he will travel all over the world to spread the**

teachings of Lord Caitanya". And then, barely ten days after meeting your spiritual master for the first time, He instructed you, "**You are a nice young man, you know English; therefore you should preach this mission of Lord Caitanya specifically to the English-speaking countries in the Western world**".

In 1980, the head priest from Sri Advaita Acharya's house in Shantipur came to the Mayapur Temple carrying with him a copy of a Back to Godhead magazine article about you, entitled "A Lifetime in Preparation". This is what he had to say:

"I have been the pujari and sevaite at the house of Advaita Acharya for many years. I was also there back in the 1940's and 50's. At that time, I noticed that one grihasta Bengali devotee used to come to the temple quite regularly. He was dressed in a white khadi dhoti and kurta and he always came alone. He would sit in the back of the mandir without speaking, and would chant harinama on his mala very quietly and deeply. I noticed that he came on the weekends, usually once every month or two in regular way. After chanting there for many hours, he would always thank me when he left. His presence was profound and I became attracted to him. Since his devotions were solitary, I never spoke to disturb him. Sometimes I happened to notice that while he was chanting, his eyes would be full of tears and his voice would be choked up. Then, for a very long time he did not come. However, I distinctly recall that in August of 1965, I saw a saffron-clothed sannyasi sitting in the back of the mandir. In a moment I recognized him to be my old friend from before. Again he sat for a long time chanting Hare Krishna. I could see his beads moving, his eyes closed in concentrated devotion. He was weeping unabashedly even more than he used to while he took the Holy Name. Finally, as evening came, he paid his dandavat

pranama for long time. When he arose he came up to me and again thanked me for my seva here at Advaita Bhavan. I asked him: 'Who are you? I remember you from so long ago. He replied, 'My name is Abaya Charanaravinda Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaja. I am an unworthy disciple of

His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, Srila Prabhupada, my divine master. I have been coming here for such a long time because my Gurudeva has given me an impossible mission. His desire was for me to go across the ocean to the Western countries and spread the sublime teachings of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. There are countless souls there who have never heard of Sri Sri Radha-Krishna and so they are suffering greatly. I have not known how this mission of his will be successful, so I have been coming here to this special house of Advaita Acharya, where he, Nityananda Prabhu, and Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu would gather together to plan the sankirtana movement. It was here that they launched the inundation of love of God that swept India and continues to this day. Thus, I have been praying very earnestly here that they will all give me their mercy that somehow they will empower me and guide me. I want to satisfy my gurudeva's desire, but I am feeling unqualified to do this. As he was speaking to me, I saw tears falling down on his cheeks again. Then he continued, 'Tomorrow I am leaving for Calcutta to go upon a ship across the ocean to America. I do not know what will befall me there, but I am praying most earnestly here for help.' Then he very humbly asked me for my blessings. I was indeed moved by this Vaishnava's sincerity and determination as I watched him depart upon his journey. It was a few years later that I began noticing, for the first time, white Vaishnavas coming to Advaita Bhavan. They were wearing dhotis and saris and chanting on tulasi-mala. I never spoke to any of them but then one of them gave me this Back to Godhead magazine from America. As I looked at the photographs, suddenly I recognized a painting of the Founder-Acharya who had brought Krishna consciousness to the West. It was a picture of my friend, Bhaktivedanta Swami, who had come and prayed here so many times before. Then I realized that he has actually accomplished that impossible mission of his gurudeva. I saw that it was indeed he, starting alone and without pretense, who had accomplished this glorious miracle against all odds.

As soon as I saw this, I came here to his temple in Mayapur to tell you this information. I know that he has gone from this world now, but I thought perhaps you might want to know this story about your and my beloved Srila Prabhupada.”

With implicit faith and trust in Your Guru’s instruction and the mercy of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu, almost 40 years later, You travelled to the West with nothing more than a pair of karatal, a small trunk of books and \$7 in change. Eleven years later, the International Society for Krishna Consciousness had been launched and was well established and booming. You had initiated over 5000 disciples, inspired tens of thousands more people, wrote 51 volumes of books with translations in 28 languages, established 108 temples in 6 continents and travelled the world 14 times over. ISKCON became the fastest growing spiritual movement in the world. Your accomplishments within such a short period is unprecedented and inexplicable.

Your ISKCON have become a truly global preaching movement, with presence in almost every part of the world.

I am most grateful to you Srila Prabhupada for coming into my life. After so many births and deaths I have finally found the purpose of my existence. Through your mercy I have the opportunity to get out of this miserable and relentless cycle of birth and death. Thank you my saviour, my master, my Lord, for your super kind and causeless mercy!

On this divine occasion of your appearance day, I pray to you to please bless me that I one day become worthy of your mercy, so that you will guide me back Home.

*With unfathomable appreciation,
Your eternal servant,
Syama Mohan das
Johannesburg, South Africa*

Syamakanta Dasi 🌸
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your divine grace.

HAPPY VYASA-PUJA, SRILA PRABHUPADA. Please accept my offering of gratitude on your Vyasa-puja.

My gratitude for your determination to carry out your Guru Maharaja’s instruction of preaching in the English language; gratitude for your unselfish and tireless efforts to translate the various scriptures for spiritual education and enlightenment; gratitude for tolerating so much hardship just to create a platform to help the souls around the world to be blessed with saintly association; my gratitude to

you, also, for pointing out the Yuga Dharma of chanting the Holy Names of the Lord to us.

It is my prayer that I can take advantage of the opportunities created to delve deeper into the spiritual journey I am undertaking. I pray always to be pleasing to you, and therefore to the Lord too.

*Your servant,
Syamakanta Dasi
Durban, South Africa*



Hare Krsna Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All Glories unto You

Syamananda das
Germiston
South Africa

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

"I 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. 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."

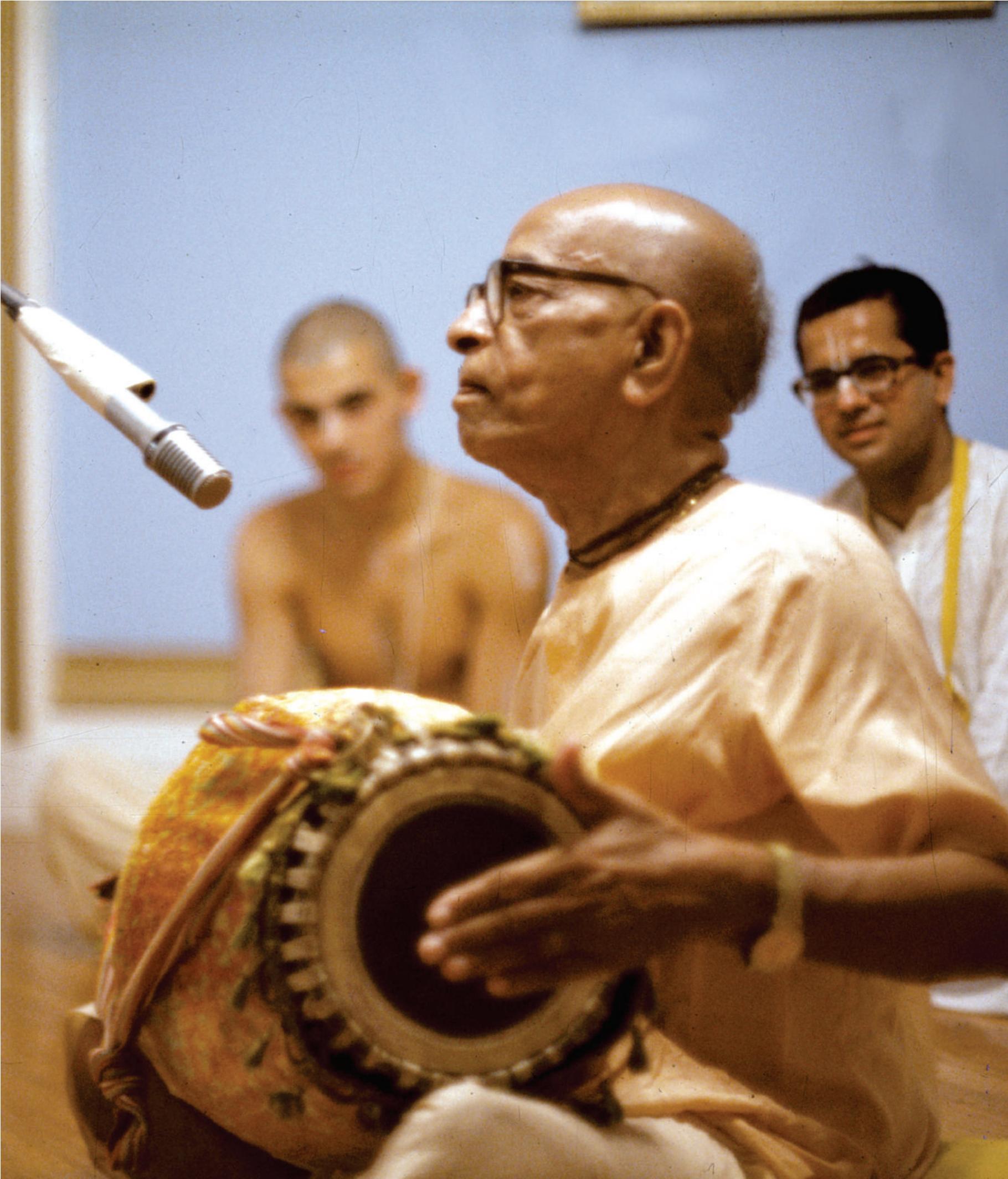
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I don't know what else to say but thank you, 108 times. We all are here because you came for us when no one else would come. Help us to always give focus to distributing your books in this life and the next as we know for sure that this is pleasing to you. Next to the Maha Mantra, help us to always chant. All glories to Srila Prabhupada at every moment in this life and the next. Thank you for everything Srila

Prabhupada, thank you. Hare Krsna.

*Your struggling servant,
Syamananda das
Germiston, South Africa*







Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja celebration.

 Syamananda Krishna dasa and
Premalila devi dasi
Cape Town
South Africa

BOTH PREMALILA AND I had the great fortune to stay in your Bhaktivedanta Manor for some time in our formative years as members of our great ISKCON society. We look back on that time now with fond memories of so many experiences in the association of many of your direct disciples. We both consider that to stay in that temple was Lord Krishna's great blessing upon us.

During your Vyasa-puja celebrations in those years there were so many of your disciples, that as grand disciples we would have the honour to listen to their offerings all morning while helping in the kitchen to prepare what everyone knew would be the best prasadam feast of the year. There were loud speakers in the kitchen so that devotees would not miss out on hearing all the offerings. Your Vyasa-puja was always especially wonderful and exciting for us as second generation ISKCON disciples, because all your disciples would serve that prasadam feast, your feast, to all the devotees. It was a very special celebration, and the highlight of the year, which we will both remember always.

One particular Vyasa-puja celebration particularly stands out in our minds. His Grace Ranchor Prabhu, your direct disciple, was reading his offering to you mid-morning, while devotees worked in the kitchen to the best of their ability. Ranchor Prabhu was saying in his offering, "Srila Prabhupada, you are like a great mountain, and when one is standing close to such a great mountain, one does not really appreciate its greatness. It is only when one begins to move away from such a mountain that

one truly appreciates its stature." He went on to say, "Similarly, with the passage of time, as we move away from your physical presence, gradually your greatness and the monumental nature of your achievements will become more and more apparent."

At that time, we felt that his words were prophetic, but now that we have understood Your Divine Grace a little more, we feel that Ranchor Prabhu captured your essence with his beautiful simile. What you have achieved is truly monumental. Christianity and Islam took more than 1000 years to spread all over this planet, but in just 10 years you have spread Krishna Consciousness everywhere. Therefore, you are truly the greatest personality of this age, and gradually with the passage of time, that will become more and more apparent.

We want to thank you in so many ways; for giving us this brilliant ISKCON society, for the association of so many wonderful devotees, for connecting us with our beloved spiritual master and so many spiritual uncles, and for your books, which are a wonderful source of your transcendental association and spiritual instruction.

Please bless us that we will never leave this wonderful society, and that we may be able to help, in some small way, to bring others to the transcendental shelter of your ISKCON.

*Your servants,
Syamananda Krishna dasa and Premalila devi dasi
Cape Town, South Africa*



Sybil Dantu 🍷
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DAILY INSPIRATION and for your faithful public talks that help us all to get through our happiness and distress with the help of your transcendental knowledge! Always encouraging us to listen and not to talk nonsense or listen to negative talk.

Thank you for your sacrifices and suffering in 1965 when you had no friends or help. Your courage

will never be forgotten or the miracles that you encountered on the way to destinations around the world.

*With love and gratitude,
Sybil Dantu
Cape Town, South Africa*



Tamohara das and 🍷
Merumala devi dasi
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

MERCY AND COMPASSION

We speak about being Krishna conscious,
In reality we have become "I" conscious,
In our lives, content we remain,
As we sit quietly dousing the progress flame,

We forget the strides you made,
The sacrifice you paid,
To give us this message,
A way to Krishna via the secret passage,

Chant Hare Krishna, eat prasadam, read your authorized Vedic scripture,
In association with other devotees this will make you richer,
To every town and village distribute this confidential life solution,
You made Lord Caitanya's movement a revolution.

Hippies, Meth Monsters, Acid Heads,
Seekers looking for the alternative to the life they dread,
You accepted them with open arms and a warm heart,
You had patience, tolerance and compassion to give them a spiritual start,

Everyone deserves this Krishna consciousness,
To awaken the soul in a state of unconsciousness,
Jiv Jago, Jiv Jago, Lord Caitanya's call,
Wake up, listen and get away as Maya makes you stall.

We pray that you give us this ability,
To perfect this process which gives us happiness and stability.
We thank you for keeping us around,
So in our hearts, Krishna can be found.

*Tamohara das and Merumala devi dasi
Durban, South Africa*



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

 Tanya Naidoo
Rondebosch
South Africa

ON THIS ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR VYASA PUJA, I thank
you for all your mercy, blessings and protection.
Being in ISKCON has changed my life. You have built
so many temples which we can visit and worship at.

*Your humble servant,
Tanya Naidoo
Rondebosch, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance's at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to your divine lotus feet.

 Taralika Devi Dasi
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa

YOUR DIVINE APPEARANCE on this planet marked the
beginning of a new dawn in the history of the earth.
You had a perfect Vaishnava upbringing, and this
prepared you for the phenomenal task/service that
lay ahead of you. You appeared to live like an “ordi-
nary human being”, but when the time came, you
single handedly started a most incredible move-
ment that nobody had ever done before.

Great personalities had predicted that the
teachings of Lord Chaitanya will spread in every
town and village. You are that personality who ful-
filled that prediction, in a mere few years. What you
achieved in those few years is impossible for my tiny
brain to comprehend. The books that you wrote, and

translated, gave us an eternal gift that has trans-
formed thousands of lives.

In a short period of time, you preached, you
travelled, built temples, you initiated thousands of
disciples, and trained them to continue your ISK-
CON. Your ISKCON is growing in all parts of the
world. Your disciples, and grand disciples, are tak-
ing Krishna Consciousness into the street, into the
homes, the schools, and places of business.

Srila Prabhupada, I cannot adequately express
my gratitude for all that you have given to us. I feel
very insignificant, and unqualified. Still, please
accept the gratitude that overflows in my heart
constantly.

Thank you for your books, the deities, your temples, for your senior devotees, and our spiritual masters. Thank you, also, for the 'boat of ISKCON' to cross over this vast ocean of material suffering.

*I beg to remain your insignificant servant,
Taralika Devi Dasi
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*



The Finlay Clan 
Newfields
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances. All Glories to you and your divine mission.
All glories to the wonderful devotees that you have cultivated in the west.

YOUR DIVINE GRACE, I hope that you accept our humble preaching offering from your Finlay clan. Honestly speaking, our devotional service sometimes reaches new heights and then touches very low depths. We pray, as curd and whey are separated, that you also separate our nonsense from what is offerable. It has been a long and arduous journey for your humble family, and we pray for the strength to carry on, regardless, in your awe-inspiring supernatural ISKCON. We as a family are really a bunch

of nobodies, but every time we associate with the devotees, we become somebody's.

All glories to the sankirtan devotees. All glories to ten thousand years of your deep kindness and shelter at your lotus feet.

*Your eternal servants,
The Finlay Clan (Jason, Kim, Tulasi, Arjuna,
Gaura Lila)
Newfields, South Africa*



Tirumala devi dasi 
Fourways
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most respectful obeisances at the dust of your most merciful lotus feet again and again.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

YOU CAME TO THE MATERIAL WORLD and brought with you the wealth of the entire universe. Such fallen souls, so undeserving, yet you give so much so lovingly. You came to such a dull place...so dreary and grey but you brightened our lives with gift of devotional service and showed us the way back to the spiritual world. You have causelessly bestowed such mercy and kindness upon us.... How can we ever

thank you enough?

I only pray to somehow please you by doing something for you to show my gratitude.

*Your servant,
Tirumala devi dasi
Fourways, South Africa*





Your Dearest and most Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada,

MY INNERMOST HEARTFELT THANKS TO YOU for the immense impact you have had on my life over the last year.

Just about 12 months ago, a good work colleague of mine was clearing his home to move into a smaller house. During this unpacking process he came across an early version of the Bhagavad-Gita As It Is, as written by your Grace. The book had been stored away in his house for more than 20 years.

As he has a sense of my sincere interest in Eastern philosophy, he decided to gift me with this wonderful book. The rest is history.

I started reading this wonderful song of the Lord and soon met with some of your amazing devotees on the South Coast of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa.

After spending almost 60 years wandering

through different belief systems including Christianity and Buddhism I have eventually found a philosophy which combines my sense to provide humanitarian service with my need for spiritual advancement and my belief in the after-life.

Finally, I have come home to where my spirit-soul belongs, and I will continue my journey in Krishna Consciousness through your mercy and grace, through your amazing books, through your humble and enlightened devotees and by wonderful teachings of our dear Lord Krishna.

I offer my humble obeisances to you my Dearest and Most Merciful Swami Prabhupada. Hare Krishna

Trevor Perkins

Scottburgh, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

We offer our prostrated obeisances at your transcendental lotus feet.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
srimate bhaktisiddhanta-sarasvatiti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-tarine*

WE ARE UNQUALIFIED, yet pray that we may somehow show the gratitude we feel in our hearts for you. We are unqualified and fallen, but still, we know your mercy transcends any of our petty considerations. You are the most merciful representative of our beloved Lord. You have come directly from Krishna in the disciplic line of Lord Brahma.

Oh, Srila Prabhupada!

We pray to you that we may be able to follow

your instructions and live a simple life, so that we may one day be reunited with you. Please bless us that we may never forget you.

Your humble servants,

Trivikrama das, Vilasa Manjari dasi, Prianca and Sohum.

Newcastle, South Africa

 Trevor Perkins
Scottburgh
South Africa

 Trivikrama das, Vilasa Manjari dasi,
Prianca and Sohum
Newcastle
South Africa

Tulasi Devi Dasi 🌸
Tongaat
South Africa

 My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your Divine lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvivesa sunyavadi pascatya desa tarine*

THANK YOU DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA for your love, kindness, selflessness, time, effort, energy, books, temples, farming communities and so much more, but thank you most of all for your compassion and mercy.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, you are so glorious that even the most descriptive of words will never come anywhere close to glorifying your magnanimous contribution to this material world.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, you are the epitome of purity, intelligence, compassion and mercy. You gave the world a process that would take us all back home back to Godhead simply by following your instructions.

The whole material existence is hankering for some kind of pleasure and comfort, and you effortlessly showed us the way to attaining the highest pleasure - Krsna the Supreme personality of Godhead.

From the bottom of my heart I thank you an infinite amount of times for your love dear Srila Prabhupada.

Begging for your mercy that I never leave the shelter of your lotus feet.

*Your insignificant servant,
Tulasi Devi Dasi, Tongaat, South Africa*



Tusta-Krsna dasa 🌸
Cape Town
South Africa

 My Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.

HAPPY APPEARANCE DAY! Thank you for bringing Krsna consciousness to the world! I pray to you to keep me safe at your lotus feet eternally so that I can serve you forever.

*Your aspiring servant,
Tusta-Krsna dasa
Cape Town, South Africa*

Uagan Chetty and Family 🌸
Pinetown
South Africa

 My dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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



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

FIRSTLY, PLEASE FORGIVE ME for not doing any offerings to your divine grace before today. I could not come to terms with your blessings upon me: “Why Me?”

Thank you for the wonderful service you have asked Sri Sri Radha Radhanath to bestow upon my family and me.

Thank you for ISKCON and Food-For-Life.

I write this with the greatest of gratitude and love on behalf of my family and me.

I could never imagine my current state of being if I never had Sri Radha and Sri Krishna in our lives, and this is all because of your journey into the unknown carrying your case of books and Forty Rupees (only your firm faith and conviction in your Guru and Sri Gauranga and Srimati Radharani and Sri Krishna).

Standing lonely on a cold autumn day, I simply felt sympathetic and sad for you as you journeyed forward to help the fallen and conditioned souls like myself.

I am so grateful that you have taken this difficult and uneasy service for all of humanity.

Due to your relentless and endeavouring nature, you have created a movement that cannot be surpassed. As everyone within this movement understands “a house in which the world can live in”.

Through your books and devotees, I have gained knowledge and understanding of Sri Radha

and Sri Krishna and Their priceless, merciful, miraculous and unfathomable presence in our lives. Their kindness, benedictions, protection, forgiveness and guidance is limitless even though I have committed many misdeeds in my life.

I count my blessings and give thanks to Sri Guru and the Guru Parampara, daily. I was lost; however, I have found myself due to your mercy upon me.

I now have a small sense of purpose and hope.

I have been given this Maha Mantra through your devotees who dedicated their lives for the propagation of the Holy Name of The Lord, Sri Krishna, purely because you have given your life to the service of the struggling sadhakas.

I am now able to chant. However, I do not have enough Rucci as yet, and I know as I continue on this journey of self-discovery and self-realisation, you will always keep me in the association of the wonderful and dedicated Vaishnavas.

I, sincerely thank you, once again for your kind blessings upon my family and me. I am humbled and blessed to be part of your family.

Saviour of the Whole World: Srila Prabhupada Ki Jai.

*Your humble sadhaka,
Uagan Chetty and Family
Pinetown, South Africa*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
My most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

EXPRESSING MY GRATITUDE IS ENDLESS. Thank you Sri-la Prabhupada, for coming to ISKCON Midrand and giving us your causeless mercy.

We are totally indebted to you for giving us this rare and precious opportunity to serve Your Divine Grace personally.

 Ujjvala Prema devi dasi
Midrand
South Africa

We are just your innocent grandchildren trying our best to serve you nicely. This is such an honorary service and we beg for forgiveness for any offences caused by us. Please bless us that we may serve you with utmost love and devotion eternally.

Your most fallen grand-daughter and servant,

of the servant, of the servant, hankering to serve at your lotus feet, to the best of my ability, eternally.

Ujjvala Prema devi dasi

Midrand, South Africa

Ujjvala Rasa Dasi 🌸
Durban
South Africa

 My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
All glories unto you, O beloved Grandfather!

*Nama om Vishnu-padaya Krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
Srimate Bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
Namaste sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
Nirvivesa-sunyavadi-pascadya-desa-tarine*

LORD CAITANYA, WHO IS KRSNA, the Supreme Personality of Godhead Himself, predicted that the holy names of Krsna will be sung in every town and village. Srila Bhaktivinoda predicted that soon there will appear a personality who will preach the holy name of Hari all over the world. That personality is Your Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada! You are that glorious spiritual master who has been instrumental in flooding the whole world, in every town and village in every continent, with the holy names Hare Krishna Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama Rama Hare Hare.

Thank you for bringing Krishna consciousness into our lives, and for all your books, especially the Bhagavad-gita As It Is and the Srimad Bhagavatam.

You have taught us that *sravanam*, or hearing, is the first step in acquiring transcendental knowledge. Hearing in classes (and studying), based on the teachings from your books with its unadulterated and scholarly eloquent purports, has helped me to understand death. Death is untimely and in the recent past I have had to bid farewell to many friends and relatives.

We have come to learn that we are not this body, but we are an eternal spirit soul, part and parcel of the Supreme Lord Sri Krsna and that we temporarily reside in this temporary and material body. When death occurs, it is actually the material body which is made up of matter that perishes only, but the eternal spirit soul transmigrates to another body, going to another species unknown to us.

The verse BG2.13 beautifully illustrates this:

“As the embodied soul continuously passes, in this body, from boyhood to youth to old age, the soul similarly passes into another body at death. A sober person is not bewildered by such a change.”

The verse BG2.20 further describes the nature of the soul:

“For the soul there is neither birth nor death at any time. He has not come into being, does not come into being, and will not come into being. He is unborn, eternal, ever-existing and primeval. He is not slain when the body is slain.”

I have come to realize that whilst living, we have many relationships with the body in the form of family, friends, relatives, enemies, even pets. But at death, these relationships end. Bhagavad-gita As It Is and Srimad Bhagavatam teach us that all

these relationships are causes of bondage and misery (suffering) in this material world which is full of dualities, sometimes happy, sometimes lamenting. There are two verses from the sixth canto of Sri-mad Bhagavatam which has helped me personally to cease lamentation for the deceased, but instead pray for the departed soul's onward journey to the Lotus Feet of Lord Sri Krsna.

The verse SB 6.16.4 illustrates the transmigration of the soul from one body to another:

“By the mystic power of Narada Muni, the living entity reentered his dead body for a short time and spoke in reply to Narada Muni’s request. He said: According to the results of my fruitive activities, I, the living being, transmigrate from one body to another, sometimes going to the species of the demigods, sometimes to the species of lower animals, sometimes among the vegetables, and sometimes to the human species. Therefore, in which birth were these my mother and father? No one is actually my mother and father. How can I accept these two people as my parents?”

The verse SB 6.16.8 illustrates the end of a relationship after death, thus not having any cause for further lamentation:

“Even though one living entity becomes connected with another because of a relationship based on bodies that are perishable, the living entity is eternal. Actually it is the body that is born or lost, not the living entity. One should not accept that the living entity takes birth or dies. The living being actually has no relationship with so-called fathers and mothers. As long as he appears as the son of a certain father and mother as a result of his past fruitive activities, he has a connection with the body given by that father and mother. Thus he falsely accepts himself as their son and acts affectionately. After he dies, however, the relationship is finished. Under these circumstances, one should not be falsely involved with jubilation and lamentation.”

Oh! Beloved Srila Prabhupada! I humbly beg for your mercy to make advancement in Krishna consciousness and to remain in the association of the Vaisnavas, hoping to receive the taste of pure devotional service. Hare Krsna.

*Your humble servant of your servant, your
grand-daughter,
Ujjvala Rasa Dasi
Durban, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

KRISHNA’S WORDS ARE ETERNAL AND SO CAN BE TRUSTED.

To find eternal bliss and happiness you just have to chant and be solely devoted to Krishna.

Come to Me and be happy. That is the words of Krishna to any soul who is searching earnestly for Krishna.

In this troubled age, the only remedy for self-realization is by chanting and vibrating the holy name of Krishna. Krishna Krishna Krishna Krishna Rama Rama Rama Rama.

Many people today are coming to realize Krishna consciousness and are finding joy by following

the instructions and directions of a bona-fide spiritual master. For me this is the ultimate goal.

I encourage anyone who wants to benefit from the facility of the Krishna consciousness movement and the devotees of ISKCON, to come in, humble yourself and take to devotional service. This is the only true channel to real Krishna consciousness or self-realization and happiness.

*Umoru Gbenga
Hare Krishna Temple
Sango Otta, Ogun State, Nigeria*

 **Umoru Gbenga**
Sango Otta, Ogun State
Nigeria

Upananda das and 
Radhanama dasi
Midrand
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories unto you and ISKCON.

*nama om vishnupadayakrsnapresthayabhutale
srimatebhaktivedantaswaminitinamine
namaste sarasvatedevegauravanipracarine
nirvisesasunyavadipascatyadesatarine*

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS AND SACRED OCCASION of your Sri Vyasa Puja, we fall at the dust of your lotus feet and beg for the ability to properly glorify Your Divine Grace. The only *acarya* and saviour of most fallen wretched souls like us for the next ten thousand years

By your grace, Srila Prabhupada, thousands upon thousands of low-born people have been transformed into Vaishnava devotees of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Sri Krsna. By Your exemplary character and example, you showed the entire world what it means to be a pure devotee of Krsna.

Srila Prabhupada, you have saved us from a life of darkness, misery, full of ignorance. Thank you, Your Divine Grace for giving us the most precious jewel, which has such inconceivable power. You have given us this precious jewel in the form of Your books and teachings which has so much

power that even most fallen souls can be changed and reformed. Nobody except you could have saved us all from this dark ocean of nescience.

However, we are so fallen that we are unable to take full advantage of your books and ISKCON. We are always facing challenges and difficulties in our attempts to serve you and your mission. Please excuse all our shortcomings. We are humbly begging you to always use us in your service in any way you desire -- in success or failure, honour or dishonour, happiness or distress and to please let us never leave your lotus feet, because Your Divine Grace is our only shelter and refuge.

All Glories unto You.

*Your most fallen servants,
Upananda das and Radhanama dasi
Midrand, South Africa*



Vaisnava Priya dasi 
Pinetown
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Srila Bhaktivedanta Purports ki jai

LIKE SHINING RAYS SO BRIGHT

Bringing Lord Krishnas' pastimes to light
Giving every living entity a chance to find their way
Bhaktivedanta purports ki jai

Our hearts that are filled with material pollution

Your purports are creating a spiritual revolution
To deliver the entire world from Mayas' play
Bhaktivedanta purports ki jai

Revealing the power of devotional service and devotee association,
The mercy of the Holy Dham and prasadam appreciation,
Deity Darshan and chanting Hari Naam everyday
Bhaktivedanta purports ki jai

While the entire world was resting
All Your energy into Your books You were placing
Such compassion for the living entities You display
Bhaktivedanta purports ki jai

You underwent so many hardships to give us this tool
Thank You Srila Prabhupada for saving this ignorant fool
Your purports bring new realizations night and day
Bhaktivedanta purports ki jai

Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your spiritual granddaughter,
Vaisnava Priya dasi
Pinetown, South Africa*



My Dearest Great Grandfather,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU, we would still be so immersed
in this material world, and would have never been
so close to Sri Krsna. My dearest Great Grandfa-
ther, I am so glad that you came and set this ISK-
CON movement.

All glories to You Srila Prabhupada!

*From your dearest great granddaughter and
servant,
Vaisnavi Mistry (9 years), South Africa, Midrand*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

 Vaisnavi Mistry (9 years)
Midrand
South Africa

 Vanamali Das and
Ananda Chandrika Devi Dasi
Verulam
South Africa

WE HUMBLY OFFER OUR HEARTFELT THANKS to Your Divine Grace for bringing us this priceless gift of Krishna Consciousness. The holy name entering our hearts has showered great blessings to the core of our hearts. Thank you for all that you have done for the welfare of the world. Once again, thank you for

your untiring efforts to uplift mankind in general. Thanks a million.

*Your grateful servants,
Vanamali Das and Ananda Chandrika Devi Dasi
Verulam, South Africa*



Varsha Bansi 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
My humble obeisances and respects to you.

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

AS A TEENAGER I left home to study, only 400 km away, I was really scared to face this new adventure. I attended a Krishna service at the university, and the lecture was meant for me. You bravely left for a new country at the age of 69 years. Your words will forever be in my heart, “once Krishna is in our

heart, there is no fear”.
Hare Krishna.

*Varsha Bansi,
Durban, South Africa*



Vasu Ghosh das 🙏
Lenasia
South Africa



Hare Krishna,
Dear Jagad Guru Srila Prabhupada,
All glories unto thee.

I AM INDEBTED TO YOU and also my family for giving us Krishna consciousness and to practice devotional service. In the beginning stages, it was quite difficult in practising devotional service, but now it has become like nectar. Majority of the human race is missing out, and it has now become our duty to give out your message and Krishna prasadam to all living entities. I am involved in your Food For Life

program, dear Jagad Guru Srila Prabhupada, please bless me so that I can continue being engaged in your most beloved ISKCON.

*Your humble servant,
Vasu Ghosh das
Lenasia, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja.

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatya desa tarine*

WE ARE SUCH FALLEN SOULS who are so blessed to be a part of ISKCON. You have really given us a sense of belonging. We are so fortunate to have the association of devotees, as without them we would have definitely been lost in this material world. We appreciate all the efforts you have made in bringing Krishna consciousness to us. We are eternally grateful.

We pledge to support your mission throughout

all of our lives. We also wish to thank you for our Guru Maharaj, Srila Giriraj Swami, for having given us shelter at his lotus feet. He is really very dear to us.

Thank you very much. Hare Krishna.

*Your most fallen servants,
Vasudev das and Devaki devi dasi
Pretoria, South Africa.*



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

THANK YOU for giving me shelter at your lotus feet. May I have your protection lifetime after lifetime. You have built a house for all of us to live in. I am greatly indebted to you.

*Your humble servant,
Vasudeva Naidoo
Rondebosch, South Africa*



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

MY DEAR JAGAT GURU, I am so grateful to you for giving my family and I the privilege of devotional service.

With your mercy and grace please can you assist me in always chanting the holy names with love and devotion. Bring me closer and closer to

Their Lordships lotus feet. Do not let me ever fall from spiritual life in this life time and future lifetimes. The holy name must always be in my mind and the Lord can dance on my tongue constantly. The holy name is such that there is no need for any other prayer. I discovered this after many years and



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Pretoria
South Africa



Vasudeva Naidoo
Rondebosch
South Africa



Veena Naidoo
Durban
South Africa

it was you that made this possible.

As a fallen soul, give me some ideas on how I can assist you in fulfilling your mission. What strength do I have that can make this movement grow? I pray that with your grace these wishes can be fulfilled. Unfortunately, this material world has so many distractions and we have become so lazy, so please can you grant me these desires. Make this mind only think and dream of the Lord. I am an aspiring disciple of H.H. Partha Sarthi Das Goswami and with

your grace please allow me to follow all the principles without difficulty and sincerely chant the holy names.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, I thank you again and again for this beautiful home (ISKCON) you have given us with a beautiful family.

*Veena Naidoo
Durban, South Africa*

Veronica Panday 🌸
Morning Side
South Africa

 To our Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble dandavat pranaamas.
All glories to you, my dear Srila Prabhupada, our Jagath Guru.

THANK YOU FOR STARTING THIS SOCIETY for our beloved Krsna. Thank you for reminding us of our lost relationship with Krsna.

Thank for your books and wonderful past times that have been narrated by your fortunate disciples, who are blessed to have taken initiation from you, my dear Srila Prabhupada. I regard you as my Great Grandfather (my Par Ajah). Your frame hangs up on my wall at home, next to my late Pithaji. Please

protect my Bhakti Latha Beech. Please protect ISKCON and the devotees.

Please give me the strength to always serve the devotees. Please help me to become a worthy soul.

*Your most unfortunate child,
Veronica Panday
Morning side, South Africa*

Vienasa Lutchman Nundlal 🌸
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa

 My dear Srila Prabhupada, my obeisances to your lotus feet.

I AM OFFERING YOU MY GRATITUDE TODAY, on this 30th June 2019. This is my Vyasa-puja offering. I am expressing what you mean to me.

You have given me direction to help my family. Your teachings, and simple manner in which you have changed the world, has inspired me to an unknown level. Your famous quote, “simple living, higher thinking”, is what really guides me daily.

I am writing this today, at the Sri Sri Radha Radhanath temple in Chatsworth, feeling your energy

that has really made the impossible things in my life possible. I have been to Mayapur, Vrindavan, and the Ganga, to thank, and feel, your energy. Lord Krishna's blessings have been felt in my life. I have always admired your grace and service.

*All my love and gratitude,
Vienasa Lutchman Nundlal
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU for coming to help and for spreading your teachings to us all in the world. I have not been a strong follower, but I'm trying to be a devotee.

Hare Krishna,

Vikash Nundlal
KwaZulu- Natal, South Africa

 **Vikash Nundlal**
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa



My dear Srila Prabhupada,

I WAS BORN IN INDIA, not more than 200 km away from Shri Vrindavan Dham, but my consciousness was so impure that despite all the fortune of being born around such a holy place, I only looked for material benefits from my prayers.

I am indebted to you, if it was not because of you, Lord Jagannath might have never seen me, and I would have drowned in the vast ocean of material suffering. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

It was only after tremendous sufferings that I came across Lord Jagannath in Phoenix. I am certain that it was a glimpse of the Lord that changed my entire life.

Your servant,
Vikram Gupta
Pinetown, South Africa

 **Vikram Gupta**
Pinetown
South Africa



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

I WANT TO CONVEY MY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE for being afforded this courtesy to express my growing dependence on you, our Grand Spiritual Master.

guiding hands and eyes of you: our beloved Srila Prabhupada, who has painstakingly, determinedly and graciously handed to us this precious gift.

As I try to remember my life when I did not have you in it, I immediately regain my composure to the precious, present-day paradigm.

A gift... wrapped with blessings and bound with love of Sri Krsna. A gift... yet to be opened.

One in which my thirst and hunger for everything material are satiated by the loving, ever

Viloshini Siphali
Umhlanga, South Africa

 **Viloshini Siphali**
Umhlanga
South Africa



Virabhadra Das and
Mani Manjari Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

 To my most Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this auspicious day.

YOU CARRIED OUT THE MISSION / instructions of your Spiritual Master.

You travelled the world and built a Temple in every town and village distributing books and giving us spiritual knowledge. You are no ordinary soul. We were so unfortunate that we did not get to meet you, but through your mercy we have met your Godsons and through them we have learnt about you and all the wonderful knowledge you have left for us. Who the Supreme Lord is; the Chanting of the Hare Krsna Maha Mantra.

On this auspicious day of yours, I beg you to make us better servants. Please give us the strength to continue in our spiritual journey. We are greatly indebted to you for showing us the way forward.

Please forgive us if we have caused any offences at the dust of your lotus feet.

*Your Struggling Grandchildren,
Virabhadra Das and Mani Manjari Devi Dasi
Durban, South Africa*



Virabhadra das
Durban
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

THIS MORNING I WAS LISTENING to your Srimad Bhagavatam lecture, given on this day, 29 June, in the year 1975. You spoke on SB 1.2.6. You were explaining how atma means body, mind and soul. We may act on the bodily platform. When we are frustrated with this, after being unable to achieve satisfaction from gratifying the senses, we may act in ways to give pleasure to the mind. But even this level is troublesome.

Eventually, after finding no satisfaction from these material activities, we come to the realization that everything is a waste of time, unless dovetailed in the service of Lord Krsna. This is acting on the spiritual platform. Only on this platform can we feel the real bliss. For so many lifetimes we have been swimming in this ocean of material suffering, but you Srila Prabhupada, have mercifully come and saved us by throwing the life line of Krishna consciousness.

Before you, who knew this Krishna consciousness? No one! Srila Prabhupada, you have given the entire world new consciousness. A consciousness of love, what the world was lacking due to identifying with the body. You have giving us the method and the instructions. You have given us the opportunity to perfect our lives in just this lifetime and go back home, back to Godhead. How huge is your mercy? We cannot fathom.

On this day of writing my vyasa puja offering to Your Divine Grace, I want to beg your blessings to push on this sankirtan movement for your pleasure and the pleasure of the entire diciplic succession. This is my prayer to your lotus feet.

Hare Krishna.

*Your servant always,
Virabhadra das, South Africa, Durban*



Our Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to your divine grace on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

WE WOULD FIRSTLY LIKE TO THANK YOU for spreading the holy name of Lord Krsna across the world and showing us the path back to Godhead. We would like to thank you for leaving us with your wonderful books that has inspired and motivated us in spiritual advancement, for showing us that the material world is nothing but suffering and that we will only find real happiness by serving Lord Krsna in loving devotional service.

In Srimad-Bhagavatam 4.24.15 purport, you explain: “The disciple should not consider whether he is going back home, back to Godhead; his first business should be to execute the order of his

spiritual master, and that is perfectional meditation. Not only should he meditate upon that order, but he should find out the means by which he can perfectly worship and execute it.”

Please bless us so that we can carry, deep within our hearts, everything that you have entrusted us with and encourage others to follow the same path.

We pray that by your mercy we would progress in spiritual life.

*Your eternal servants,
Virachandra Das, Keli-Kunja Dasi and Subhadra
Phoenix, South Africa*



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada
All glories to your Divine Grace.

YOU ARE MY SAVIOUR AND GRANDFATHER. My koti koti pranams to Your Divine Lotus Feet.

Thank you for bringing me to Krishna consciousness and to the lotus feet of my Guru Maharaja, H.H Partha Sarathi Das Goswami Maharaja. Thank you to all your dedicated disciples and followers. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for giving us the Holy Dhama and for bringing the Holy Dhama to our doorstep.

We just celebrated the 40th anniversary of Their Lordships Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari, who were the first Deities to arrive in South Africa. Thank you

for allowing us to serve Them.

The beautiful Temple of Vedic Planetarium is almost complete, giving the opportunity to fulfil your desire for every living being to take darshan of the Supreme Personality of Godhead Sri Krishna.

Your very fallen servant begs for your mercy that I may serve you eternally.

*Your servant,
Vishaka devi dasi
Lenasia, South Africa*



My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All Glories to Your Divine Grace.

 Virachandra Das, Keli-Kunja Dasi
and Subhadra
Phoenix
South Africa

 Vishaka devi dasi
Lenasia
South Africa

 Vishak Deeplal
Tongaat
South Africa

O OCEAN OF MERCY, dear spiritual master, you have allowed me to have the capacity to accept your profound and brilliant philosophical Vaisnava teachings across the world and to have the spiritual realization of what “fallen” means.

I am so utterly insignificant and imperfect in innumerable ways in this life of mine, begging for your mercy, for spiritual advancement. This material world has me well-entangled in Maya’s ropes of hindrance. I am so fallen, so materialistic, so highly unqualified in my spiritual life, but I am so thankful that I keep falling in the direction of your lotus feet, always seeking your guidance. You have given us the answers that we are all desperately searching for. You have given us the medicine for the soul. You have given us a way to the all attractive personality - Krishna, our eternal father.

I am most grateful for ISKCON, the astonishing Hare Krishna movement that you have given the world. It brings so much transcendental bliss and

purity into our hearts and consciousness from all of the wonderful and amazing ISKCON festivals that take place all over the world, especially the Ratha Yatra which is now taking place in the streets of my hometown as it has been for the past 2 years. The devotees are once again eagerly awaiting your most auspicious helicopter arrival this year at the Tongaat Festival of Chariots.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for coming to this world to save us all. All glories to you for giving us the opportunity to go back home back to godhead, back to Goloka Vrindavana.

Without your mercy, the entire world would be lost and drowned in a life of ignorance.

My respectful obeisances are always unto you.

Your servant,

Vishek Deeplal

Tongaat, South Africa



Visvambhara dasa 🙏
Cape Town
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your divine grace and the Guru-parampara which you so sincerely represent.

TODAY WE ARE GATHERING with a few friends to say goodbye to someone very special in our community - a younger sister to some of us, an older sister to others, a daughter to some, and even an aunt to others, and many other such relationships which exists in the community. Bottom line, she is a very dear friend to many devotees in Cape Town.

So why do I mention this when these changes are going on in society at large? All over the world, people are moving from one place to another. They leave one country to move to another. People even leave their mortal bodies to move on to other bodies, so what point am I making here? The meditation I had when I was thinking about these changes

in our lives, was that before 2007 most of us did not even know this young lady in Cape Town, yet in the past 13 years, so many of us have developed such strong familial bonds with her. We were just friends when we first met, but somewhere along the way that developed into the strong familial relationships, I described above.

I realise that this is how you, Srila Prabhupada, *practically created a home in which the whole world can live*. This is a famous saying in ISKCON even I have used it a couple of times. Through this example, we can see the practical application of this principle.

Strangers who come together by simply following your teachings and the teachings of your

predecessors - our glorious parampara – will develop strong bonds or relations because you are in the centre of those relationships. You are the binding force that brings your followers together.

In this way, when we travel to other countries, we search out the shelter you have given us in those countries. We meet strangers in centres where we have not been to before, but immediately when we recognise each other as your followers, then immediately we are no longer strangers - we are now family. What a sweet and loving privilege or shelter you have created for us.

Naturally, that is not the only shelter your divine grace has given us. The real shelter you have given us is the everlasting and indestructible shelter of the Holy Names of the Divine Couple. In this shelter, no harm comes to us, not even death; the most feared enemy of the mortal souls resides in this abode.

Again, dearest Srila Prabhupada, you have given

us this most precious gift of shelter in this world. Your ISKCON - our real shelter, can be equated to a bomb shelter in the midst of a ferocious war. While various arsenal and attacks are going on outside the bomb shelter, once you are in the shelter, one is completely protected from the ravages of the war on the outside. We all know we are all in the midst of a war - dealing with material nature feels like we are in the midst of a war, and we have taken shelter of you, of your divine lotus feet.

Thank you for this shelter, may we be blessed never to leave this shelter. I have done many foolish things in my life, but the most foolish thing I could ever do is to leave your shelter. I pray that this never ever happens. Please continue to protect me and to engage me to help others on your behalf.

*Your aspiring servant,
Visvambhara dasa
Cape Town, South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

YOU HAVE CHANGED MY LIFE so much. Thank you for your mercy. I love you so much.

*Sincerely,
Vraja-gopi
Durban, South Africa*



To our dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desā-tarine*

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL to receive this rare opportunity once again to extend our appreciation

 Vraja-gopi
Durban
South Africa

 Vraja Priya devi dasi and
Revati devi dasi
Tongaat
South Africa

to Your Divine Grace on this most blessed event, your Vyasa-Puja.

Without you we would have been drowning in this ocean of material existence. You have with your unlimited kindness given us the benediction of your blessings and mercy.

On this most auspicious day, we therefore pray to Your Divine Grace to please bless us so that we can become worthy servants of our guru maharaj, your dedicated son, His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami. By pleasing him, we shall please you, Your Divine Grace and ultimately our dearest Lord Krsna will be pleased.

Lord Krsna has showered His causeless mercy unto us by giving us the greatest benediction of serving His beloved devotee. We hope and pray that we lead our lives in your service.

We love you our dearest Srila Prabhupada and pray you bestow your causeless mercy onto us.

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

*Your insignificant servants,
Vraja Priya devi dasi and Revati devi dasi
Tongaat, South Africa*



Vraja Sakhi Devi Dasi 🌸
Quatre-Bornes
Mauritius

 My Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you, all glories to your Lotus Feet and all glories on your Vyasa-puja.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, THANK YOU SO MUCH for giving this insignificant soul like me this opportunity to honour you on your special day.

You have fulfilled the prediction of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu that the Holy name would be spread all over the world. I am so gratefully to you; I always wonder where I will be without you. I will always be indebted to you. Although I am totally unqualified, I pray one day I can repay you.

I pray to you on this auspicious day so that you may give this fallen soul like me your mercy to continue with your mission. Please bless me so that I can become your servant by becoming the servant

of the servant.

Each time I went to distribute your books, I always beg your mercy so I can distribute your books nicely. I pray you can keep me doing this seva, even though sometimes it is not easy but by your mercy, the impossible become possible. Please continue to bless me so that I can succeed in this endeavour.

Thank you for everything, dear Srila Prabhupada.

*Your Eternal Servant,
Vraja Sakhi Devi Dasi
Quatre-Bornes, Mauritius*



Vraja Vilasini devi dasi (BCaiS) 🌸
Cape Town
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to your divine grace on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

*mukam karoti vacalam
pangum langhayate girim*

*yat-krpa tam aham vande
sri guru dina tarinam
(CC Madhya 17.80)*

“I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto my spiritual master, who turns the dumb into eloquent speakers and enables the lame to cross-mountains.”

I would like to thank you, not only for being a part of the ISKCON family but also for the opportunity to render service within ISKCON. Recently I was given a new service portfolio that I hesitatingly took on. I am by no means materially qualified to do that service. However, it is something that is important to me. The service has many challenges that can be heartbreaking, frustrating and disappointing.

Nevertheless, Srila Prabhupada, it is forcing me to read more, to study more, to chant more, and to ensure my sadhana becomes my anchor. In my service, I am able to understand that I am merely an instrument, in the service of my spiritual master and your ISKCON. Somehow, Srila Prabhupada, you bestow your mercy onto this rascal grand-disciple. I am a shallow person with little realisation, I am materially qualified, but my spiritual education is weak - but one thing is for sure - I do have faith in you, Srila Prabhupada!

*pratijna tava govinda
na me bhaktah pranashyati
iti samsmritya samsmritya*



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

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascaty desa tarine*

pranan sandharayamy aham

“O Govinda, Your promise is that Your devotee will never perish. By remembering this over and over again, I am able to retain my life-air.”

Please, dear Srila Prabhupada, we recite this daily. I know that if I serve you, heart and soul, you will come to save me at the end of this life. I pray for that good fortune.

“Our spiritual master is the ocean of mercy, the friend of the poor, and the lord and master of the devotees. O, master! Be merciful unto me. Give me the shade of your lotus feet. Your fame is spread all over the three worlds”.

I pray to you to protect Your ISKCON, our ISKCON by helping us stay true to your teachings and instructions and to keep you in the centre of all our activities as only this will ensure that you are pleased and ultimately Lord Krsna is pleased.

Please bestow upon this rascal grand-disciple the ardent desire to remain always in your service life afterlife.

*Your forever indebted servant,
Vraja Vilasini devi dasi (BCaiS)
Cape Town, South Africa*



 Vrajabasi Dasa
Cape Town
South Africa

HOW IS IT POSSIBLE TO PUT INTO WORDS the effect your teachings have had on us conditioned souls? You have shown us the path to spirituality through your teachings and example of dovetailing one's energy and talent in Krishna's service. How could we have ever arrived at such a conclusion without meeting Your Divine Grace?

Though my progress is laughable, my abilities frail, I cannot but marvel at the potency and practicality of your teachings. As with everything you touch, it all leads to the Supreme Lord Krishna.

Your desire is for us to share this message of Lord Chaitanya with others and at the same time offer care to our fellow Vaishnavas.

You wrote in your Jaladuta Prayers:

*Tara iccha balavan pascatyete than than
Hoyjate gauranger nam
Prthivite nagaradi asamudra nada nadi
Sakalei loy Krsna nam*

By his strong desire, the holy name of Lord Gauranga will spread throughout all the countries of the world. In all the cities, towns, and villages on the earth, from all the oceans, seas, rivers, and streams, everyone will chant the holy name of Krsna.

*tahale ananda hoy tabe hoy digvijay
caitanyer kṛpa atisay
maya dusta jata duḥkhi jagate sabai sukhi
vaisnaver iccha purṇa hoy*

As the vast mercy of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu conquers all directions, a flood of transcendental ecstasy will certainly cover the land. When all the sinful, miserable living entities become happy, the Vaisnava's desire is then fulfilled.

*se karja je koribare ajna jadi dilo more
jogya nahi an dina hina
tai se tomara kṛpa magitechhi anurupa*

aji numi sabar pravina

Although my Guru Maharaja ordered me to accomplish this mission, I am not worthy or fit to do it. I am very fallen and insignificant. Therefore, O Lord, now I am begging for Your mercy so that I may become worthy, for You are the wisest and most experienced of all.

*tomara se sakti pele guru-sebaya bastu mile
jibana sarthak jadi hoy
sei se seva paile tahale sukhi hale
taba sanga bhagyate miloy*

If You bestow Your power, 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 Your association due to good fortune.

So, I pray Srila Prabhupada, that you are a little pleased with the simple fare and preaching that we offer you and Gaura Nitai daily and pray for your patience as we endeavour to evolve our service to you and your devotees each day.

I am eternally indebted to you for offering us this opportunity of devotional service. Please accept my offerings.

Words cannot express the deepest gratitude I feel for being a recipient of your causeless mercy. Under the dark veil of ignorance, I was rotting away in material life. Through your causeless mercy, your deepest compassion for the fallen souls of Kali-Yuga, you lifted that dark veil and revealed the light of transcendental knowledge.

Please kindly allow for me to be an instrument in your mission of spreading the Holy Name.

*Your eternal servant,
Vrajabasi Dasa
Cape Town, South Africa*



Our dearest Srila Prabhupada, Hare Krishna.

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

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

 Vrajarani devi dasi,
Vivek and Riddhi
La Flora
Mauritius

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Vyasa-puja, we do not feel qualified enough to describe and relate your glories, which are unlimited.

As a pure devotee of the Lord, who always carries the Supreme Personality of Godhead within your heart, you have been able to award this Krishna Consciousness to your disciples at the time of initiation, and thus, even when you are gone, you are still preaching through your books and your disciples.

All good attributes are present in a pure devotee, as stated in Srimad Bhagavatam 5.18.12, 'yasyasti bhaktir bhagavaty akincana sarvair gunais tatra samasate surah', so much so, that even demons believe in whatever the devotee says.

You have been always absorbed in the thoughts of Krishna, and you have no other engagement other than devotional service. When you were present in this material world, your actions were always spiritual, and you were permanently freed from all contaminations of the material nature. You were always liberated and eager to mitigate the miseries of the suffering humanity. In doing so, you helped thousands of conditioned souls to seek the ultimate truth and to go back home, back to Krishna.

You showed spontaneous pure devotional service and you are the controller of your senses. Thus, the Supreme Lord personally took care of you wherever you went, even on Jaladuta, where you suffered from heart problems.

The Lord knows you are a pure soul, ready to propagate the message of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu

to the Westerners. Your aim was not material gain, but sharing of spiritual knowledge to carry the order of your spiritual master at an advanced age. You were prepared to take all kinds of risks for the satisfaction of the Supreme Lord. Nothing was an impediment in the discharge of devotional service. You are indeed very very dear to Krishna.

You are not an ordinary soul. You are merciful, and freely gave everyone the opportunity to develop pure love of Godhead, by building temples, writing, printing of books and sending your disciples all over the world to teach Krishna Consciousness.

You spoke only what the Vedic scriptures said, never altering the pure message to attract fame. When people gradually began to understand this message, they were delighted and empowered by your truthfulness. Due to your being humble and fixed in your determination upon carrying the order of your spiritual master, all your activities were successful, and up to now your disciples are following in your footsteps.

So, Srila Prabhupada, please give us the shade of your lotus feet, so that we can be constantly engaged in the unalloyed devotional service unto the Supreme Lord.

All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Your servants,

Vrajarani devi dasi, Vivek and Riddhi

La Flora, Mauritius



Vrindavani Radhika 🍷
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

YOU ARE A NICE GURU. Thank you for letting me come to temple, if I don't come to temple the Deities will get sad.

*Your Servant,
Vrindavani Radhika
Durban, South Africa*



Yamuna (4 years) 🍷
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! May you see many more. Thank you for letting me come to temple. I really like the prasada.

*Your Servant,
Yamuna (4 years)
Durban, South Africa*



Yiggie Gopal 🍷
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU for understanding human-understanding. In the bible (verse 1.15) to understand godhead there is a disciple of our Godhead/Krishna. By offering petals of sweetness.

We, as pupils of the highest God, appreciate you

Srila Prabhupada, and your goodness of surrender.
Thank you.

*Yiggie Gopal
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*



Yogeshkumar Bhika 🍷
Uitenhage
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU IS TOO SMALL A WORD to show my gratitude towards you. The gift you have given of Krsna consciousness, which you have distributed throughout the whole world, is indeed so powerful. Also the mercy of the devotees, who have dedicated their lives in spreading your message, is indeed inspiring. If you, Srila Prabhupada, had not sacrificed so much to spread the message of Krsna, we would still

be blindly following all kinds of nonsense. You have saved the whole world, and for that I will always be in your and all the devotees' debt.

From an insignificant foolish person like me, a very big thank you Prabhupada.

*Yogeshkumar Bhika
Uitenhage, South Africa*



My Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

 Zane Silinda
Thushanang
South Africa

I SINCERELY THANK YOU. It is the least I can do. Please forgive me for being unable to extravagantly elaborate. It seems to be insufficient as I attempt to put into words the immeasurable way in which you have positively impacted my life. I acknowledge that it is only through your mercy, that I am afforded this opportunity to share in the praises and glorification of you.

It all began in the year 2014 when my elder sister signed up to the Bhakti Yoga Society (BYS) at Wits University, which I acknowledge was established by your order in the year 1975. As she began to engage with the society, I somehow became drawn in. I did not realise how fortunate I was. During our upbringing, my sister and I tended to have a favourable inclination towards ways of life and philosophy from the East, so I guess at that time, I was just following her protocol. After participating in a retreat organised by your foremost devotees, I started to feel the difference in my life going forward.

As I embarked on this journey of exploring Bhakti Yoga and Krsna Consciousness, the conditions were much more favourable during my years of study at university. I wanted to share what I felt in my heart, as well as my experience with every person. It is by your mercy that I was able to play a part in doing so, through serving at the Bhakti Yoga Society in the year 2015, although by your standards, unfit to do so. By your mercy, I continue to experience many fond exchanges since then, relishing

highly beneficial moments and wealthy memories of being in the association of devotees. Throughout this journey, I have learned so much and received answers to many questions, which had remained unanswered to me for a long time. However, I have always kept in mind and felt that there is still a great deal to learn. I maintain that position till this day.

Anything worth pursuing in life is never without its challenges. As I progressed into the next chapter of my life, I realised that there was, is and there will continue to be some difficulties in trying to continue on this path of Bhakti Yoga. Although it seems like the odds are against me, even when I find myself drowning in the depths of this dense darkness of the Kali-Yuga again and again, it is through your mercy that I can take shelter of the Personalities, tools and processes that give light, as well as have a chance at saving myself to hopefully return to where we all truly belong. I know this is your chief concern and what you ultimately want for all of us.

I remain ever grateful for everyone and everything you have put in place to see us through. It is indeed the greatest blessing in the material world and beyond. I accept that I will never be able to adequately thank you for it all.

*The most fallen and insignificant,
Zane Silinda
Thushanang, South Africa*





**OFFERINGS BY
ISKCON CENTRES**







Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to you on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

ISKCON Durban,
South Africa

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

IN THE SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM (10.80.43) Lord Krsna states that a person can easily fulfill their life's purpose and attain eternal peace; all by the grace of the spiritual master. All material difficulties are immediately stopped as soon as one follows the instructions of a bona fide spiritual master.

Srila Prabhupada, you are the epitome of a bona fide spiritual master. The Srimad Bhagavatam (11.26.33-34) further advises that anyone who is fearful of the material energy should immediately take refuge of the lotus feet of the Lord's saintly devotees. Saintly devotees such as yourself are often thought of as akin to the sun. The light of your words shines bright and opens the eyes of all living entities to real knowledge and happiness, and thus the darkness of ignorance is dispelled. Because of this, the saintly devotees of the Lord are considered the only true friends and family to all. They alone are the suitable recipients of service.

No one would have blamed you for leaving the West when you first arrived, or if you caught the next boat back to Vrindavan, the hive of spiritual piety. But no, your resolution was stronger than your fear. Your compassion fueled by your ardent desire to please your spiritual master was our ultimate saving grace. Your mercy has brought us to this point. The (hopeful) end of an 8.4 million-species journey.

Srila Prabhupada, you came to the Western

world as a stranger but made the whole world your family. Your reminder of our eternal position was enough to change our lives. Recipes; songs; books; Deities; you have given us the process to perfect our senses. Out of love for you, your followers have opened temples, created farm communities, and dedicated their lives to the fulfillment of Lord Caitanya's mission — the spreading of Krsna consciousness to one and all. You opened your heart to us and let us witness your deep and true love for Krsna, so as to uplift us on our own difficult journeys.

“Our mission is to see sarve sukhino bhavantu: everyone become happy. We don't want to see that we exploit somebody else and I become happy. No! We want to see everyone happy. Therefore we are trying to spread Krishna Consciousness movement that everyone will be happy.” (Srila Prabhupada, lecture, 4 December 1973, Los Angeles)

Some souls may never truly reach the ultimate height of spirituality — but you love and accept us, with whatever small spark of sincerity we have within our hearts, all the same. And this blessing is the height of existence. May we eternally render service at your lotus feet!

*Your servants
Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple*



ISKCON Jos 🌸
Plateau State, Nigeria



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our respective obeisances!
All glories to you Srila A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya
bhūtale śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine.
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vānī-pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

“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. 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.”

As explained in your teachings following in the footstep of the previous acarya’s leading back to Lord Sri Krishna the Supreme Personality of Godhead Himself, somehow or other, we have been traversing this ocean of repeated birth and death without hope for millions and millions of years as confirmed in the Caitanya Caritamṛta Madhya-līla 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 Krishna. By the mercy of both Krishna and the spiritual master, such a person receives the seed of the creeper of devotional service.”

But you out of your kindness and compassion, you have especially descended to this world to save us, on this auspicious occasion of your appearance, we pray at the dust of your divine lotus feet that we may be fortunate enough to embrace and dedicate our lives fully to living your words and empowered to be able to spread the message of Lord Caitanya’s mission which is so dear to your heart.

Your aspiring servants from
ISKCON Jos



ISKCON Pietermaritzburg 🌸
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our respectful obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace, who is celebrated as Lord Chaitanya’s Senapati Bhakta all over the three worlds.

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

“I WAS BORN IN THE DARKEST IGNORANCE, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.”

A Spiritual Warrior with a heart full of compassion and love for all conditioned souls, you so mercifully, not only brought the sublime mission of Lord Chaitanya, the glorious chanting of the Holy Names of the Lord, to the spiritually barren Western countries, but also created our good fortune to be able to receive such transcendental knowledge and share this treasure with others. No-one else could have fulfilled the prediction of Lord Chaitanya so sincerely and expertly as Your Divine Grace. Even though you are not physically present with us, you have left us with all the facilities and continued guidance needed to make our lives successful and be able to reach so many other souls that are hankering for love and a purpose in life.

We feel extremely fortunate in Pietermaritzburg, to be serving in a city that Your Divine Grace personally visited. The year 1975 saw a transformation in the spiritual and cultural atmosphere of Pietermaritzburg through the efforts of H.G. Pusta Krishna prabhu, the first GBC of South Africa, who brought Your Divine Grace to South Africa and made all arrangements for your preaching here. It is by his selfless service to Your Divine Grace in pioneering the establishment of Krishna consciousness in South Africa, that has given rise to our now blooming congregation in Pietermaritzburg. We owe H.G. Pusta Krishna prabhu a debt of gratitude because the seeds of Bhakti sewn then has now fructified into the establishment of a beautiful temple dedicated to the worship of the exquisitely beautiful Sri Sri Dayal Nitai Gaurahari.

Elaborate worship takes place daily. Their Lordships are beautifully adorned with splendid outfits and the pujaris serving in the Deity department make sumptuous offerings to the Lords every day. Presently, two bhoga offerings are made per day and we plan to add a third offering in the near future.

Festivals glorifying the Lords appearances have been celebrated with much pomp and splendor over

the past many years but this year the festivities were coupled with the mood of taking the Holy names out to the community of Pietermaritzburg.

On February 16th, 2019, the day before Nityananda Trayodasi, ISKCON Pietermaritzburg took to the streets with a Maha Harinam festival which was organized in honour of Lord Nityananda, who taught us how to impress on people the urgency to take to the chanting process. This event allowed so many the opportunity to engage in the chanting of the Holy Name and culminated in a sumptuous Ekadasi lunch.

Nityananda Trayodasi was also celebrated with much pomp and grandeur. Their Lordships were presented with a new outfit and over 108 bhoga offerings were prepared.

ISKCON Pietermaritzburg took advantage of the national public holiday - Human Right's Day - to allow the general public to practice their true human right of becoming Krishna conscious through the spectacular celebration of Gaura Purnima. Prior to the festival, devotees went out on Harinam for many days distributing invitations to as many people as possible.

On Nrsimhadeva Chaturdasi, Their Lordships were offered a transcendental cave to reside in, in the mood of the many caves of Ahobilam.

Their Lordships looked absolutely beautiful in this setting leaving the devotees and guests mesmerized. A drama depicting the Lord's pastimes was enacted by a group of enthusiastic children.

ISKCON Pietermaritzburg hopes to improve our book distribution in the coming months by hosting Sankirtan Festivals and encouraging devotees to go out on a regular basis.

Over the past many years however, there has been a very successful Karthik preaching program lead by a group of enthusiastic devotees. This endeavor aims to make more people aware of the glories and benefits of serving the Lord by offering of lamps in the comfort of their homes, through a door-to-door Harinam festival. ISKCON Pietermaritzburg was also invited to be part of an interfaith initiative

organized by the Midlands Hindu Society during the Diwali celebrations last year. This opportunity provided the platform for the community to offer lamps to Lord Damodar and proved to be a huge success.

Our yatra is made up of many sincere devotees, most of whom are senior in age, yet they are dedicated to serving tirelessly for your pleasure. Such is their love and commitment to Your Divine Grace. You taught us by your own example how to dovetail everything in the service of the Lord and in emulating you, there have been so many devotees whom although no longer with us, were instrumental in

developing the Pietermaritzburg yatra over the past 44 years – H.G. Lokabandhu prabhu and H.G. Kirtida mataji, H.G. Madukhanta prabhu, H.G. Sunithi mataji and H.G. Ram Tulsi mataji to name a few.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, thank you for allowing us the opportunity to be a part of your worldwide spiritual family. We humbly beg you for your continued guidance and direction in our service to Their Lordships Sri Sri Dayal Nitai Gaurahari.

*Your eternal servants at
ISKCON Pietermaritzburg*



ISKCON Zambia 🌺



Dearest Srila Prabhupada, Hare Krishna.

Please accept our most humble and prostrated obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet on the auspicious occasion of your 123rd Vyasa-puja Celebration.

All glories to you Param & Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Srila Guru Maharaj.

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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, YOUR ISKCON ZAMBIA CENTER has become 4 years old since its registration on 3rd February 2015. However, Krishna conscious activities in Zambia can be traced as far back as the 1970's when Brahmananda Prabhu came to Lusaka and 'sound vibrated' the whole Lusaka with Harinaam. Most of the old residents of Lusaka cannot forget the event. Many pure devotees have been visiting Zambia since then and bestowing their mercy on Lusaka residents, who are becoming Krsna conscious and taking the process seriously. The devotees are chanting regularly, reading Bhagavad-gita As It Is and Sri-mad-Bhagavatam, visiting the temple and attending temple programs regularly. At least 15-20 devotees are now ready to take their first initiation.

After the welcome of Sri Gaur Hari Dayal Nitai Deities, the services and activities in the Lusaka

center have become almost full time, starting from Mangal Aarti until Gaura Aarti, daily offerings, dressing of deities, Sunday Love Feast, Book Distribution, Food for Life, Rathayatra, Padyatra etc.

Srila Prabhupada, you have given us a wonderful gift in the form of ISKCON. Many lives are transformed with realization of the value of human form of life. Devotees attending various programs in the temple are always appreciative and thankful to you for saving their souls from the contamination in the materialistic world. Krsna consciousness realization is now gradually spreading in Zambia. The seeds of love of Krsna have been planted and are now growing. The creeper is under the protection of your mercy and the mercy of Gauranga. We shall always be very grateful to you for engaging us in the Krsna consciousness movement. Please continue

bestowing your unlimited mercy on us so that we can best serve this movement for our welfare and for the welfare of others.

Although we never had an opportunity to be with Your Divine Grace physically, we however feel very close to you through your vani. We have recently welcomed your Deity on your last Vyasa-puja celebration day in 2018 which we are serving daily since then. We have a long way to go to show our gratitude to you. We shall continue making our best efforts to serve you Srila Prabhupada.

In our last year's offering, we had envisaged two projects that is opening of the Govinda's restaurant and our application for a piece of land from the government of the Republic of Zambia. We are proud

to announce that we have opened the doors to the Govinda's restaurant last year on Lord Balaram's appearance day the 26 August 2018. We are still pursuing our application for land from the government of Zambia.

Srila Prabhupada, our contribution is very insignificant to what you have done for us. The above is our menial offering at your lotus feet. Please bestow your blessings and mercy up on all the devotees in Zambia so that we can continue serving your mission with dedication and determination.

*Yours insignificant servants of
ISKCON Zambia*





**OFFERINGS BY
BACK TO GODHEAD
AND BBT AFRICA**







Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace!

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svaminṇ iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvīśesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-ḍesa-tarīne*

THE BACK TO GODHEAD MAGAZINE is going through some global challenges and we are currently in a restructuring phase. The focus has always been clear, to increase the distribution, allowing the magazine to reach as many souls as possible, with engaging and relevant content.

The *Back to Godhead* Africa Division is the largest distributor of the *Back to Godhead* magazine in the world, outside of India. In the past year, we have experienced some wins and losses and despite the changes, your magazine still elevates

and transforms the minds of its readers.

Srila Prabhupada, please accept our insignificant efforts as our humble offering to you. Your words, your books, and your *Back to Godhead* magazine are the building blocks of ISKCON. Our hope is that the circulation of *Back to Godhead* will grow as your movement grows, benefiting more people through the sincere preaching efforts of ISKCON centres all over the world.

Your servants at Back to Godhead Magazine



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.

THE BHAKTIVEDANTA BOOK TRUST AFRICA (BBT Africa) continues to grow from strength to strength. Our team of devotees has become a close-knit family and are always active in finding innovative ways of printing and distributing your books.

Over the past year, BBT Africa has maintained a respectable financial status and, most importantly, since 2011, BBT Africa has produced twenty-two titles in eleven languages. We have established a BBT Africa Office in Bedfordview that serves as our headquarters for book production and *Back to Godhead* publication for all Africa.

In 2018, BBT Africa published *Transcendental Teachings of Prahlada Maharaja* in Amharic (a language spoken in Ethiopia), *Introduction to*

Bhagavad-Gita in Lingala (spoken in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, and Angola) and *Beyond Birth and Death* in Chichewa (spoken in Malawi). With more books in local African languages in the production process, we continue the service of spreading Krishna consciousness and your books to every town and village.

Finally, we are ever grateful for the association and guidance of your dear son, His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami, who imbibes your mood of book publication and is a constant inspiration to the BBT Africa team. Thank you for sharing him with us.

*Your servants in the sankirtana movement,
BBT Africa*





OFFERINGS FROM OTHER SOURCES







Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU SRILA PRABHUPADA, for you have given us the holy name. You taught us Krishna's pastimes and built beautiful temples for us to visit. You translated the Bhagavad Gita for us to understand and showered your mercy upon us as in your advanced age you came to the west to deliver the fallen souls.

Your glories are limitless. In your last days in the material world you still continued to translate and preach. Your character is faultless.

We can only repay you by trying to follow in

your footsteps. We will distribute your books and spread the holy name by going on harinam and sankirtan. Prasadam distribution will increase and hence people will receive Krishna prasada.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for loving us.

*Your great-granddisciples,
Bhaktivedanta College of Education and Culture at
Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple - Bridging Module
Class*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our most humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.

All glories to your Divine Grace.

*yasya prasada bhagavat-prasado
yasya prasada na gatih kuto pi
dhyayan stuvams tasya yasas tri-sandhyam
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

"BY THE MERCY OF THE SPIRITUAL MASTER one receives the benediction of Krishna. Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancement. Therefore, I should always remember and praise the spiritual master. At least three times a day I should offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master."

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving us and personally installing the most Wonderful, the most Beautiful, and the most Merciful deities of Sri Sri Radha Bankebihari in Nairobi. We would also like to thank you for our nice temple. You have created an opportunity for those living in this part of the world to easily access Krishna Consciousness and become fortunate.

We pray to you to help us in our small endeavor, to serve you by distributing your books in Nairobi

and throughout the country (in the future).

On 6th July 2019, we will be having Bhakti Vriksha Children's Ratha Yatra around the temple area. This will be the very first children's Ratha Yatra. Please bless us so that we can receive the mercy of Lord Jagannatha, Lord Baladeva and Lady Subhadra. We are reminded of how, as a child, you would also do a Ratha Yatra with your fellow friends. We hope to attract more children to participate and fall in love with Their Lordships.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for everything you have given us.

*Your insignificant servants of the servants,
Riyansh, Chaitanya, Meet, Preet, Shyam and Bhavik
Bhakti Vriksha Children's Class - Boys
(Age: 8 yrs-12 yrs)*

 Bhaktivedanta College of Education and Culture at Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple - Bridging Module Class
Durban, South Africa

 Riyansh, Chaitanya, Meet, Preet, Shyam, and Bhavik
Bhakti Vriksha Children's Class
Boys (age 8-12 yrs)
Nairobi, Kenya

Shiva, Mitwa, Geet, 
Radhasakhi,
Shiva, Mitwa, Geet,
Radhasakhi, Seva,
Haripriya, Janki, Hetvi,
Krishna, Tulsi and Haripriya
Bhaktivriksha Children's
Class Girls (age 9-12 yrs),
Nairobi, Kenya



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.

THANK YOU SRILA PRABHUPADA for giving us Krishna Consciousness in every corner of the world, including what was once known as the dark continent- Africa.

Your books are matchless gifts for the whole world. You are very compassionate towards conditioned souls in the material world.

*sakshad-dharitvena samasta-sastrair
uktas tatha bhavyata eva sadbhih
kintu prabhor yah priya eva tasya
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

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

is a bona fide representative of Sri Hari [Krishna].”

We find ourselves very fortunate to have been born in a bona fide movement, with a bona fide spiritual master. Srila Prabhupada, you have created this fortune for us. How can we ever repay you back?

This is an impossible task. It is said that we can only try to please you by our small endeavor in helping your preaching mission.

We would like to beg you for mercy and blessings, so that we can please you by distributing your transcendental books. In this way, we will feel we are being useful to this wonderful preaching movement.

*Your insignificant servants of the servants,
Shiva, Mitwa, Geet, Radhasakhi, Seva, Haripriya,
Janki, Hetvi, Krishna, Tulsi and Haripriya
Bhaktivriksha Children's Class - Girls (Age:
9yrs-12yrs)*



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Nara-narayan das
Quatre-Bornes, Mauritius



To our dear beloved Grandfather Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

LIKE EVERY YEAR WE HAVE BEEN VERY THANKFUL and blessed to be part of your Vyasa-puja celebration and to have been invited to prepare an offering as gratitude, an opportunity to express our services, loyalty and love for you, Srila Prabhupada.

I remember during your visit to Mauritius on 1 October 1975, you mentioned to one of the Mauritian boys (Bhakta Raamu), who accompanied you in the morning walk at Point aux Sable beach, 'Do organize program I shall personally come to preach now I am going to South Africa and I'll be back in two week and stay longer if needed'. Unfortunately, you met with a car accident and you had to leave

the next day, but your instruction still stands today as our command.

Another time in Bombay you asked Giriraja Swami about how you think this movement will go on in your physical absence and you mentioned by organisation and intelligence.

In a letter to Kirtananda Swami dated April 1967, you again wrote:

“Now I am trying for printing arrangement and this book also can be nicely printed, provided you take charge of distribution. I am very anxious for the sale of my books.

It has to be organized; Please think over this matter.”

Another letter to Bhagavan Prabhu in November 1970 where you mentioned again:

“So go on with your organization for distribution of my books through press and other modern media and Krishna will certainly be pleased upon you.”

Dear Srila Prabhupada, you have taught us how this book publication and distribution is the prime necessity to deliver these conditioned souls, including us, from gliding to hell. The highest welfare work we can do to save humanity, is by giving proper education, Brahma Vidya. I have been trying to push on with book distribution and now at school and libraries as you have mentioned several times in your speech. Your Guru-Maharaja pushed you to this Sankirtan movement of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and you pushed us into it, and now our duty is to push others, this is our parampara.

By incorporating the Bhaktivedanta Library Services in Mauritius, we are now getting more

access to distribute more books to offices, Government institutions, NGO's, Schools, other religious bodies and in public places. We organize Book fairs and Food festivals, meet official partners, and outreach development projects. For your pleasure Srila Prabhupada, we have distributed around fivethousand books in the last two years and we are planning to distribute another twothousand by the end of December 2019. By organizing into this direction with nice displays of your books, offering incentives like whole sale prices, buy one get one free and offering gift items to children among others, people are attracted to our book table. These are some of the activities of the book distribution program as an offering for this year's Vyasa puja celebration.

We look forward for your continuous inspiration, instruction and blessing Srila Prabhupada, to move on and to increase the ISKCON Outreach program initiative.

Thank you very much with all our heart for engaging us into this highest service.

Your servants at the Bhaktivedanta Library Services Mauritius.



To our loving grandfather, Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace, on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

KRSNA BALARAM YOUTH GROUP started just sixteen years ago, twenty-six years after you left this material world in the hope to connect your prophecy with the younger generation of South Africa.

Srila Prabhupada, you left a mission for us, you said that the young generation are the ‘flower’ of society, that we should ‘practice this most sublime system’, and that we should ‘be happy and make others happy’. Over the last sixteen years our group has been through difficult times, criticism and separation in friendships but through all this we have

still been trying to somehow continue in the hope to please you. With the little troubles that we may face, we gain courage from your example. You were a true pioneer, you sacrificed for the sake of our generation and generations to come and you experienced so many difficulties through it all. You had almost no support from your godbrothers, yet you were so tolerant and determined to share the message of Lord Caitanya one way or another. It is only by your strong conviction and your unflinching faith in the absolute truth –love for Krsna, that you were able

 Krsna Balarama Youth Group
Gauteng, South Africa

to persist. You undoubtedly lived by your title Bhaktivedanta and it is due to your endless, inconceivable compassion that you never gave up.

Srila Prabhupada, all you want is for us to develop love for Krsna. And in this love, you want us to be happy and make others happy. We have found that your ISKCON family is made up of a garland of so many flowers and in this garland are unique flowers. Please be the thread, as a conduit of Krsna's mercy that binds us all in a beautiful way so that we may individually and collectively become stronger, wiser and more unified. Help us to forgive, help us to be there for each other and please protect us from the path of distraction and selfishness. You were a friend to everyone and a constant well-wisher. You were un-biased and completely non-judgemental, yet in our family today we see judgement, division and discrimination. Please grant us the wisdom to avoid the errors made by previous generations, please protect us from those that oppose what you teach and mainly please keep us together.

Thank you so much for all that you have done, we have never met you but as your grandchildren we have heard a lot about you and we really pray to meet you someday. We know that dedicating

ourselves to your service and instructions will bring us closer to you. Thank you for being our merciful saviour. We are only a small part of the many souls you have saved. You were boldly fearless yet gently selfless. You have shown us happiness in your smile and your humour. You are beautiful, you are perfection and it is true that indeed we have been blessed by the best.

Please protect us from thinking that any of what we have done is due to our own merit. There are many young devotees that have recently joined our family, please give them your special mercy and continuous taste for the holy name so that they may lead the generations to come.

Please guard us from the fierce *maya* in the form of division. Please bless us so that collectively we may offer ourselves more intensely than before to Guru and Krsna. Please hold our hands as we stumble on the path to developing love for Krsna and guide us to share this love with others.

Your mercy is all we are made of.

*With love from your grandchildren,
Krsna Balarama Youth Group*



*puruṣasya ca saṁsthānaṁ, svarūpam vā parasya ca
jñānaṁ ca naigamaṁ yat tad, guru-śiṣya-prayojanam
nimittāni ca tasyeha, proktāny anagha-sūribhiḥ
svato jñānaṁ kutaḥ puṁsāṁ, bhaktir vairāgyam eva vā*



“What are the truths regarding the living entities and the Supreme Personality of Godhead? What are their identities ? What are the specific values in the knowledge in the Vedas, and what are the necessities for the spiritual master and his disciples? Spotless devotees of the Lord have mentioned the source of such knowledge. How could one have knowledge of devotional service and detachment without the help of such devotees?”

(Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 3.7.38-9)