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PREFACE

 MEERA KHURANA

 **VYĀSA-PŪJĀ OFFERINGS** are a humble attempt to express gratitude to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Actually, what Śrīla Prabhupāda has done for the world is beyond expression because he has shown us how to get out of the bondage of repeated birth and death, and go back to our eternal home, back to Godhead. Śrīla Prabhupāda showed the direct path for all people to get released from the bondage of material life and its suffering in a way that is simple and joy-ful: *bhakti-yoga*.

Hence even after nearly 45 years since Śrīla Prabhupāda's departure, thousands of people from all over the world write offerings of gratitude. The offerings are truly inspiring and help us realise the

depth of Śrīla Prabhupāda's impact on our lives and the world, to help take as many people back home to our eternal father, Śrī Kṛṣṇa.


The 2022 edition of the pan-African Vyāsa-pūjā book contains 310 offerings from 13 countries which include 9 African countries.

A note on our editorial policy for this book: Offerings were reviewed for appropriateness but were not, or only very lightly, edited for spelling and grammar. Also, no diacritics were added. In short, we have mostly published the offerings as we received them.

*Your servant in the service of Śrīla Prabhupāda,
Meera Khurana*



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THE MEANING OF VYĀSA-PŪJĀ

🕉️ MAHĀ-PRASĀDA GOVINDA DĀSA

 THE AUSPICIOUS DAY OF ŚRĪ VYĀSA-PŪJĀ is one of the most important days of celebration for all Vaiṣṇavas throughout the entire world! It is on this day that our great fortune has arisen with the appearance of the spiritual master, who is the deliverer of those who have taken shelter of his divine lotus feet. It is due to the unlimited mercy of the spiritual master that we are aware of ourselves and our relationship with the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Śrī Kṛṣṇa. It is only by his unlimited mercy that one day we will be sheltered under the lotus feet of the Divine Couple, Śrī Śrī Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa, and render loving services to Their Lordships eternally.

Śrīla Vyāsadeva who is the Shaktyavesha Avatar of Lord Viṣṇu appeared on the full moon day of the month of Ashadha. This auspicious appearance day of Śrīla Vyāsadeva is celebrated with great honour

and reverence, and is renowned as the most auspicious day and referred to as “Śrī Vyāsa-pūjā”. It is the tradition that Vaiṣṇavas celebrate the appearance day of their respective spiritual master as the most auspicious day of the year, with great honour and reverence, which is also referred as Śrī Vyāsa-pūjā day.

In Śrī Mukta Charita, Śrīla Ragunath Das Goswami describes that the spiritual master has given unlimited mercy in so many different forms. He describes that the spiritual master has given the highest and the most sacred sound in the form of the holy names of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. He has given us the sublime services to serve our saviour Kali-yuga pāvana Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and his associates. He has revealed the super excellent pastimes and the associated sacred places of the divine couple Śrī Śrī Rādhā and Govinda. He has ultimately given us

the transcendental vision that one day we can offer direct service under the shelter of Śrī Śrī Rādhā and Mādhava. Śrīla Ragunath Das Goswami concludes that since all these assurances have been given to us by our spiritual master, we bow down to his lotus feet with all our respects and reverence.

It is essential to understand the true meaning and the significance of Śrī Vyāsa-pūjā. The real worship of the Guru is not offered by merely placing a gorgeous flower garland, offering rose petals of flowers to his lotus feet, offering some dakshin, sweets or clothes. The real celebration of Vyāsa-pūjā is fulfilled by offering oneself as a surrendered soul completely at the lotus feet of the spiritual master and assist him in his transcendental mission. Our surrender to the spiritual master is fulfilled, when we make a full surrender of our independence at the lotus feet of the spiritual master, with a mood of complete submission and humility.

At the time of His initiation from Śrī Isvarapuri, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu has taught us this lesson, by exemplary acts and by saying to His spiritual master: “O Śrīla Gurudeva, I am offering everything that belongs to me at your lotus feet”

*ei ami deha samarpilama tomare
krsnapadapadmera amrtarasa pana
amare karao tumi ñ ei cahi dana
(Śrī Caitanya-bhāgavata, Ādi-khaṇḍa 17)*

“O Gurudeva, I have surrendered My body and everything that is Mine at your lotus feet. I shall follow every instruction given to me. My only wish is to receive your merciful benediction by which you kindly make Me drink the transcendental nectar of Sri Krishna’s lotus feet”.

If we come to a point of surrender with this mood, then the worship of the spiritual master on the most auspicious day of Śrī Vyāsa-pūjā becomes meaningful. The worship of the Guru on this day with a gorgeous flower garland, offering rose petals of flowers to his lotus feet, offering some dakshin,

sweets or clothes all become not just symbolic acts to instruct the common people, but a real worship of the Guru. In this way the real Vyāsa-pūjā can be performed with the mood of selfless surrender at the lotus feet of the spiritual master.

We all understand Śrī Kṛṣṇa is the origin of Bhakti and Śrī Guru is His incarnation or a manifestation representing him in this world. Therefore, unless we selflessly serve Him with submission and gratitude, we will not be able to attain Śrī Kṛṣṇa Bhakti even if we make so much endeavour. Therefore, to attain Śrī Kṛṣṇa Bhakti we need to take shelter of Śrī Guru who is the origin of our bhakti and he is considered non different than the Supreme Personality of Godhead. As it is mentioned in Srimad Bhagavatam, Śrī Kṛṣṇa describes the Ācārya to be seen non different than himself and that we should never disrespect and treat him as an ordinary person.

*ācāryam mām vijānīyān
navamanyeta karhicit
na martya-buddhyāsūyeta
sarva-deva-mayo guruḥ*

“One should know the ācārya as Myself and never disrespect him in any way. One should not envy him, thinking him an ordinary man, for he is the representative of all the demi-gods.” (Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 11.17.27)

It may seem like the spiritual master is performing an ordinary activity like a common man by resting, going to a bathroom, or eating as he desires etc. However, if one sees the Guru as he sees an ordinary person he will be cheated forever. A strong faith on the identity of the Guru as non-different from Śrī Kṛṣṇa must be there since he is a personality sent by Srimati Radhika and Śrī Kṛṣṇa as Their own personal messenger. We should always remember this with full faith while celebrating the appearance day of the Guru on the day of Śrī Vyāsa-pūjā.

During the auspicious day of Śrī Vyāsa-pūjā, a

disciple worships the Ācārya or the Guru and offers respect to his entire Guru-parampara. The Guru, who is sitting on the seat of Śrīla Vyāsadeva and who is always preaching the glories of the Supreme Personality of Godhead throughout the world, is worshiped with full faith and veneration. The Guru in return accepts whatever he has been offered to him from his loving disciples and does not consider it as a direct offering to Him, but offers the worship to the lotus feet of his divine spiritual master.

In that way the Guru always displays his purity as the unalloyed servant of his spiritual master. He shows by example that whatever honour he receives is due to the mercy of his spiritual master.

During the auspicious appearance of our Ācārya, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, we pray to His Divine Grace and our entire Guru Parampara up to Lord Brahma and to all the associates of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Kṛṣṇa and all the associates of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and Śrī Nityananda Prabhu, that they sprinkle their mercy upon us, to lovingly serve them eternally.

The glories of Śrīla Prabhupāda are indeed unfathomable. By his transcendental endeavour, we have been given an opportunity to make this human form of live successful, by taking to the process of Bhakti. It is by his causeless mercy that today, millions of people are accepting and practicing Śrī Kṛṣṇa bhakti all over the world in the temples opened by His Divine Grace and his followers. Multiple future generations shall remain forever indebted to him for having bestowed the possibility of going back to Godhead, by simply reading his books and follow his instructions.

The auspicious day of his appearance is celebrated as Śrī Vyāsa-pūjā with great enthusiasm by all the devotees of the world. The Deities in the temples are offered a new outfit to celebrate the grand occasion and a grand Guru puja is held in the temple where all the devotees sing the “Guru Vandana” Prayers glorifying him and offer respects to Śrīla Prabhupāda as the Ācārya of the entire world.

Thereafter all the senior Śrīla Prabhupāda disciples, describe the innumerable transcendental qualities of Śrīla Prabhupāda and the assembled devotees hear the glories with rapt attention. A Raj Bhoga is then offered to the Lordships and His Divine Grace that include various preparations prepared lovingly by the devotees, that include various sweets, subjis and savouries. The devotees also prepare special dishes which are known to be liked by Śrīla Prabhupāda such as Shukta, Kachoris, Gulab Jamuns and many other offerings. Thereafter all the devotees assemble to offer “Pushpanjali” to Śrīla Prabhupāda followed by the signing of the “Guru Vastakam”.

Śrīla Prabhupāda’s quarters are also beautifully decorated with many gorgeous and colourful flowers and also Bhoga offerings are made. After serving and glorifying Śrīla Prabhupāda in this way and maintaining fast until noon for his transcendental pleasure, the devotees proceed to honour Prasadam which will be a big feast cooked in honour of Śrīla Prabhupāda.

The festivities however do not end with the Prasad distribution. During the evening the devotees again get together and glorify Śrīla Prabhupāda by holding a cultural program for the pleasure of His Divine Grace and the assembled devotees. The devotees who are inclined to present Bharat Natyam Dance or perform Bhajan will offer their respective services for the pleasure of His Divine Grace and the assembled Vaiṣṇavas. In this way the auspicious appearance day of His Divine Grace is celebrated during the Vyāsa-pūjā day of His Divine Grace. On this day we pray to Śrīla Prabhupāda to please grant us loving services at his lotus feet, so that we can make rapid progress in our spiritual endeavours.

Therefore, we pray to him with folded hands:

prati-janme kori āśā caraṇera dhūli

I desire the dust of your holy feet in every birth I may take. 🙏



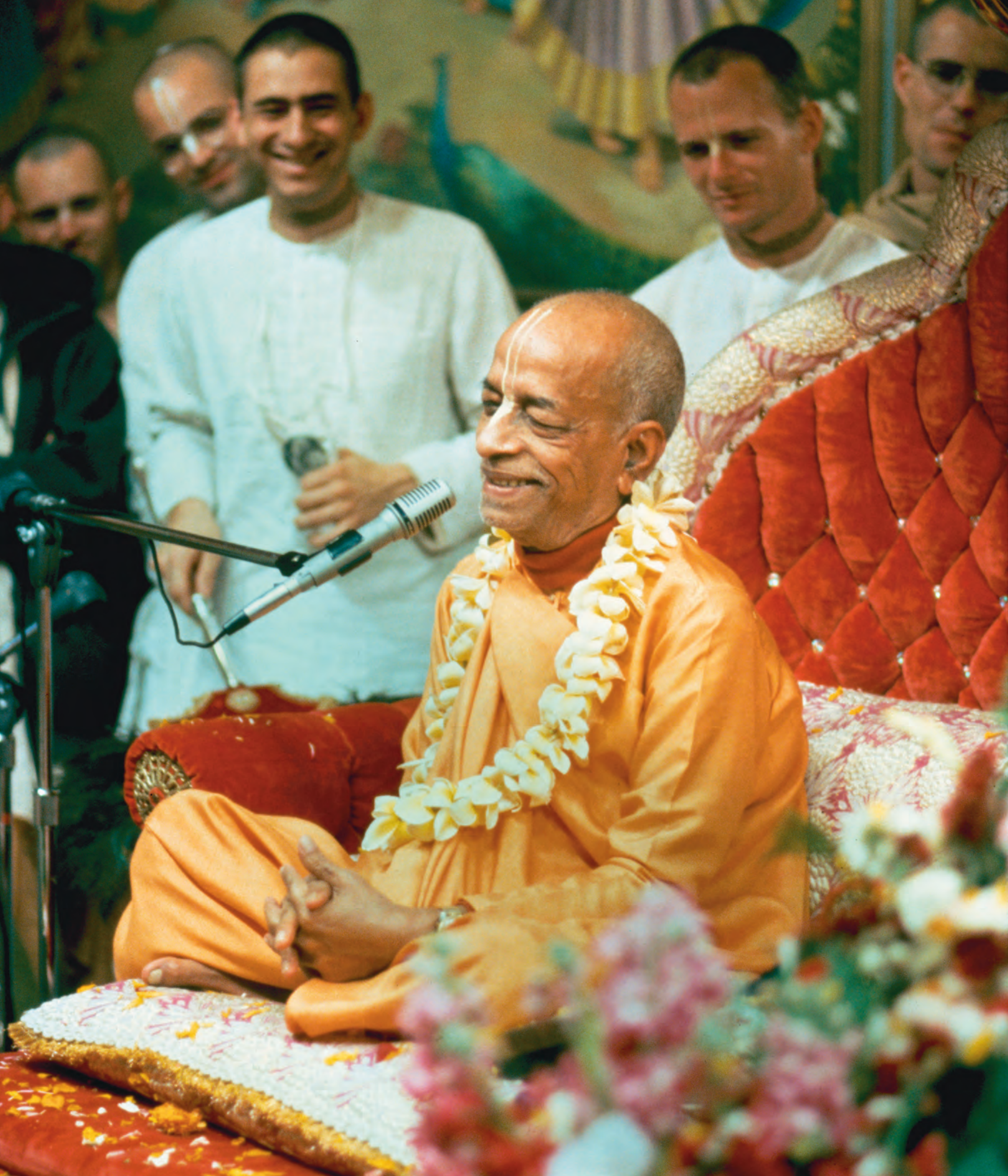


ŚRĪ

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. 🌸

2

*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. 





3

*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 your Divine Grace.
All glories to your mercy on even the most fallen, like myself.

 Bhakti Caitanya Swami

WE ARE SEEING IN DIFFERENT WAYS how we are deep in the material world, and how Kali Yuga is overwhelming the whole material situation. There can be a tendency to think that things here may get better, but by the grace of Lord Krishna it is becoming more and more clear that optimism on the mundane level is simply a waste of time. The situation is hopeless, and rapidly becoming even worse.

I remember the first time I saw you, at the Auckland University in New Zealand in April 1972. You were the first devotee I ever saw, walking regally through the university grounds with a small group of disciples. As you walked, two young female devotees danced gracefully next to you and threw rose petals under your lotus feet. A thought spontaneously entered my mind, that, “this must be like heaven”. It was completely amazing.

I was studying philosophy in the hope of finding some direction and meaning in my life, but all it was doing was making things worse. One of the people I was studying, I think Descartes, developed the philosophy of the doubt. It sounded interesting initially for the hippy-type mind – don’t be taken in by misleaders, stick to the truth – but then I found out that after some time he told his followers to stop following him, as, he said, “I doubt my own philosophy”. In my confused way I understood there was no future in material life, but I could not see a clear alternative.

When you spoke, you pointed out the predicaments I, and so many other youngsters, were facing. You said, “Why younger section are feeling such frustration and confused in spite of so much educational institution? In your Western country there is no question of poverty. You are all well-to-do, especially... I have extensively traveled over America and Europe, especially America. They are

very opulent. I have traveled in Australia and come to your country, New Zealand. So far material necessities are concerned, you are all well-to-do. So why this question of frustration?”

It did not really sink in at the time, but, Srila Prabhupada, gradually the depth of your words has become increasingly apparent to me. You are that unique person of our time, who gave us, and continues to give us, hope, and a practical process for manifesting that hope.

At the end of your class at the university you said, “So our request is that younger section may not feel confused and frustration. There is very nice hope. Those who are taking to this Kṛṣṇa consciousness, mostly they are younger section. Now ask them how much hopeful they are, how much jubilant they are. So my request is that—you are all young boys and girls, flowers of the country—don’t feel frustration and confused. There is nice hope in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. My only request is that—you are all learned boys and girls—try to understand this philosophy and science, and you will be happy. That is my request.”

There is no doubt at all in my heart that you literally saved me from a most hellish future. Thank you again and again Srila Prabhupada. I give my life to you absolutely, and pledge that I will always be willing to do whatever I can to serve you. Without your mercy my life is meaningless.

On this sacred day I pray to you to please keep me engaged in any type of service you feel you want. That is the be all and end all of my existence.

Begging for your mercy eternally.

*Your lowly servant,
Bhakti Caitanya Swami*





Dear spiritual grandfather,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your holy lotus feet.

SOMETIMES I ASK MYSELF what merit I have to be part of ISKCON, this glorious interplanetary mission that show the path and the means to attain Krishna the Supreme Personality of Godhead. It's certainly due to some unconscious previous pious activities. Yes, I unconsciously joined this movement thinking that it is just like any other spiritual organization in the world. Dear Srila Prabhupada, this is your ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness). The word is very specific and direct: consciousness. How can someone expect to be Krishna conscious without first being a conscious person?

*kārpaṇya-doṣopahata-svabhāvaḥ
pṛcchāmi tvam dharmā-sammūḍha-cetāḥ
yac chreyaḥ syān niścitaṁ brūhi tan me
śiṣyas te 'haṁ śādhi mām tvāṁ prapannam*

“Now I am confused about my duty and have lost all composure because of weakness. In this condition I am asking you to tell me clearly what is best for me....” – Bg. 2.7

Arjuna took a humble position as a surrendered soul and that was his success. He was really conscious of his situation therefore he became fully conscious of Krishna. My own consciousness

have never been stable, and I am still compromising with maya, the material energy. I read somewhere where you said that ‘The defect of my disciples is that they are not afraid of Maya’ I still strongly have the mentality of one leg with Krishna and one leg with maya in case my devotional service doesn't become successful.

*daivī hy eṣā guṇa-mayī
mama māyā duratyayā
mām eva ye prapadyante
māyām etāṁ taranti te*

“This divine energy of Mine , consisting of the three modes of material nature, is difficult to overcome. But those who have surrendered unto Me can easily cross beyond it” – Bg. 7.14

How can I expect to overcome maya without surrendering unto Krishna through His bona fide servant like Your Divine Grace. O Srila Prabhupada, please help me to become a conscious servant of your servants. This is my eternal appeal to you.

*Servant of your servants,
Bhakti Carudesna Swami*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories unto you.

DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA, with love and compassion you built a house in which all the living entities would have a room to live in. To show our appreciation for the love and compassion you have given to us, we want to expand that love by having a

farm community in which we would have a suitable place and cottage industries for devotees as well as non-devotees. We envision it as a simple place for training and providing skills to both devotees and non-devotees where they can live peacefully

cultivating the land, chanting Hare Krishna and serving Lord Krishna from the heart. It is you who taught the whole world what life is and how to find peace and harmony. You said that people will never be happy and peaceful if they continue to kill cows. We want to have a place where people could be trained in a practical manner on how to be peaceful and happy. Therefore, we are begging Your Divine Grace to kindly empower us with every necessary strength, intelligence, knowledge, facilities, resources, manpower and everything else needed to manifest this project in a living reality for all people.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, if I have love and appreciation for what you have given to me, I will not only maintain it but will also expand it which will help many more people to come in. This will indeed increase our number in both quantity and quality. One way I can appreciate your love is that I want to make secure arrangements, both materially and spiritually, for all devotees who have or had given their lives for this mission, and as well as for those who will join later on in and by this farm project. I am begging your divine mercy and blessings to

make this project a success. There are so many challenges that I am facing, but because I have complete confidence in you and I know that you are pleased with this project, you are directing, guiding and protecting me in all directions and helping me by all means to make it a success.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, your love and compassion is changing the whole world. Many people in distress recently are being sheltered in your movement. Prasadam is being distributed to the refugees and also prasadam distribution is going at a huge scale in other parts of the world. You are really saving the whole world by prasadam distribution, chanting of the holy names, book distribution, opening of many new temples where thousands of people are taking shelter of Krishna.

Please forgive my unlimited mistakes, offenses, dullness, weakness and other non-devotional activities. Please forgive me and help me to become a devotee fully devoted to you and Gurudeva.

*Your mercy is my shelter,
Bhakti Dhira Damodara Swami*



My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble, prostrated obeisances at your all-merciful lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

 Giriraj Swami

WHEN AN INTERVIEWER ONCE ASKED YOU, “What is the goal of life?” you replied, “The goal of life is to enjoy.” The effort to enjoy materially, through the mind and senses, leads only to frustration and misery. But spiritually one can enjoy in relation to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and that pleasure, unlike the temporary so-called happiness of the material world, is eternal, and that eternal happiness can be realized through the mercy of Sri Nityananda Prabhu and you. Nitya means “eternal,” and ananda means “bliss.” So if we can come in touch with Lord Nityananda—through you—we can realize that eternal bliss for which we are hankering.

How do we become eligible for your and Lord Nityananda’s mercy? We can learn how from reading and hearing about His qualities and pastimes. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu ordered Nityananda Prabhu and Haridasa Thakura to go into Navadvipa to approach whomever they met on the way and to go door-to-door and request people to chant the name of Krishna, to worship Krishna, to follow Krishna’s instructions—and not to distinguish between who was qualified and who was not. And you, Srila Prabhupada, took up the same mood of approaching anyone and everyone—pious or sinful, qualified or unqualified—without discrimination.

As Nityananda Prabhu said, in Kali-yuga practically everyone is like Jagai and Madhai, the drunken brothers who physically attacked Him. But what you encountered when you came to America, the type of people you were approaching, was something that people now can hardly imagine.

You weren't always well received. You were living on New York's Bowery, then the most degraded part of the city, inhabited mostly by drunks, with a young man who seemed interested in Krishna consciousness. But one day the man went crazy, probably from taking LSD, the 1960s equivalent of the liquor Jagai and Madhai were taking five hundred years ago. In his crazed state, he seemed ready to kill you, just as Madhai was ready to kill Nityananda Prabhu, and you bolted out of the room and ran down the stairs, much as Nityananda Prabhu had fled.

It's quite a history—how you stayed in different people's places and endured so much hardship. On the boat to America you had suffered two heart attacks, and even in America you had a lot of physical problems. But you endured everything—these “attacks of maya”—all for the sake of delivering Gaura-Nitai's mercy to us.

What Nityananda Prabhu wanted in India has been fulfilled by you throughout the world. You gave the same message: chant Krishna's name, worship Krishna, accept Krishna as your life and soul—but not in so many words, because the people that you were approaching didn't even know who Krishna was. When Nityananda approached people in Navadvipa and told them, “Chant Krishna's name, worship Krishna, follow Krishna's instructions,” they knew who Krishna was, they knew what Nityananda was saying, but in America nobody knew who Krishna was. So “Chant Krishna's name, worship Krishna” had to be explained in books, and thus you wrote so many books to explain who is Krishna, what is Krishna's name, why we should accept Krishna as our life and soul—the same message that Chaitanya Mahaprabhu asked Nityananda Prabhu to deliver, but in an expanded form.

When we go out with your books, it is like when Nityananda and Haridasa were sent by Mahaprabhu to approach people with His message. Sometimes devotees are not well received, but even Nityananda and Haridasa were not always well received. Mahaprabhu held nocturnal kirtans in Srivasa Thakura's house, and if anyone was proud, he was not allowed to enter. So all the proud people in Navadvipa were upset, and they spread rumors: “They are thieves. They come to your door and say to chant Krishna's name and worship Krishna, but really they are looking to see what you have to steal.” They were spreading a lot of false propaganda. But didn't stop Nityananda and Haridasa, and it didn't stop you, and it shouldn't stop any of us; we have to accept it without being deterred.

When you were told that one of your disciples was smoking ganja, marijuana, you told your secretary to relay your instructions: “Tell him that if he doesn't stop smoking ganja I will reject him.”

Afterwards, Tamal Krishna Goswami asked you, “Is it true that if he doesn't stop smoking ganja you will reject him?”

You said, “No—I cannot reject anyone.”

“But don't you have to draw the line somewhere?”

“The mercy of Lord Nityananda is unlimited.”

So that was your mood: the mood of Nityananda Prabhu.

We are the recipients of Gaura-Nitai's mercy through you. By your mercy we are chanting Krishna's name, worshipping Krishna, and following Krishna's instructions, accepting Krishna as the goal of our lives. And it is by your mercy that we preach Mahaprabhu's message to others. We can speak to our capacity, and we can give people your books, which convey that message. We just elaborate on it and present it in a way that people can understand.

One of my favorite statements of yours is, “To approach Radha and Krishna, you need the mercy of Lord Chaitanya; to get the mercy of Lord Chaitanya, you need the mercy of Lord Nityananda; and to get the mercy of Lord Nityananda, you have

to approach people like Jagai and Madhai.” If we ever feel, “Oh, I’m too high; I can’t approach these people,” we should think of that instruction and your example and really pray, beg, to be humble instruments of your love and mercy and compassion. As your guru-maharaja told you, “That will be good for you and good for the people who hear you.”

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for all you have done for us—for the world. Kindly engage me as your servants’ servants’ servant.

*Your eternal, grateful servant,
Giriraj Swami*



*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya
bhūtaḥ śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmīnīti nāmīnī*

*namaste sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Jayadvaita Swami

THE MANTRA’S SOUND reveals the highest truth.

Let’s speak of its revealer, Prabhupāda—
His wisdom, joy, compassion, gravity,
His ways of showing Kṛṣṇa true and real,
His fortitude, his vigilant defense
Of Godhead: stubborn Māyāvādīs smashed,
Reductionistic speculators smashed,
Illusioned welfare workers hung to dry,
Big *karmīs* all deflated, *jñānīs* skewered,
Exalted *yogīs* minus bhakti smashed.

Pretentious goodness, useless passion. . . . bah!
He drives them out and leaves not half an inch
For dreary, dull, or crazy ignorance.

He brings us to the transcendental plane,
Surpassing senses, mind, intelligence,
Surpassing ego, bringing us to glimpse
The world of Kṛṣṇa, world of purest love,

Where goddesses of fortune serve the Lord--
Govinda, first and ultimate enjoyer--
Beneath the trees that grant all one’s desires
For ever-blissful service to the Lord,
Where all the land is made of spiritual gems,
Where all the water’s nectar, speech is song,

All walking dance, and Kṛṣṇa plays his flute,
His cherished friend. In that effulgent world
Of bliss, that highest place, most relishable of all,
In that Vṛndāvan, Kṛṣṇa's countless cows
Give oceans of divinely flowing milk,
Milk showering love of Kṛṣṇa on the soul.
And time stands still, not half a moment lost. . .
For in that place—Goloka, Svetadvip,
Adored by Kṛṣṇa's purest devotees—
Each moment lasts forever. That's a place
Known here but to a few most blessed souls.

Delighting even such enlightened souls,
One most empowered kindly came for us,
To bring Caitanya's message, coming down
To rescue us from Māyā's painful grip
And her last snares of oneness and a void.
Transcending time and space, he came for us,
Our teacher, master, savior—Prabhupāda!

He gathers Kṛṣṇa's mercy like a cloud
And pours it raining down upon our heads
In torrents, raining down and raining down,
Extinguishing the fire of birth and death.

He brought us Kṛṣṇa's name and form and traits.
He taught us how to sing and chant and dance.
He brought us Kṛṣṇa's pastimes and disclosed
The science of devotion, as detailed
Within the books: the *Gītā*, *Bhāgavatam*,
Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta. . . the books!

He gave us temples, there to serve the Lord,
And gave *prasādam*, joyful to our taste.
He gave us Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa's sacred love.
To him, to Prabhupāda, we owe our life.

Lord Kṛṣṇa sent his messenger to show
The way back home. Let's take that way and go.

Jayadvaita Swami





My dearest worshipable and revered spiritual master Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

 Partha Sarathi Das Goswami

THANK YOU for spreading the sacred message of Krishna consciousness all over the world. Of the many disciples of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura you are the only one who brought Vrndavana to the West.

You write in the Srimad Bhagavatam (Canto 4 Chapter 28 Text 31 purport), “The disciples of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Gosvāmī Mahārāja are all godbrothers, and although there are some differences of opinion, and although we are not acting conjointly, every one of us is spreading this Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement according to his own capacity and producing many disciples to spread it all over the world.”

Without any institutional or financial support, you left Vrndavana at the end of your life to fulfill the divine order of your holy master, His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura Sri-la Prabhupada.

By the arrangement of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, many Vaisnavas were planted in America and when they came in contact with you, Krishna consciousness started in New York and spread like wildfire. You were the transparent medium for the potency of bhakti to spread. The hladini-sakti, which is the supreme giving potency bestowed upon you “power of attorney” and the bhakti potency began to sprout in the hearts of your disciples. Through you this bhakti-latā-bīja quickly spread

to your sincere disciples and empowered them to preach all over the world. Enduring great hardship you also constantly travelled to nourish this mission and give us, your disciples, personal association.

Your most important contribution is your Bhaktivedanta purports. Thank you for this gift. I humbly ask that you allow me to continue to associate with you through your books, your sincere disciples, grand disciples and followers. Without their guidance, support and well wishes I would be lost and in illusion.

I hope one day to have your continued association again and serve you while you are assisting Sri Sri Radha Madhava in Their pastimes. This is my only objective and the ultimate sum of all my aspirations.

In the meantime, with the few years I have left in this mortal frame, I will follow the example of Sri-la Kṛṣṇa Dasa Kavirāja and offer my respects (vandan), to the lotus feet (sri carana), of all (sabara), the Vaisnavas (bhakta-gana), both advanced (bada), and neophyte (chota) (Caitanya Caritamṛta Madhya-līlā 2.93).

Praying to eternally remain in your divine association and that of your sincere followers.

*Your servant,
Partha Sarathi Das Goswami*





Pratah smaraniya Param puja Param Guru Dev, ji,
Please accept my humble prostrated obeisance at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

*nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmīnīti nāmīne*

PARAM GURUDEVA! At present most of the people, mistakenly consider material sense gratification the ultimate reward of life. They do not understand that the material happiness is actually another type of punishment, since it entices one to continue rotating in the cycle of birth and death. In the prison houses, the violent prisoners are placed in solitary confinement whereas well-behaved prisoners are sometimes allowed to work in the garden or library or offices, as a reward. But any position in prison is ultimately a punishment because it is still prison. Similarly, the same is the situation in this material world of higher and lower categories of material sense gratification. The actual reward is an eternal life of bliss and knowledge in the kingdom of God, spiritual world, where there is no punishment, i.e. birth, old age, disease and death. The kingdom of God is Vaikuṅṭha, or unconditional pleasure. There is no punishment in the spiritual world; it is a place of ever-increasing pleasure. But, for this to happen one has to take guidance of a spiritual master and by serving him, one can learn this transcendental subject matter.

A spiritual master is one who is expert in all of these subject matters, not by his personal imagination or speculation but by mature understanding of the authorized Vedic literatures which are the literary manifestation of the causeless mercy of God.

Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa says :

*nṛ-deham ādyaṁ su-labhaṁ su-durlabhaṁ
plavaṁ su-kalpaṁ guru-karṇadhāram
mayānukūlena nabhasvateritaṁ
pumān bhavābधिṁ na taret sa ātma-hā
(SB 11.20.17)*

Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa says that the human body, if taken shelter of a spiritual master, is perfectly made to cross this ocean of material existence. Because one has taken shelter of Guru in Parampara, Lord Kṛṣṇa says that His blessings will help the living entity to cross this material existence, mayānukūlena nabhasvateritaṁ. Therefore, it is important that one take the shelter of a spiritual master. Scriptures also stress on this point. In this regard it is said in Srimad Bhagavatam :

*tasmād guruṁ prapadyeta
jijñāsuḥ śreya uttamam
śābde pare ca niṣṇātaṁ
brahmaṇy upaśamāśrayam)*

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

Param Gurudeva! You always stressed on the need to take shelter of a bonafide spiritual master, and learn from him the process and secrets of devotional service to please the Supreme Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa. You always said in many of your lectures, that spiritual master must be given respect at par with the Supreme Lord, though the real spiritual master never thinks he is God, but he is just a servant of the Lord. Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa also says to Sri Uddhava to respect Guru as one would respect the

Supreme Lord.

*ācāryaṁ māṁ vijānīyān
navamanyeta karhicit
na martya-buddhyāsīyeta
sarva-deva-mayo guruḥ*

One should know the ācārya as Myself and never disrespect him in any way. One should not envy him, thinking him an ordinary man, for he is the representative of all the demigods. (SB 11.17.27)
The duty of the bona fide guru is to connect the disciple to Kṛṣṇa.

Punishment implies reward also; a powerful man who can punish is also able to reward. Therefore, the existence of punishment for the living being, who is forced to take a miserable material body subject to birth, old age, disease and death, also logically implies the existence of a reward for him. And that reward is that this human body under the guidance of a spiritual master, can be engaged in loving devotional service to Supreme Lord, and be freed from the bondage of material existence and get elevated to the spiritual world to engage in the eternal service to the lotus feet of Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Kṛṣṇa.

I feel myself fortunate to be part of your mission of ISKCON because it is only this organisation which alone teaches the necessity, principles of pure devotional service and engages the devotees in loving devotional service. It is through your purports and lectures that I learnt the purpose and greatness of this human form of life. As you stress in Nectar of Instruction, that human form of life is meant to reach to the perfection, by performing devotional service.

Param Gurudeva! Please give me your blessings so that I can understand the intent of your teachings, so that I can preach others. I have experienced that practically, without your mercy, we cannot understand the teachings of the Supreme Lord and our ācāryas. Only with your causeless mercy, I can justify my present āśrama ie sanyāsa āśrama.

Paying obeisances at the dust of your Lotus feet, I humbly beg for your blessings so that I can continue to serve your mission of this wonderful Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

In the service of Guru and Gaurāṅga,

*Your servant of servant,
Rama Govinda Swami*





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*ātmānam ca kuru-śreṣṭha
kṛṣṇena manasekṣitam
dhyāyan gate bhāgavate
ruroda prema-vihvalaḥ*

“Understanding that he was remembered by Lord Kṛṣṇa (while quitting this world), Vidura began to cry loudly, overwhelmed by the ecstasy of love.” S.B. (3.4.35)

ON SATURDAY MORNINGS, here in Cape Town, South Africa, we read of your wonderful activities in spreading the Kṛṣṇa-consciousness movement all over the world as presented in Srila Prabhupada Lilamṛta. We have completed the 6 volume ‘Lilamṛta’ quite a few times. We have recently completed the 7th volume, ‘Srila Prabhupada Lila’ as well. At present, we are reading ‘Srila Prabhupada Nectar’, the little red books.

H.H. Satsvarupa Maharaj, in my opinion, has done a great service to new and aspiring devotees for years to come, by presenting these records of your transcendental activities.

Just as your translations of Srimad Bhagavatam, Sri Caitanya Caritamrita, Nectar of Instruction and your compilations – the Kṛṣṇa Book, Nectar of Devotion, Teachings of Lord Caitanya, the list goes on and on: give solid evidence of the Supreme Absolute Truth, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, so the histories of your achievements give solid evidence of the existence and attainment of pure devotional service, which is so rarely achieved.

You calmly overcame so much adversity, even to get to the gangway of the Jaladuta, what to speak of the journey across the Atlantic, what to speak of the year of struggle in New York until some fortunate souls came to accept your guidance.

Over the years you had to conquer the different beasts and charlatans of the concrete jungles,

the Mr. Prices, the Professor Stahls, and the Mr. Nairs. Everyone needs to regularly hear of your courage, your intelligence and your determination to serve your spiritual master, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur and Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu.

While reading the Lilamṛta to new listeners or while teaching a Disciples Course, my deepest satisfaction is to hear new found appreciation for your incredible service by the persons who are coming to the Kṛṣṇa-consciousness movement, the movement that you founded. They can also feel that you were personally thinking of them while you were moving through this world. Therefore, the quote from Third Canto mentioned above, some of them even relate dreams in which you appeared and instructed or consoled them.

In a few years, all of your initiated followers will have left this world. Our success will be in how transparently we have delivered to others what you have given us. This also involves in delivering you, your personality, your achievements, your kindness and our personal memories of you.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, in a future birth, if you so desire, please allow me to more closely associate and serve you so that I may always be fully absorbed in your Lilamṛta.

*Your lowly servant,
Medhavi Dasa*





Dear Devotees and followers of Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

Ramanujacharya Dasa
Durban, South Africa

THIS YEAR I would like to glorify Srila Prabhupada by quoting some of the appreciations of his Bhagavad-gita As It Is. Some of these are quoted from scholars and some are quoted from reviews on the internet shopping website Amazon.com.

The following appreciation was written by Dr. Shaligram Shukla, the professor of linguistics at Georgetown University:
“...It is a deeply felt, powerfully conceived and beautifully explained work. I don’t know whether to praise more this translation of the Bhagavad-gita, its daring method of explanation, or the endless fertility of its ideas. I have never seen any other work on the Gita with such an important voice and style... It will occupy a significant place in the intellectual and ethical life of modern man for a long time to come.”

The following appreciation was written by Dr. Kailas Vajpey of the Department of Oriental Studies at the University College of Mexico, Mexico City: “Of all the commentaries on Bhagavad-gita that have appeared until now in the Western countries, this present edition by Sri A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada is the best. In order to appreciate his success in presenting to the West the authorized edition of Bhagavad-gita it is necessary to understand the significance or importance of Lord Krishna, the original author. In the Vedic literature of India, Vishnu is considered to be the Supreme Being by whose power there is order and stability in nature and who is worshipped with a spirit of love and devotion. It is understood that from time to time He incarnates, either totally or partially, with the aim of helping humanity. Lord Krishna is the original and complete form of Vishnu. Srila Prabhupada descends from a line of gurus which goes back to the original speaking of Bhagavad-gita by Sri Krishna. Srila Prabhupada’s knowledge of Sanskrit is surprising and without parallel. His penetration into the

meaning of the text only corresponds to a fully illuminated or fully realized soul who has in fact understood perfectly the meaning of Bhagavad-gita.”

The following appreciation was written by someone calling himself “Mindfighter” on Amazon.com:

“This book is a brilliant tour de force of spiritual realization. Brightly illuminating the deepest meanings of the text, and making it very clear what Krishna was saying when he first spoke the Gita to Arjuna, Prabhupada takes us by the hand and leads us to realms of unlimited bliss. The evidence speaks for itself. Prabhupada himself said that before he presented this translation and commentary there were over fifty English versions of the Gita available in the West, and not a single person had become God conscious as a result of reading them. However, when his book appeared it started a worldwide movement of people who dedicated their lives to God, transforming their lives into a dynamic spiritual quest for the absolute. Every day I study this book and am amazed by the ever deeper levels of transcendental knowledge it contains. It is my manual for sanity and happiness. Whenever things are difficult, a dip into the pages of Prabhupada’s Gita throws everything into its proper perspective. If I were to be cast away on some desert island with just one book, this would be the one. It is a veritable treasure chest of knowledge, or, as the Vedas themselves say, a desire tree that can fulfill your every wish.”

The following appreciation was written by Jacob W. on Amazon.com:

“Hare Krishna! I am a 17 year old Catholic-born high school student in New Orleans. I have been searching for the truth for many years and in many places. I have found glimpses of the truth and pearls of wisdom in many scriptures and religions but this is the only scripture which has truly shown me the way back home, back to Godhead. I realized that

by reading this book that Krishna is the source of all pleasure, and I will continue to chant the holy names of the Lord. May God bless you all.”

The following appreciation was written by Mr. Mitesh Patel on Amazon.com:

“Spoken over 5000 years ago this book has been translated many times. This version however is *As It Is*. It’s an amazing piece of work by the author and a must for all. After reading the Gita every other book seems mundane. This author really explains to us in simple and straight forward language. He seems to be selfless and very sincere in his writing. I have read it once and am on my second round. And I find something new each time. I can see myself reading this book all my life again and again. Sometimes when I need an answer it’s in this book. And I feel more spiritual and happier too. There are so many books out there which claim to do so much to help make us happy and understand ourselves, life etc. But this book offers the reader everything. It really opens our eyes to what is going on and how we can

stay afloat among the problems we may face and the anxieties which we may have. It helps us understand how to live in this world, how to accept the challenges we face and how to accept our position and role in life. It helps us challenge and face life’s problems yet shows us how to not get entangled in these problems. It teaches us the essence of Yoga and meditation. The meaning of devotion, who we are, who is God, our relationship with each other and our relationship with God. It has done so much for me personally, and my family also. I can go on and on talking about how great this book is.”

These are just a few of the many appreciations of Srila Prabhupada’s *Bhagavad-gita*, but I am limited here by time and space. I hope you have enjoyed hearing them.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and to his *Bhagavad-gita As It Is*.

Ramanujacharya Dasa





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Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I OFFER MY OBEISANCES to the merciful feet of our jagad-guru, Srila A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. Guru, without your exceptional literature, I'm blind spirituality and physically. It is because of you that I am slowly becoming a

humble and meek human being.
All glories to you!

*Hare Krsna,
Abishek Manilal*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.
All glories to your loving Divine Grace

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

YOU ARE AN 'EVER WELL-WISHER'. You are a kind and gentle soul, who has never left us alone, you are so brave, crossing over the waves, the Hare Krsna maha-mantra you gave. Srila Krsnadasa Kaviraja Goswami the author of the Caitanya Caritamrta lists 26 qualities of a Vaisnava. All 26 qualities of a Vaisnava exist in you Srila Prabhupada. However, the one quality that really captures my heart is that of, "He is expert." Srila Prabhupada your disciples speak with such love about their pastimes with you in the early days of the movement. They give a vivid description of your every move. As your disciples speak, I start to picture your golden body, that has the scent of sandalwood and in your one hand the cane that you used in your morning walks. I picture your bead bag always in your hand, fresh tilak on your forehead. I picture your eyes that are always moist and filled with love. Every move that you make Srila Prabhupada is expert. The moment you open your mouth and start chanting, there is

immediately another worldly feeling that envelopes the atmosphere. Your voice is so deep with bhakti and goes straight to one's heart. Srila Prabhupada, you are expert in every activity. When you honor krsna-prasadam, you do it expertly. When you speak about Krsna, you do it expertly. When you respond to the questions by people you respond in such a way that it talks to the issues in the heart of the person. Srila Prabhupada you are the transcendental expert.

You are the expert devotee of Lord Krsna, and therefore if we take guidance and instruction from a transcendental expert, then whatever we do will also become expert. In BG 18.68 Lord Krsna says "For one who explains this supreme secret to the devotees, pure devotional service is guaranteed, and at the end he will come back to Me.". In your case Srila Prabhupada, you have never left Goloka Vrndavana. Therefore, there is no question of going back, because you are always with Krsna. You are the transcendental expert of this supreme secret.



Abhay Sarves Haripaul
Johannesburg, Sandton
South Africa



Acyuta Kesva Dasa
ISKCON East London
South Africa

On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja Srila Prabhupada, I am begging you to please allow me to hear your expert instructions again, and again and again, so that I may be of some service to your

glorious ISKCON.

*Your aspiring servant,
Acyuta Kesava Dasa*



Adharamrita Devi Dasi
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My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeiances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories unto Your Divine Grace.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, ONE OF YOUR DESIRES was that we spread Krishna Consciousness. Embarrassingly I have failed in this respect. On this auspicious day of your appearance, please can you bestow your mercy upon me so that I can at least endeavor to spread Krishna consciousness, that will please Your Grace.

Your Divine Grace, I am still struggling to face my fears and doubts in my spiritual life, and trying to serve with conviction, however I am failing hopelessly. Srila Prabhupada, there are days when I am in extreme fear of you, in fear of your thoughts about me, and I really don't know what all this means and why do I feel this way, because you are the kindest gentleman and spiritual master that ever existed.

I really want to thank you Srila Prabhupada, for

giving us such a huge and beautiful Krishna conscious family that is growing so nicely every day. Thank you for making me aware that this world is full of hypocrisy and taking shelter of your movement is the only real truth. You are most kind and merciful, Srila Prabhupada, for engaging me in services at your lotus feet although I don't deserve it.

Thank you for everything Srila Prabhupada and please accept my apologies. Srila Prabhupada, for I cannot express my gratitude enough in writing, however, I will definitely try and show my gratitude towards you in my actions in the future.

*Your struggling servant of the servant
Adharamrita Devi Dasi*



Adi Purush Dasa
and Syama Radhika Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Your Divine Grace!

WHEN WE TRY TO THINK of the perfect words to describe your glories there just isn't any that's perfect enough. Srila Prabhupada, we are extremely grateful for all your sacrifices, your love and your dedication to be able to give us less fortunate souls Krishna consciousness. Without you we would be lost!

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, thank you for training such wonderful disciples, thank you for the

association of our gurus, they give us strength and guidance in a hopeless world and none of which would have been made possible if it weren't for you. In

Bg. 4.34 You mentioned about a bona fide spiritual master being very kind by nature, you imbibe all the amazing qualities that you put out. Thank you, thank you, and thank you again Srila Prabhupada, for giving these two fools some hope in this

material world, by your mercy we will do our best to carry your legacy and this beautiful Krishna consciousness forward.

Happy Sri Vyasa-puja Srila Prabhupada.

*Your foolish servants,
Adi Purush Dasa and Syama Radhika Devi Dasi*



Our Dearest Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept our most humble obeisances. All glories to you on your divine appearance day.

HARE KRISHNA SRILA PRABHUPADA. As we age, we are forever grateful to you for allowing us to be in your ISKCON since 1980. Prior to that we met your disciples in the 70's and had the opportunity to do some service for them by assisting them with their car.

We have nothing much except living in your ISKCON since 1980 – for 42 years. It's a privilege. A privilege to have the rare opportunity to attempt to go home, Back to Godhead. It's blissful, but also tough as part of the purification as we continue to age in this lifetime. Kindly keep us focused in Krishna consciousness.

However, and whichever way we were fortunate

to be engaged in devotional service - is only by your mercy as we don't own the results. Please guide us to remain focused on the goal and not be distracted in anyway. There are many types of distractions so we can easily go astray. We want nothing else; we don't want to know of alternatives. Obviously, those are illusions. We want to remain steadfast in devotional service. Whatever or however you desire, engage us as you please. Kindly bestow your blessings upon us.

*Your servants forever,
Advaita Acharya Dasa, Gandharvika Devi Dasi,
and Syama-behari Dasa*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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


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

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 Goswami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are

filled with impersonalism and voidism.

Today is your most auspicious Vyasa-puja. It marks 126 years since your most auspicious appearance on this planet. You are the Founder-Acarya of the most remarkable movement in the history of this material world. So many individuals have come and gone on this earth, but none have made such a deep and profound impact on society. I have

 Advaita Acharya Dasa
Gandharvika Devi Dasi
and Syama-behari Dasa
Durban
South Africa

 Aindra Caitanya Dasa
Sandton
South Africa

so much to be grateful for. Through your tireless efforts and by being the perfect representative of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu you have brought the greatest wealth to the West. By your mercy and tireless efforts, we are able to use the facilities which are readily available. There are hundreds of temples filled with enthusiastic devotees, exquisite Deities, Krishna consciousness books, instruments and prasadam. The list just goes on and on. All of this is due to your determination.

I am forever reminded of this quote from your diary entry: Sunday 6 March, 1966. "According to Mayapur Panjika today is Adhivas day of Gour Purnima. Devotees at Vrindaban and Nabadwipa are enjoying the celebration. I am here alone without any devotee companion. But I have come here to serve the Lord and not for personal happiness. I am prepared to live in hell even if I am able to serve the Lord. Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu wanted that

His mission should be propagated all over the world and that is my objective. I do not mind the inconvenience personally felt. ACB" This just shows your compassion for all the fallen conditioned souls. I hope to develop this mood. I am trying to read your books daily. Those few minutes each day provide me with the much-needed association and inspiration. To this day your disciples are still tirelessly spreading the movement and your glories. I am trying to take as much of their association as I can. They are too slowly one by one leaving this planet. It is difficult but by your mercy, we carry on. I pray to always remain fixed at your lotus feet and to somehow contribute to your movement and to never forget your instructions and teachings.

I humbly place my head at your divine lotus feet.

*Your Insignificant Grandson,
Aindra Caitanya Dasa*



Akhil Gangaram 🌸
Westville
South Africa



Hare Krsna dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisances on the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

ANOTHER YEAR INTO INCREASING global discord, and the Bhagavad-gita As It Is shines brighter. The spiritual knowledge you have blessed us with continues to reveal more truth to the misunderstood etiquette and conduct our superior forefathers had followed. As more of your messages during the 1970s start to prove undeniably true in the current world socio-economic confusion we find ourselves living in, I pray more people awaken to hearing your messages with sincerity - especially before the start of the next Gregorian calendar year.

Jiva-jago. Sarve sukhino bhavantu. Thank you dear, dear Prabhupada for unifying a fragmented and largely unacknowledged Vedic culture with extraordinary history. The modern mills of education await relief from that golden day when your

books become a standard syllabus, and this society is working in accordance to your vani.

Please protect my faith from degrading under Mayadevi's obstacles. Please keep me under your guidance so that I have a chance to advance in Krsna consciousness. Please always inspire me toward the Absolute Truth and keep affording me opportunities to please you. The sincere devotees which you have created is the greatest fortune for this world and I am eternally grateful to them for their continued tolerance toward me, their association and encouragement. Prabhupada-sena ki jay.

*A first-class fallen fool and insignificant servant of
ISKCON's great devotees,
Akhil Gangaram*





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

 Akina Kasil
Johannesburg
South Africa

I ALWAYS THINK OF YOU AS MY SPIRITUAL great granddad. While you were physically present on the planet, you made thousands of people part of the ISKCON family, and today that family has grown into millions across the planet. Although your official title is the Founder Acharya of ISKCON, you played so many more roles such as a spiritual master, teacher, friend, a parent, and as ISKCON grows, a grandparent and even a great grandparent (in my case). In your many roles, through your actions you taught us valuable lessons that are timeless.

I am soon to start the next phase of my life. Raising a child and family in the correct way is a great responsibility, and as such I find myself very anxious to do the best I can. You have become a moral

compass to me, and as such I humbly ask for you to please guide me, Srila Prabhupada, as I embark on this next chapter of my life. Please guide me so that I can dutifully fulfil all my roles and responsibilities that I have been entrusted to in this life. You are so much a part of my life Srila Prabhupada, that I simply cannot do without you. As always, I find myself very grateful that you came to the material world to help fallen souls like myself. Without you, I would be completely lost. Thank you so much Srila Prabhupada for all your love and guidance.

*Your great grand servant,
Akina Kasil*



Dear 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 day.

 Akrura Dasa
and Kishori Radhe Devi Dasi
Indore
India

*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*

WE ARE NOTHING WITHOUT YOUR MERCY. We are so fortunate that you have bestowed upon us the shade of your divine lotus feet. By your grace, we feel so blessed to have the opportunity to chant the holy names.


You have travelled the globe just to reclaim our fallen souls. I pray that we may forever be blessed immensely by your mercy. Our humble request

is for you to please continue to help and guide us through the Vedic knowledge available in your valuable books. We are truly indebted to you eternally.

*Trying to be the servant of your servant,
Akrura Dasa and Kishori Radhe Devi Dasi*



Alexandra Hayward 🍁
Chevy Chase, Maryland
USA

 Hare Krishna dearest, most beloved spiritual master,

I AM SO GRATEFUL that you revealed yourself to me and opened my heart to welcoming Krishna with all my heart. I am a very old woman and a very new devotee. I pledge myself to live in light, to follow my gurudeva's instructions as honestly as I can, to continue to learn through direct experience of reading your books and to every day, in all ways, thank our Lord for being here now. Thanks to you finding me, the Divine Beloved is my only goal.

There are no words that could ever express my

humble, most sincere affection, devotion and gratitude to you. Through you, my gurudeva was revealed, and my path to the goal of homecoming has a guiding light. Help me, Srila Prabhupada, to stay this path. Help me, Srila Prabhupada, to always honour and serve.

Hare Krishna,

*Your devoted servant,
Alexandra Hayward*



Amritamani Devi Dasi 🍁
Johannesburg
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance in the dust of your divine lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, after reflecting on the last few years I am left with one thought, and that thought is “one horribly scary roller coaster”! I can honestly tell you that the last few months have been really difficult for me, mentally, physically, emotionally as well as spiritually. Srila Prabhupada, it is only because of you that I am able to try to learn what Lord Krishna has mentioned in Bhagavad-gita! It is only because of your love, care, compassion and so much more for the living entity that we have understanding of the purpose of life, how we should be living it and what we should be doing in it. In Mayadevi's, Krishna has guaranteed us that He will make a way into our minds to ensure that we remember Him even if we forget. Over the last year I have faced this Srila Prabhupada, and I have seen this practically. Krishna has sent me so many reminders of Him in the form of His devotees. They have been my lifeline to help me remember Him once again. Srila Prabhupada, this is only by your special mercy and blessings. It is only because of you that we have access to Krishna

consciousness in this life. You have taught us how to care for people around us, you have given us the best means to try to always remember Krishna and never forget Him.

If I have to ever give meaning to the definition of love, for me, it would be you Srila Prabhupada. You have sacrificed so much just to make sure that we are successful in life! You are holding our hands and guiding us with the utmost care and compassion! You went through so much hardship and suffering just for us! You have faced so many unknowns and were placed in so many difficult situations, and you accepted them all, just for us Srila Prabhupada! You bring true meaning to unconditional love! You show me this in you full, firm faith in the instructions of your spiritual master and in the process of Krishna consciousness.

“Always remember Krishna and never forget Him”! Srila Prabhupada, this is hard for me to do, almost always. I know I will attain full success if I just always remember you, and never forget you,

because you have given us the key to the back door of the spiritual world - in the most structured way that is filled with love, purity and facts.

Thank you for making Krishna so accessible to a fool like myself! Srila Prabhupada, I have been reading Yamuna Devi's book again, "A life of Unalloyed Devotion". In the book she writes a prayer to you: "O Most Revered Spiritual Master, wherever you take me by your desire, let me learn tolerance, acceptance, and humility. My constant and urgent prayer is that I may be of service to your servants, and that I may someday grow from the challenges on the path of devotional service. This my fervent hope and heartfelt wish". Srila Prabhupada, this prayer is my wish too. My only desire is to be of some service to you and your servants eternally, in any position or situation life throws me in. On this most auspicious day of your appearance, I fall at your divine

lotus feet eternally and beg you to please always grant me this wish.

I also want to say thank you for always, so kindly accepting my faulty attempts at trying to do something for you and your servants in some way. "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." CC Antya Lila 1.2.

Your foolish granddaughter begs in the dust of your divine lotus feet for eternal service and shelter to you and your servants.

Happy Vyasa-puja Srila Prabhupada.

*Your granddaughter,
Amritamani Devi Dasi*



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



Amrtavani Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

Thank you for your compassion and generosity of heart that opened the door to the spiritual world to us, who are completely unqualified. Thank you for your broad-mindedness and revolutionary spirit that gives us a new vision for life and brings depth and meaning to our activities in this material world. Please teach me how to reciprocate with all that you have sacrificed, how to truly appreciate your great

gifts and how to become the person you would like me to be. I live in the magical house that you built, but I know so little about you. My prayer on this auspicious day is that I truly get to know you, and thus find my role in service to you, in your home.

*Your aspiring servant,
Amrtavani Devi Dasi*





*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
nasmaḥ te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvīśesa-sunyavadi-pāscātya-desa-tarīne*

EVERY YEAR, ON THE AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, Sri Krishna allows me a small amount of mercy to be able to reflect on the past year with a deeper and more spiritual understanding, as well as deep gratitude for your contributions to our lives. This year is particularly challenging, as I have my own health issues, and I have just found out that His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami is currently not in good health. It feels like my world is crumbling, as just the thought of being in the material world without our spiritual master is impossible.

I am able to more clearly see and understand how you, dearest Srila Prabhupada, have deeply made an impact on our very existence. This quote of yours continues to allow me to get through life's big hurdles one step at a time: "Krishna does not like to see His sincere devotee suffer or become frustrated or depressed. He will not stand by idly in any such case, so do not fear on that account. Krishna has got some plan for you, always think in that way, and very soon, He will provide everything to your heart's desire." (Letter from Srila Prabhupada – 19 December 1972)

My only wish, at this stage, is for my precious gurudev not to suffer. Dearest Srila Prabhupada, protect His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami as he is one of your most dedicated followers and preachers. He has shown us, by example, how to try and

adopt a Srila Prabhupada mindset in all that we do. Through you, our dearest gurudev has allowed us to appreciate a Krsna conscious way of life, and this is only because our spiritual grandfather is a pure devotee of Lord Krsna.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, you have brought Krsna to us in the form of his many names, and you shared with us the knowledge that Krsna and his names are non-different from each other. You have taught us that every syllable of the maha-mantra allows Krsna to be ever-present with us at that time. We see now that there is no other way but a Krsna conscious path and lifestyle.

Being the selfish being that I am, I ask you to protect His Holiness Kadamba Swami, and do what is best for him. He belongs in the spiritual world with you. We have one request, that he never forgets us, his disciples, and helps us to empower ourselves to continue Lord Caitanya's mission here, in the material world, in every town and place, so that Krishna is always remembered and never forgotten. Kadamba Kanana Maharaja's kirtans transport us to a transcendental place, and this is definitely where he belongs, with his dearest Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you.

*Your most unworthy and eternal servant,
Anakulya Devi Dasi*





Hare Krsna dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my most grateful and respectful obeisances at the dust of your most merciful lotus feet on this most auspicious day of your Sri Vyasa-puja.

 Ananda Vrindavana Dasi
Durban
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA, ON THIS MOST MERCIFUL DAY, a fool like me can only try to thank you for all that you mean to me, and for all the causeless mercy that comes my way. On this particular day as I am writing to you, we are living without tap water in our home for fifty days, and for eleven days without electricity. This was due to the impact of the floods caused on the 11th of April.

It is a nightmare and trauma of this material world, and a lady in my situation would have otherwise been crushed, but Srila Prabhupada, you have taught us to tolerate, serve and depend on Lord Krsna. During these awful days, we take shelter of your teachings and we chant, pray and go out and serve others who are struggling. We also serve the devotees, the spiritual master and their Lordships in any way possible in your loving mood. We aim to always imbibe your mood of making the best of a bad bargain and following your teachings helps us to stay sane Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada. During these floods, I am so inspired by many of your soldiers who are serving diligently and lovingly - all motivated with love by you - the keyword being love. My heart glows when I see a sincere devotee as I know this soul will be compassionate towards me, showing me some of the mercy you bestow upon them. As the nightmare continues, I have solace that nobody can take the Lord's holy name away from us.

Srila Prabhupada, this has been one hectic but very merciful year. Kartik was especially very merciful. So many souls got the chance of tasting Krsna Consciousness in many different ways and have come to love it. I especially love Kartik and feel like a child in a toy shop sale during this month, and last year was amazing with your causeless mercy.

Despite the fears of COVID, I went to many souls to guide them about love for Krsna; about chanting; fasting for Ekadasi; offering diyas; and serving Gaumata. I especially loved Gopastami as I had followed your guidance and spent the entire day at the Goshala and served. It was pure bliss together with Govardhana puja. I am grateful to you for making my heart happy and light. Thank you Srila Prabhupada. Your compassionate Vaisnava devotees are like an oasis in this desert material world and they guide us back to Godhead so lovingly.

This year was also especially merciful. I got to have a special programme at the Goshala with Guru Maharaj. That is one of the most marked days in my life. Thank you for giving us a 'Srila Prabhupada man' in Guru. Thank you for allowing us such special mercy with Guru Maharaj. I am indeed very grateful to you from the nether regions of my heart and with unlimited respectful obeisances.

I am a conditioned soul and on certain days I do miss my beloved mother immensely. On such days, I know I can turn to you for comfort.


'Na paraye 'ham' - I am unable to repay you my dearest Srila Prabhupada. I earnestly beg for your mercy so that I can go through all of life's dramas and trials; remember your love and causeless mercy; and receive the mercy like the above prayer and go back to our loving Lord who is awaiting me.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada. I love you very much. Happy Vyasa-puja my dearest Srila Prabhupada. Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your most merciful lotus feet.

*Your foolish servant,
Ananda Vrindavana dasi*



Ananga Sundari Dasi 🌸
Edenvale
South Africa

 My dearest most beloved Srila Prabhupada,
Hare Krsna, please accept my most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you on this most auspicious day, the celebration of your appearance.

*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*

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE to you dearest Srila Prabhupada. I have been engrossed with Sri-mad Bhagavatam and it makes me feel so pleased and fortunate to continue reading your purports. I have been enjoying this since a child, and with age comes more reading when one is situated in Krsna Consciousness, and in this way, I can appreciate your mercy. Your books aid me in accepting this process better, giving me a clearer understanding, which strengthens my spiritual practices and of course, learn more on Krsna's pastimes. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada - I love and appreciate you so much.

I pray sincerely, taking shelter at your lotus-like feet, that you may help me to make progress in this spiritual journey with no harsh impediments, and surrendering to the instructions of my spiritual masters. Kindly forgive me for all my shortcomings and offences, and please protect my spiritual life.

I have been blessed with two of the most amazing spiritual masters, His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami Maharaj and His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami Maharaj, by Your Divine Grace. Please help me to please them so that the work they are trying to do with my spiritual life does not go in vain. Please help me develop qualities of a good disciple and a practicing devotee in general. Give me the knowledge to imbibe the qualities of my spiritual masters who carry so much of love, dedication, and service towards the devotees, the deities and to ISKCON with perseverance, faith, and enthusiasm.

I love you dearly Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for every chance you have given me in this lifetime. Happy Sri Vyasa Puja.

*Your most fallen servant in the service of His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami Maharaj,
Ananga Sundari Dasi*



Ankita Vyas 🌸
Cape Town
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU FOR CHANGING MY LIFE for the better. Chanting makes me feel alive and authentic. Thank you for showing me the right path and peace.

I wish I could meet you in person, my love for you and Krishna is unconditional.

Thank you for blessing me always.

*With love your devotee
Ankita Vyas*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to your wonderful movement.
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanth. All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

 Anubhav Devi Dasi
Ispingo Hills
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA, THANK YOU very much for your wonderful movement. I want to thank you for engaging me in your movement. I want to thank you for showering your causeless mercy upon me.
Your most fallen servant,
Anubhav Devi Dasi



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

 Anukul Krishna Dasa
India

THANK YOU SO MUCH PRABHUPADA due to your causeless mercy I got so many things also got a chance to come to South Africa and serve.
Your loyal servant,
Anukul Krishna Dasa



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

 Aradhana Krishna
Uma Krishna
and Family
Durban
South Africa

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

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU to the supreme lord for saving our family in this material world. On this auspicious day of your Vyasa puja, we would like to take the opportunity of offering our deepest appreciation to you for saving our lives and giving us the mercy of Sri Krishna and Srimati Radharani, and we humbly surrender to their lotus feet eternally.

Hare Krishna. Haribol. Radhe Radhe.

Salutations to you, Srila Prabhupada, forever!

Thanks in advance for all of our prayers that have been answered. May the magnificent Supreme Lord bless the entire universe forever.

With love, devotion and sincerity - your loving devotees in this material world,

Aradhana Krishna, Uma Krishna and Family



Aravinda Dalayataksha Dasa 🍁
Tongaat
South Africa



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

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

I TRY, TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, to carry out your general orders. My little insignificant efforts to please you brings me immense joy. I pray that you bless me to continue with my loving devotional service.

Despite having no running water for over fifty days, I still manage to do my weekly feeds to the

under privileged. This has to be due to your special mercy. Please help me to secure a property to build a super kitchen and feeding hall in Tongaat.

*I remain your insignificant servant,
Aravinda Dalayataksha Dasa*



Asoka Manjari Devi Dasi 🍁
Germiston, Johannesburg
South Africa



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

HAPPY 126TH APPEARANCE DAY, my dearest grandfather! This past year, you have blessed me yet again. At my first meeting with my guru maharaja, His Holiness Partha Sarathi Das Goswami Maharaj, he smiled and said, “Srila Prabhupada has sent you to me”, and accepted to give me first initiation! When I got home that night, those words touched me, and I broke down in tears. I am so fallen! What do I have to offer ISKCON? How do I serve my guru maharaja? How do I please you, Srila Prabhupada?

Despite my lack of qualification and undisciplined nature, you have blessed me with more opportunities to serve. I am fortunate to have been able to cook weekly for my guru maharaja during his stay in Midrand, do a year of backup service for the deities at Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari temple, and distribute your precious books, all the while continuing my fourth year as financial administrator for TOVP South Africa. My previous and current services still do not scratch the surface to make any impact.

I recently graduated with a qualification from

the University of Cape Town. Materialistically, this is an achievement. But, as I read my final grade report, I felt depressed. Just another qualification that goes into this material blackhole. On that day, I made the decision to change my mindset – focus and give priority to my spiritual curriculum vitae and not just my material one; start studying your books and not just read them casually; list my key performance indicators and do an annual review of my Krishna conscious performance; chant better rounds and maintain my services with love and enthusiasm.

We are faced with so many issues that distract us here. Oh, how Maya squeezes us! By your compassion and love, we somehow wobble our way back and push on in our spiritual lives.

As the years progress, I continually become more and more amazed by you and your wealth of knowledge. You dedicated yourself completely to following your guru maharaja's instructions and fulfilling his desires. You always carried him in your

heart. Please bless me with a speck of that love and devotion.

Thank you, my dearest grandfather, for everything you have given me. I am forever indebted to you and truly grateful. I pray that one day I make a significant contribution to ISKCON in some way to

please you and my guru maharaja. Please continue to bless me with your mercy, as there is nothing more valuable to me in my life.

*Your worthless, rascal granddaughter,
Asoka Manjari Devi Dasi*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.

*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*

WE NOTE HOW MORE COMPLICATED and entangling life becomes each and every day. Time seems to be slipping away very quickly. We need your mercy now more than ever. Without your books and your disciples, it would be very difficult to find direction amidst all the mayhem.

Thank you so much for preaching the path of pure devotion.

*Dhanyavad,
Atri Rsi Dasa, Anasuya Devi Dasi and Kanhaiya Dasa*



Our beloved Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my sincere, respectful obeisances.
All glories to your merciful lotus feet.

*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*

SRILA PRABHUPADA, THANK YOU, very much for all your hard work and compassion for all the fallen conditioned souls. This year in 2022 my Krsna conscious desire is to be initiated and practice increasing my chanting of rounds yearly, by the mercy of yourself and Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

I have learnt so much through constantly reading your books and through the association of

devotees in the movement. I will forever be grateful to you for bringing me Krsna consciousness in this life and beyond. I always pray to Krsna to not let me ever fall down, to be a better person and to be more compassionate to all living entities.

*Your practicing servant,
Bhakta Avinash Khusa*



Atri Rsi Dasa
Anasuya Devi Dasi
and Kanhaiya Dasa
Malvern, Durban
South Africa



Avinash Khusal
Cape Town
South Africa



Bafana Siboyana 🌸
Vosloorus
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE to take time out to say words of responses to interacting with you through your divine grace and mercy from the purports. I find shelter in you Srila Prabhupada. I do not need to pray to Krishna but saying my prayers directly to you, feels very awesome. A teacher of Bhagavatam once advised that your lotus feet are everywhere for one to take the lotus dust of your feet, which is the highest mercy one can ever have. I laugh mostly as I read your purports closely because they are humorous in nature. It's just so lovely, beautiful, and attractive.

The style with which purports are presented is so enchanting and attractive. The contents bestow empowerment, their authority lifts self-confidence, a sense of safety and security. Above all they keep one in transcendence. All glories to you Guru-dev. I love your truths that are plain and not whimsical and biased, you know exactly what you are talking about. All your talk in the books is absolute, factual proper, undoubted, straight forward and kind. You give a pure, clean perspective, a situation that explains what it would take for there to be peaceful side by side living to all living entities and anarchy

that ensues if things carry on as it is. Your sociological paradigm is very clear.

Thank you for ushering me into this spiritual revolution, this warfare of spiritualizing one's life for transcendental connection. I love repeating the matters you discuss in your books. And living entities respond with relief. Your disciples and devotees are taking your instructions to also pass it down to us. I love the spiritual warrior approach of the books written in your glory by one of your greatest devotees. I feel very energised, new, and don't want to leave the shelter of your literature and association with your devotees that help keep tears of joy and gratitude flowing down my eyes. I no longer feel alone, am happily spiritually connected and getting more purified and making the right identity. What can one say to express one's sense of gratitude for your association? Hare Krishna and all glories to you dear revolutionary Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servant,
Bafana Siboyana*



Balaram Dasa 🌸
Durban
South Africa



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

I FALL SHORT OF WORDS to express my limitless gratitude to you. It is only thanks to you that my family and I can be a part of this movement for Krishna Consciousness. Without you and without ISKCON my family and I would be lost in this mundane world of misery. Your efforts to start ISKCON and preach the importance of the holy names of the Lord are extraordinary. I can only pray that I am able to serve in ISKCON and to preach about your glories and the

glories of chanting the holy names of the Lord.

On this day of your Vyasa-puja I make this humble prayer to you Srila Prabhupada please make me capable to serve the vaisnavas, and to serve you and your mission of preaching Krishna Consciousness to everyone. Please bless me with spiritual knowledge and fortitude so that I may always serve you and your mission of preaching Krishna Consciousness. I pray that you always keep my family and me

under the shelter of service to you and the vaisnavas. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada it is only because of you, that I have come to understand the importance and joy of doing devotional service in this movement of Krishna Consciousness that you have created. I pray that my family and I are always engaged in devotional service. Your teachings, and your books are always a guiding light in this material world,

and I pray that you bless me with the ability to help preach your message of Krishna Consciousness to as many people as possible. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for the most precious gift that you have blessed us with ISKCON.

*Your aspiring servant,
Balaram Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our respectful obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace

Each year as we attempt to compose an offering, we realise that we are so inept at fully appreciating the magnitude of what you have done for all of us. We know that your success is due to your unwavering surrender to guru and Krishna. We hope to learn from your shining example by trying to strictly follow the instructions of our spiritual master. We will attempt to always make Krishna the centre of our lives, despite our material conditioning.

On this auspicious day of your vyasa puja, we pray for your blessings towards achieving this. We also promise to serve ISKCON and the Deities as best we can within our capabilities so that others can take advantage of what you have established.

*Your grand disciples,
Balaram Dasa and Subhadra Dasi*



Dear grandfather Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances on this most auspicious day.


I AM ALWAYS ASTOUNDED by the priorities set by people of this world. Whether it be a theist or atheist, they have these big questions or they propose these big questions, such as ‘what is the meaning of life?’, ‘why does God allow suffering?’. Even adherents to a specific religion question the validity of worshippers of other faiths. Some theists themselves don’t know the answer to these questions, and when asked these questions they cannot give a proper explanation to them. These are important questions that are always proposed to a theist, however if an atheist found it important, why don’t they take that step to go look for disciplines of knowledge that

could answer it? No, they prefer their sense gratification rather than looking for the answers.

Those in the ISKCON movement, including myself, are extremely fortunate to have been given these answers. You have carved a lens for us to see the world for what it really is. This lens which was created by the knowledge you have given us is invaluable to everyone, and you have simplified it for us so we can appreciate the beauty of this knowledge.

One of the most valued activities that I am extremely appreciative of is chanting 16 rounds. I don’t understand 100% how chanting has affected

 Balaram Dasa
and Subhadra Dasi
Durban
South Africa

 Balaram Ramjith
Cape Town
South Africa

me, but I can definitely experience the difference from the times I chant versus the times I have not been chanting. When the 16 rounds become a priority and the central activity to base everyday activities around, life becomes so much more pleasant

and easy.

*Your fallen servant
Balaram Ramjith*

Batu Gopala Dasa
Blantyre
Malawi



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

IN HINDI, THERE IS A PROVERB “chota mu aur badi baat”, which means how can one speak eloquently with a small mouth. I have no knowledge nor realisations but I’m attempting to glorify you as it is a duty of every follower to glorify his spiritual preceptor. As His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura sings “Ohe Vaisnava Thakura” from his book Saranagati:

*krsna se tomara, krsna dite paro,
tomara sakati ache
ami to’ kañgala, ‘krsna’ ‘krsna’ boli,
dhai tava pache*

It means: “Krsna is yours. You have the power to give Him to me. I am simply your servant running behind you shouting, “Krsna! Krsna!”” In a similar mood, I am trying to follow in your instructions and make my life successful.

I am unfortunate that I didn’t get your darshan in person but as you taught by example that association by ‘vani’ is more important than associating with ‘vapu’; hence we, as all second and third generation disciples, are trying our best to follow your ‘vani’ and preach the gospel of the Bhagavat and purify ourselves and people in general.

I remember hearing from one of your disciples that when you visited Nairobi, the devotees had arranged big programmes but most or all of the audience was Indian bodied. You weren’t very pleased and then told the devotees who organised

the programmes ‘Where are the Africans?’ Africa means Africans.’

By the order of my guru maharaja and the local GBC, I have received this service of taking charge of a temple/centre in Malawi-Africa. As usual, many Indians are attracted to the temple but I always remember your line in Nairobi ‘Africa means Africans’ and always trying to fulfil that.

We have recruited Chandra Prabhu to translate the books you so mercifully wrote for our benefit into the local language so that your knowledge can go out to many Africans and their lives can change.

I learnt from my param-guru that you wanted people to come to the temple, take darshan, chant Hare Krishna and take krishna-prasada rather than us going out and doing food relief. Here in Malawi, we have started that, once a month around 100 children from an orphanage come and chant and dance in front of the Lord and then take sumptuous prasadam. In this way, we are not only spreading the Holy Name but also engaging many devotees and well-wishers in the service of the Lord.

You wanted to empty the whole world and take one and all back to Godhead and in the same mood of ‘emptying’ Malawi, we are taking baby steps to fulfil your mission.

With so much to be done, I beg at your divine lotus feet and those of your followers to be merciful to us and visit - give us association and guidance so that we can fulfil your legacy.

I hope that in some lifetime I become your true

follower like how my Guru Maharaj says: “We must become Prabhupada men.” [Paraphrased]

*Your insignificant servant,
Batu Gopala Dasa*



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 blessed occasion of your Vyasa-puja.



Bhakti-Rasa Devi Dasi
Midrand
South Africa

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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, THERE ARE OFTEN insufficient words to express the appreciation that I have for the spiritual home that you have provided for me through ISKCON, and more specifically ISKCON Midrand, and the opportunity of giving a fool like me the mercy to engage in some devotional service. I am not the most intelligent when it comes to referencing and quoting from scripture or any of your valuable books; but all that I know for certain is that I am nothing if not without the mercy of being engaged in some devotional service.

Please bless me, my dear Prabhupada, to never leave the shelter of your lotus feet and to always please my dear gurudev, His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami Maharaj. I am certainly fallen and a fool, and yet, Gurudev continues to shower his mercy upon me as undeserving as I am. I pray that you also continue to protect and keep him in good health, as with all of your dear soldiers who remain with us to guide and lead us in Krishna consciousness.

My biggest fear is to fall down, and I pray, that you will guide me to always make the right choices and pick myself up, and continue on this beautiful path of Krishna consciousness. I beg with all of my heart and soul that you keep this fool like me engaged in some service whether it is wiping tables, cutting vegetables, sweeping carpets, picking up cushions or dirt from the temple room floor, and other services that you engage me in. I beg you please!

It has been a difficult few years, particularly the past six months, but at the end of all of these material complications and challenges, and spiritual ones to, the light at the end of all of it, is walking into your temple in Midrand, seeing you in all of your glory with your beautiful smile, and trying to serve you (I hope I can learn to cook and bake a little bit better for you and the devotees).

You give us, you give me, a real home and a place of solace. Bless us that we continue to serve you as best we can at ISKCON Midrand, and forgive us for any offences that we, and I, have or continue to commit. Please bless me on this new spiritual journey that may come my way and wherever life may place me. I beg you to please keep me on the right path and to pull me back if I deviate, even if I am undeserving.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for answering my prayer almost immediately when I was an even more of a lost soul when I first met you at Sri Sri Radha Radhanath temple in Durban about ten years ago. I called you the ‘man in the orange robe’ because I didn’t even pay attention to your name when I offered obeisances to you. You have given such a fallen soul like me, a home, a guru, the association of Vaishnavas, and the guidance to one day, if I am fortunate and deserving enough, in which ever lifetime, to try to learn what it means to love and serve the Lord’s devotees, Guru and their Lordships. Bless me to be tolerant, bless me to learn to be

humble and deal with my ego, and bless me to purify my fallen existence one step at a time. I am nothing if not without your mercy and Gurudev's.

Thank you dear Prabhupada for blessing me with good association. So much of my attempt at trying to be Krishna consciousness is because of the few devotees who have become my dear friends and family. They guide me, encourage me, chastise me, and help me (and feed me) to grow in my Krishna consciousness. I am grateful for them and pray that you bless their sincere hearts to always remain engaged in your service. They are indeed the most kindest and special souls I know and your dear warriors.

Srila Prabhupada, you have given me so much and I have absolutely nothing to repay you with. I bow down at your lotus feet and offer you my respects and most humble obeisances for all that you have given us in this world and beyond; and for giving us the greatest gift of the holy name. Bless all of us, and our Midrand congregation, to never lose taste or faith in it and to better cooperate.

All glories to you – most benevolent, most auspicious, most loving, most merciful and most beautiful Vaishnava to walk this earth.

*Your most insignificant servant and granddaughter,
Bhakti-Rasa Devi Dasi*



Bhaktin Bonolo Pitswane
Durban
South Africa



Dear 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*

ALL GLORIES TO THE UNDYING, unflinching amount of love and dedication and service you have done for Krsna. All glories to the dust of your lotus feet. Thank you for everything you have done for me and giving me a chance to go back home to Godhead. I am eternally grateful to you because you have showered me with your inexplicable kindness of limitless profound love for Krishna and His lovely devotees. O Sri Guru Karuna Sindhu, I bow down to your lotus

feet over and again, expressing my appreciation and pleading for your compassion so that I may follow some of your lessons and spread your message. Grant me mercy to always take shelter of Krishna and the holy names. Srila Prabhupada ki jai!

Your servant of the servant,
Bhaktin Bonolo Pitswane





Dear Srila Prabhupada,
May Your Divine Grace accept our most sincere and humble obeisances.
All Glories to Your Divine Grace.

 Braj Mohan Dasa
and Taralakshi Dasi
Germiston
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-desā-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 Sarasvati Goswami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism

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

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

*vancha-kalpatarubhyas ca
kripa-sindhubhya eva ca
patitanam pavanebhyo
vaishnavebhyo namo namah*

Let us offer our humble obeisances to all the Vaishnava devotees of the Lord, who are just like desire tress, who can fulfil all desires and are full of compassion for the fallen conditioned souls.

Hare Krishna, dear Srila Prabhupada. Your will to engage me in the service of Sri Sri Radha and Krishna is so influential that it surpassed all my resistance to take to this process of Krishna Consciousness.

Looking back over a measly two decades, I am reflecting at how Your Divine Grace has changed

the direction of our life's path, and how Your Divine Grace steered us over rough seas and terrain and turned it into an adventurous journey in Krishna consciousness. For every difficulty, there was a reward of spiritual accomplishment. At times when I felt that our endeavours were unsuccessful, I still came out feeling satisfied because we were together always.

During Your Divine Grace's Vyasa-puja around 2014/15, I whispered to Your Divine Grace that I am not feeling the same affection for our Guru Maharaj Srila Giriraja Swami like I do for Your Divine Grace, and almost suddenly while outside the temple room at New Jagannath Puri, I felt the change of heart. We are most grateful for allowing us to love Your Divine Grace without reservations.

Srila Prabhupada every morning we offer these prayers to our Guru Maharaj, who in turn offers the same prayers, by His Divine Grace Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura, to Your Divine Grace:

*samsara-davanala-lidha-loka-
tranaya karunya-ghanaghanatwam
praptasya kalyana-gunarnavasya
vande guroh sri-charanaravindam*

Translation: 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.

During the height of the pandemic, was when I began to appreciate these words. Srila Prabhupada

I cannot find a better description of the dangers of material existence, and I was astonished that when, for the first time I read the English translation, and till this day, I still remain in admiration of the above verse.

I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is an ocean of auspicious qualities.

Yes, it is so very, very true that we have got the chance to participate and bask in your most divine ISKCON and all the auspicious qualities it emanates.

All glories to the unlimited Vaishnav devotees

of Sri Radha and Krishna. All glories to Your Divine Grace. Happy Vyasa-puja!

Thank you very much for your divine recommendations of blessing and good wishes upon us. We beg Your Divine Grace to always keep us indebted to your ISKCON and may you please keep us happy in continuing our devotional service, namely book distribution.

*Your aspiring and insignificant servants,
Braj Mohan Dasa and Taralakshi Dasi*

Braja-Madhava Dasa 🙏
Umhlanga
South Africa



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

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY on the auspicious event of your vyasa-puja to thank you for everything you have done for us. This past year has had its ups and downs. And, we have come out the other side hopefully more Krsna conscious. This year started with a bang with the birth of my son. And since then, it's been an adventure! But through it all I have realised that the best thing I can do to show my love for my son is to be more Krsna

conscious and to make him as Krsna conscious as possible. I will try my best. It's made a little more difficult with the recent poor health of senior devotees that are close to the South African yatra, but I'm sure it's all part of Krsnas plan. Thank you once more.

*I always remain your faithful servant,
Braja-Madhava Dasa*

Caitanya Bhagavat Dasa 🙏
Kinshasa
Congo



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Jaya Gurudev. Jaya patita pavana jagath guru Srila Prabhupada. All glories to you.

*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*

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

*sri-caitanya-mano-'bhistam sthapitum yena bhtu-tale
svayam rupah kada mahyam dadati sva-padantikam
nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate Medhavi prabhu iti namine*

EACH YEAR WHEN THE TIME comes for me to submit my offering to You, I never really have any words, or anything to give, therefore I simply decided to fully give my eternal life to serve devotees of your devotees. With words it's not possible to express my gratitude to you, having so much love for this wretched and lost soul Caitanya Bhagavat das. May

I always remain under the lotus feet of the servants of your servants.

*Your wretched grandson and worthless grand
disciple,
Caitanya Bhagavat Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my obeisances. All glories to you on your Vyasa-puja.

 Caitanya Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa

I LOVE WRITING MY VYASA-PUJA OFFERING. Even though I regularly think about the good fortune I have received throughout my life, and more so the day my mom responded to the call of your devotee to visit the Temple, writing these offerings allows me to focus that much more on the fortune I received and hope to take full advantage of it. I wonder about this fortune. Looking up the meaning in a dictionary, good fortune is described as “good luck”. You’ve time and time again said in your purports, “not even a blade of grass moves without the will of Krishna”. So, it’s not by some luck that I sit here. Ok, maybe it’s my efforts. But that can’t be true either. My efforts are feeble and Bhagavad-gita As It Is cuts down such arrogance (BG 3.27)

*prakṛteḥ kriyamāṇāni
guṇaiḥ karmāṇi sarvaśaḥ
ahaṅkāra-vimūḍhātmā
kartāham iti manyate*

The spirit soul bewildered by the influence of false ego thinks himself the doer of activities that are in actuality carried out by the three modes of material nature.

Resoundingly clear, the mercy of the devotees is the access to everything. (CC Mad. 22.51)

*mahat-kṛpā vinā kona karme 'bhakti' naya
kṛṣṇa-bhakti dūre rahu, saṁsāra nahe kṣaya*

“Unless one is favored by a pure devotee, one cannot attain the platform of devotional service. To say nothing of kṛṣṇa-bhakti, one cannot even be relieved from the bondage of material existence. Yes, yes, yes! It’s all the mercy of the devotees. Looking back, every milestone and every step was purely a moment of mercy driven by the devotees – the day my mom inspired us to visit the Temple, the day I attended Bhaktivedanta College and was presented flawless philosophy, the day I completed reading my first BBT book, the day I committed to following the 4 regulative principles, the day I was awarded my first service, the day I chanted the Lords names, the day I was introduced to my guru maharaja, the day I was initiated, the day I was asked to be Temple president, the first time I visited the dhama ... gosh, I’m thinking if I continue there won’t be enough paper. Just mercy moment after mercy moment. To think there are limits to this, I keep getting proved wrong.

Two Vyasa-puja's ago, I wrote about my sense of insecurity because I thought your mercy was withdrawn. I couldn't be any more wrong. Just when I thought I could come crashing down, you've opened my eyes yet again. Again, your devotees come to the fore as super carriers of yours and the Lord's mercy, and crazily enough, yet again, I am a recipient. I really wish I could say there is an element of my own ability, but the reality is that I can't say anything but just being in the right place at the right time! I was stuck again, battling my anarthas, and not finding enough of my own strength to overcome them. Focusing hard to overcome them was becoming draining and a loss when I keep failing. Then I was pleased to be given another gem. Your devotee told me (along with all of us in a sanga meant to deepen our bhakti), that we are not yogis. Our perfection is not from how well we can conquer our anarthas but rather deepening our love. I look at this quote from Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Thakur, and it's astounding! All these days we have not spoken about lila. Why? Because this is our most confidential asset. This is our only sadhya. But one should not make the mistake of thinking that anartha-nivritti is the prayojana. One thinking like this will never enter into artha-pravritti. For this reason, I will begin speaking about ashta-kaliya-lilasmarana. I know that you are not ready to hear it. But we should know that such a transcendental idea exists within the realm of devotion. This is why anartha-nivritti is essential. After the realm of anartha-nivritti is artha-pravritti pure conjugal service to Radha and

Krishna. This is the transcendental reality. If we do not know of this transcendental realm then all of our efforts may end in nirviēesa-vāda, impersonalism. Do not let your days pass in trying only for what is also necessary. Anartha-nivritti is necessary until artha-pravritti has started. When artha-pravritti is present then anartha-nivritti becomes unimportant — artha-pravritti becomes prominent.

It rings of so many messages and again somehow your movement and your devotees seem to be carrying them far and wide but only accepted by a few. You have really created a house for the whole world. Yes, the whole world will have varying degrees of neophytes to pure devotees, but your books have certainly created a pull for the neophytes and a deep relish for the pure devotees. For those that need the guidance to perfection, we have access to all of this while you oversee our development.

I'm not short of mercy sent my way; I'm short of the ability to take advantage of it. I'm praying to you, who has enabled all of this to give just that one little push to take those mercy moments and make it count even more. The progress will be a symbol of how amazing you and your movement are, a symbol that with all struggles, your mercy directly from you and also carried by your devotees. Thank you for setting up such a perfect environment. Your intellect is evident at every moment.

*Your servant,
Caitanya Dasa*



Caitanya-lila Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Dearest A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami 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*

HERE I AM, YET AGAIN incapable of putting my feelings of gratitude into words. But somehow or other the Lord finds a way to help me express them as best as I can, not only from me, but because you are one of His dearest devotees.

One quality I have been meditating on as of recent is that of humility. With that being said, I had a realization that you are humility personified. Your mood of viewing all of us as your scholars (even though personally I'm a very unqualified straw in the street), and giving me the opportunity to continuously learn from your devotion is the driving force of my enthusiasm. I am so delusional that I don't take advantage of this life and the opportunities to come closer to Krsna, but your mercy, that of Caitanya Mahaprabhu and the Supreme Lord are dragging

me towards Him. I hope to mend my conditioning to that of a fragment of your humble state of mind.

You refer to yourself as the lowest, yet you selflessly continue to be a pillar of strength in this Krsna Consciousness movement for lifetimes to come. Your faith in the process and in your spiritual master is what I strive to obtain.

I pray to always be connected to you through your mission, service and teachings.

I am forever grateful for your love and affection. Happy Vyasa-puja!

*Your insignificant great granddaughter,
Caitanya-lila Devi Dasi*



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

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srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desa-tarine*

YOUR LEGACY IS UNPARALLELED and incomparable. We are eternally indebted to you for the sacrifices that you have made for us. You left India at such an advanced age to spread Krishna Consciousness in America. Without any thought for your wellbeing and comfort, you travelled in a cargo ship, with very little money and no idea of what to expect in a foreign country.

Rising above all these challenges, you boldly preached in the midst of the most degraded society of hippies. Your compassion and mercy is evident in the fact that so many of them have become your disciples and they were instrumental in assisting you to spread Krishna consciousness. They have sincerely dedicated themselves to you and they are inspiring

the devotees of ISKCON to propagate the holy name of the Lord globally. Their love for you is evident by their willingness and determination in trying to fulfil your instructions and requests.

Your sacrifice, compassion and mercy is further highlighted when we see Krishna consciousness spreading in Muslim and communist countries. Simultaneously, the world is sadly becoming more degraded and dharmic qualities are being shunned. People would rather suffer than take to spiritual life.

Due to some inconceivable good fortune, we have developed a little taste for Krishna consciousness. With Your Divine Grace as the captain and your disciples as the crew, we will surely be safe in this boat of ISKCON.

 Caranarenu Devi Dasi
and Caranaravinda Dasa
Durban
South Africa

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, please shower us with your mercy so that we may remain in this ship eternally and never ever jump overboard!

Begging to remain at your lotus feet.

Your servants,

Caranarenu Devi Dasi and Caranaravinda Dasa



Champakalata Dasi 
Amanzimtoti
South Africa



My dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious occasion of Sri Vyasa-puja.

Another year has passed by and the world continues to remain under the siege of the COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, South Africa and particularly Durban has in the past year been subjected to natural disasters and riots. This material world is evidently as described in sastra - duḥkhalāyam, a place of miseries, and the age we are living in is indeed one of quarrel and hypocrisy. We have experienced the full onslaught of the three-fold miseries of material existence; those miseries which arise from the mind and body, those miseries inflicted by other living beings, and those miseries arising from natural catastrophes over which one has no control. Our only refuge is the sweet process of Krishna consciousness - devotional service which you introduced us to. Our only shelter is the lotus feet of the all-attractive personality of Godhead in His arca-vigraha, deity form which you kindly bestowed upon us.

The knowledge that you imparted to us through your tireless efforts of translating and providing purport has helped us understand the reality of the situation and to surpass the conditioning of this material world. It is the healing medicine for us fallen souls who find ourselves in this diseased state,

being bombarded by one calamity after another. Your books contain the solutions to all our material problems and a catapult to the spiritual world which we now, more than ever, aspire to attain. If this is the golden age of Kali-yuga then alas, “this is indeed no place for a gentleman”, as you rightfully pointed out.

On a daily basis, I am reminded of how grateful I am to you, Srila Prabhupada. I cannot imagine my life without the association of your disciples and followers which I have been blessed to have. Their dedication to your mission inspires me to commit more and more in my service to The International Society for Krishna Consciousness which you single-handedly established. Your magnanimity knows no bounds. I am bereft of all qualifications and have resolved that I am simply a product of your mercy, for which I remain forever indebted to you. Kindly continue to cast your merciful glance upon me and transform this ocean of suffering into a little puddle in the hoof print of a cow.

Your aspiring servant,

Champakalata Dasi



Chandrakanta Dasa 
Malvern, Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our humble obeisance at the dust of your lotus feet on this glorious celebration of Vyasa-puja.

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

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-tarine*

LAST YEAR, THE HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER of India, Mr. Narendra Modi, recognized your 125th birth anniversary celebrations by releasing a commemorative coin in remembrance of your birthplace, expanding your glories to the population of India at large. I want to relate a recent incident of my life, in connection with your instruction on how one can be protected and guided by Lord Krsna's mercy.

I was moving from my old residence but left a calendar on the wall facing the entrance of the front door. One day, as I was opening the door from outside, I later realized I had had a blackout. I found out from my neighbour that I had blacked out, falling over three stairs, onto my back, and hitting the rear of my head on the flat patch of grass. The neighbour had helped me to get back into my house. I could not remember falling or getting back into the house, so I later inquired as to how I had safely gotten back. My neighbour said that he held my arms and that I walked into the house by myself. I later looked at

the calendar, and it was Jagannath, Baladeva, and Subadra who had protected me. I was later hospitalized for 6 days for my continued dizziness. Quoted by you, Srila Prabhupada, on December 19, 1972: "Krishna does not like to see His sincere devotee suffer or become frustrated or depressed. He will not stand by idly in any such case, so do not fear on that account. Krishna has got some plan for you, always think in that way and very soon He will provide everything to your heart's desire."

Srila Prabhupada, I am indebted to you for all your unknown protection and for always having unflinching faith in Lord Krsna. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for all you have sacrificed for us and for instructing us to be always in devotional service to your ISKCON. Please continue to give us the strength to stay in your movement.

*Your insignificant servant,
Chandrakanta Dasa*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada

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

I AM ALWAYS GRATEFUL to you for allowing my family and I to be part of your ISKCON and for all that you have done for humanity in spreading Krsna consciousness. The time of your Vyasa-puja is always special because I get to pen down my thoughts.

Thank you for being our guiding light through this pandemic and keeping us on the path to Godhead. Personal struggles continue to make life in the material world challenging, but alas as long as we are always enticed by maya, that will always be the case.

We are so blessed and favoured to have special devotees in our midst that continue to transform

material bodies into Krsna conscious devotees. Devotees who live their lives by upholding your divine message and push ISKCON forward day by day. These devotees have made it their life's message to live up to your message and they continue to inspire us every day. By this I refer to my own guru maharaja, a dear son of yours, His Holiness Bhakti Chaitanya Swami. It is heart-breaking to hear of my dear guru maharaja's health issues and to hear of him suffering or in pain. The same applies to His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami. Please protect our dear maharajas, Srila Prabhupada. Please keep them free from pain, discomfort and disease so that they

 Chandramukhi Radhe Devi Dasi
Midrand, Johannesburg
South Africa

may continue with their services and inspire others as they always have. The thought of not having them around is absolutely scary because we depend so heavily on them for their guidance, inspiration and direction in ISKCON. Forgive us, the devotees for any offences that we may have caused at their feet or at your lotus feet.

Thank you once again for the sacrifices that you made and for the devotees you churned, who

continue to inspire us. Please bless me so that one day I can also inspire others. Lord Nrsingadeva has been extra merciful to me off recent so my fervent prayer is to please Him. May we always remain sheltered at your lotus feet.

*Your foolish granddaughter,
Chandramukhi Radhe Devi Dasi*



Chitrarekhā Harrychund
Westville, KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupāda

ON DECEMBER 1ST, 1978, SRILA PRABHUPADA, you delivered a lecture titled: Origins of Opulence. You delved into the positional understanding of mother nature and the glance of the supreme and thereby posed the following salient question: Where do nature's gifts come from? Your simplistic and scripturally authentic response was: Not from factories or power plants. You further expounded your scriptural steeped spiritual discourse as follows: Human prosperity flourishes by natural gifts and not by gigantic industrial enterprises. The gigantic industrial enterprises are products of a godless civilization, and they cause the destruction of the noble aims of human life. The more we increase such troublesome industries to squeeze out the vital energy of the human being, the more there will be dissatisfaction of the people in general, although a select few can live lavishly by exploitation. The natural gifts such as grains and vegetables, fruits, rivers, the hills of jewels and minerals, and the seas full of pearls are supplied by the order of the Supreme, and as He desires, material nature produces them in abundance or restricts them at times.

The natural law is that the human being may take advantage of these godly gifts by nature and satisfactorily flourish on them without being captivated by the exploitative motive of lording it over

material nature. The more we attempt to exploit material nature according to our whims, the more we shall become entrapped by the reaction of such exploitative attempts. If we have sufficient grains, fruits, vegetables, and herbs, then what is the necessity of running a slaughterhouse and killing poor animals?

And as you frequently and relentlessly explicated that this process of Krsna consciousness is simple for the simple minded and becomes complicated for those who convolute this divine process. Yet again, your following explanation propounds clarification of your statement: Because we have lived so many years without being Krsna conscious, we have lived only a sinful life, but Krsna assures us that as soon as one surrenders to Him, He immediately squares all accounts and puts an end to all one's sinful activities so that one may begin a new life. When we initiate disciples, we therefore tell them, "Now the account is squared. Now don't commit sinful activities anymore." One should not think that because the holy name of Krsna can nullify sinful activities, one may commit a little sinful activity and chant Hare Krsna to nullify it. That is the greatest offense (namno balad yasya hi papa-buddhih). The members of some religious orders go to church and confess their sins, but then they again commit

the same sinful activities. What, then, is the value of their confession? One may confess, “my Lord, out of my ignorance I committed this sin.” But one should not plan, “I shall commit sinful activities and then go to church and confess them, and then the sins will be nullified, and I can begin a new chapter of sinful life.”

Similarly, one should not knowingly take advantage of the chanting of the Hare Krsna mantra to nullify sinful activities so that one may then begin sinful acts again. We should be very careful.

Before taking initiation, one promises to have no illicit sex, no intoxicants, no gambling, and no meat-eating, and this vow one should strictly follow. Then one will be clean. If one keeps oneself clean in this way and always engages in devotional service, his life will be a success, and there will be no scarcity of anything he wants. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada!

*With much gratitude,
Chitrলেখা Harrychund*



Dear Srila Prabhupada, Hare Krishna!
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA, we are going through one of the worst patches in the history of the world. At no other time have your teachings been more valid and relevant to our generation. We cannot be more grateful for your merciful sharing of a better understanding between the material and spiritual. Having placed the permanence of Lord Krishna at the centre of our world, you have made this cyclic,

temporary, and anxiety-driven existence bearable. Although the fear for the lives of our future devotees in this material world is a difficult thought, we are comforted by the fact that your mercy, empowered by Krishna, is eternal.

*Hare Krishna!
Chotoki Family*



All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath.
All glories to His Divine Grace A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept our most humble obeisance's at the dust of your lotus feet on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

WE WANT TO THANK YOU for bringing the holy name to us, the most fallen souls who would have been lost in this material world without your mercy. Thank you for showing us the path of bhakti and keeping us connected to you through your books.

We pray to always remain at the dust of your lotus feet.

The Churran Family



Chotoki Family
Springs, Johannesburg
South Africa



Churran Family
Northdene, Durban
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.

I HAVE BEEN READING SRILA PRABHUPADA Lilamrta daily, as well as listening to devotees sharing their memories of you. Through these practices, I am having your loving association on a daily basis. It is truly inspiring to learn how so many devotees have dedicated themselves to you in such a selfless and loving manner. It is also very endearing to see how you reciprocate with the devotees in such a loving and caring manner.

I recently read how Giriraj Swami was describing you, Srila Prabhupada, as a personification of devotee care. Giriraj Swami: “There are a number of instances, some involving me and some involving others. One notable one involved Yamuna Devi from after the first Delhi pandal, at Dalmia Bhavan, which she describes in ‘Yamuna Devi: A Life of Unalloyed Devotion.’”

Giriraj Swami refers to the event below, which is an excerpt from the biography, “Yamuna Devi: A Life of Unalloyed Devotion” by Dinatarini Devi. (This incident has been paraphrased below).

Once after the first Delhi pandal, Yamuna devi dasi was living with other devotees in a very crowded room and she was very sick. Srila Prabhupada had noted that Yamuna devi dasi was missing and enquired where she was. Then, Srila Prabhupada came to the room where Yamuna devi dasi was. When he heard her describe the symptoms, he said that he thinks she had jaundice. Srila Prabhupada had arranged a hospital bed to be brought in for Yamuna devi dasi and she was moved into a room right next to his, with lots of windows. He came daily to check on the progress of her recovery. Srila Prabhupada had called an Ayurvedic doctor who gave Yamuna devi dasi a special diet to follow for jaundice. Thereafter, Srila Prabhupada used to check regularly that Yamuna devi dasi was following the diet and eating the petha, which was coated in sugar, to help her recover from the jaundice.

I had also watched a video in which Gurudas Prabhu and Shyamasundar Prabhu were sharing their memories of you, Srila Prabhupada. Gurudas Prabhu was saying how you, Srila Prabhupada, were like our father, so caring and loving. Once, Tamal Krishna Goswami needed to go to the hospital for an operation due to having a hernia. Tamal Krishna Maharaja was admitted to a hospital in Bombay. Srila Prabhupada had rushed over to the hospital hoping to stop the operation after thinking that Tamal Krishna Goswami should have the operation in America. Prabhupada was worried that perhaps the facility in Bombay may not be good enough. However, the operation had already taken place. After the operation, Tamal Krishna Goswami said to Prabhupada that he had a dream while he was in the operating theatre and began to narrate his dream. Tamal Krishna Goswami dreamt that the previous acharyas had called Srila Prabhupada to give them a report on Srila Prabhupada’s preaching work, and how it was going on this earth planet. Srila Prabhupada reported to them that he had studied the people of this planet very carefully, but found that they had no capacity for any type of austerity, nor ability to tolerate physical inconveniences. Neither were they qualified to study deeply, nor were they very pious. When asked by the acharyas how will the people on this planet be delivered, Srila Prabhupada had responded that, somehow or other, they are taking shelter at Srila Prabhupada’s feet. Srila Prabhupada was sitting next to the hospital bed, listening intently to Tamal Krishna Goswami speak about his dream. After hearing about the dream, Srila Prabhupada gave a wonderful big smile and said “Actually, this is a fact.”

In a memories video that I watched, Tamal Krishna Goswami also described how despite the many blunders that he made, you, Srila Prabhupada never gave up on him and nor did you love him

less. Tamal Krishna Goswami described you, Srila Prabhupada, as a manifested representation of Lord Nityananda's mercy.

*Srila Bhaktivinod Thakur sings:
ohe! vaishnava thakura, doyara sagara,
e dase koruna kori'
diya pada-chaya, sodho he amaya,
tomara carana dhorī*

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.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, thank you so much for your love and kindness upon us. It is very clear that you won everyone's heart through your love and compassion. Due to your extreme compassion, you

left the Radha Damodar Temple in Vrindavan to bring Krishna consciousness to the West. Thank you for coming to the West to deliver us.

My only qualification is that I am taking shelter at your lotus feet. I am trying my best to serve you by distributing your books and Back to Godhead magazines. Therefore, please kindly accept my service and on my behalf kindly request Radha and Krishna to accept me. Kindly always keep me engaged in loving devotional service to Radha and Krishna and our guru parampara.

Praying to always remain at the shelter of your lotus feet,

*Your grandson,
Damodar Dasa (ISKCON Sandton)*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
I beg to offer you my obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet. 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-pascatya-desa-tarine*

I AM WRITING THIS OFFERING to Your Divine Grace in the darkness occasioned by the periodic black outs experienced by the inhabitants of Lenasia Extension 9, where the temple of Sri Sri Nitai Gaurahari happens to be located. We experience power cuts more frequently here, I think, than would be the case anywhere else in Johannesburg. I sometimes think that it is the Lord's arrangement that His temple should be located in an area prone to frequent power cuts, and even water cuts, in order to remind us, who stay here, of the real nature of the material world, where everything which makes life bearable, may at any moment be taken away.

It may be that the Lord also wishes us to learn

something about association. When there is no electricity, or no water, we have to come together a little more, to help each other carry on with the services. Of course, more often than not, I indulge in mental complaints when faced with the necessity of continuing with services under conditions of privation. I often become increasingly depressed, when hour passes after hour, and sometimes day after day, and still no electricity. I rail against the cable thieves, against the community, against the government, the country, even Krsna, but it is of no avail. In the end, I have to accept the situation for what it is and carry on. It is also true, Srila Prabhupada, that the reason I become so depressed when confronted with the

 Damodar Prasad Dasa
Lenasia
South Africa

shortcomings and limitations of life in the material world is because I have grown accustomed to the idea that the world exists for my sense enjoyment.

Today, after a long time, I read the Srimad Bhagavatam, and derived transcendental bliss from the transcendental vibration which emanated from your lotus lips. Today, I could write this offering. The barriers which separate me from sincere service to my spiritual master in your mission, Srila Prabhupada, remain strong. I pray to you, on this auspicious day of your appearance, that I may have strong faith in the mercy of my spiritual master, and that I may always feel grateful to him for accepting me as his

disciple, thus connecting me with you in the disciplic succession, and ultimately, with Sri Sri Nitai Gaurahari and Krsna.

He has been very kind to me, but I have been so unfortunate that I have not taken advantage of the mercy and kindness which He has bestowed upon me, and upon all living beings. Please forgive me if I now selfishly pray that may I be fortunate.

Begging to remain under the shelter of your lotus feet,

Damodar Prasad Dasa (Bcais)

Damodara Gopal Dasa
Lalita Gopal Devi Dasi
and Bhaktin Vaishnavi
Durban
South Africa



Our Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to your divine self on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, as you are well aware, this material world is full of pain and suffering. This pain and suffering is meant to remind us to be more reliant on the Lord and to increase our faith. But why is it that such useless and foolish souls such as us still find ourselves being sucked into maya's ocean of misery? It is only when we get a rude awakening that we then realise how much we need the Lord and his wonderful devotees.

When His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami Maharajah, Srila Gurudev, had complications after his surgical procedure and we all thought he was going leave us, then our eyes really and truly opened. Thinking what would we do without his presence? Begging the Lord with every fibre of our being to please allow him to stay with us, and by the mercy of his Lord and Master, his dearest Srila Prabhupada, he is making good progress in his recovery.

Srila Prabhupada, your daily quotes help us stay grounded in our Krishna consciousness. It is like, whenever there is a doubt, somehow or the other you provide an answer or there's a revelation in the

next step forward. Either by your daily quotes or merely using your soldiers as an instrument to pass on your message. Srila Prabhupada, please know that we are ever so grateful to you for all that you sacrificed so that we know who is Krishna, and most importantly who am I and what is my position in this material life.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for it is because of you that we are given the chance not to waste this human birth we have been awarded. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for allowing us to experience what it is like to have unconditional, unalloyed love such as the love for guru. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for allowing us to find our happiness in the misery of this material world. For allowing us to find this diamond in ISKCON amongst the rough of every other aspect of the material world. We love you very much and we are forever indebted to you.

*Your very undeserving grandchildren
Damodara Gopal Dasa, Lalita Gopal Devi Dasi, and
your great granddaughter Bhaktin Vaishnavi*



Hare Krishna, dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance.
All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada.

 Damodara Priya
Sandton
South Africa

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Vyasa-puja, let me take the opportunity to show my love and gratitude towards you. I am so thankful that I grew up in a Krishna conscious household, surrounded by devotees who inspired and helped me on this journey. You have been a wonderful role model to us. Thank you for all the sacrifices you have made for our benefit.

Although I have been fortunate enough to be in your service, I still feel very unworthy. I will try my best to continue to serve in your mission. Please

bestow your mercy upon me and bless me to always remain under the shelter of your lotus feet.

Please forgive this rascal for all the offenses I made. You will always have a special place in my heart. I am forever indebted to you. I pray to distribute as many of your books as possible and improve my chanting. I will try work hard to make you proud and serve you to my best.

*Your humble servant and granddaughter,
Damodara Priya*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

 Danagati Dasa
Durban
South Africa

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhuta-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracharine
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 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 Caitanya and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, on this auspicious day, I bow before your divine lotus feet. On days like this, we have the opportunity to express our appreciation. My gratitude takes the form of deep gratitude. According to Bhagavad Gita 9.12, Krsna says that he personally maintains what His devotees have and supplies what they lack. According to Visvanath

Chakravathi Thakur, the spiritual master should be worshiped as much as Krsna because the spiritual master possesses the same qualities as Krsna. The spiritual master is given power to act just as Krsna would act. To be honest, recently my Krsna consciousness has been lacking due to my material circumstance, but through your divine arrangements, you have given me the opportunity to preach within your movement under the guidance of your sincere disciples. You have also given me the opportunity to engage other devotees in this preaching mission.

It is explained that the spiritual master is the external manifestation of the paramatma, and you are directing me from without. You can foresee that I have been lacking and as a result, you have created this opportunity to keep me engaged. This is no

ordinary arrangement. This is your special mercy to me. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. I am forever indebted to your mercy and compassion.

*Your servant of the servants,
Danagati Dasa*



Dhaneshvari Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, dear Srila Prabhupada, for giving us the most precious gift, Krishna consciousness. I have learnt so much from your books, dear Srila Prabhupada. You single-handedly wrote so many books. Thank you for coming to this world and showing us the path of bhakti.

My dearest, beloved Srila Prabhupada, you went

through so many challenges, but you never gave up. I beg for your mercy to give me the strength to engage in more and more devotional service and progress on the path of Krishna consciousness.

*Your servant,
Dhaneshvari Devi Dasi*



Dharma Sindhu Dasi
Karuna Sindhu Dasi
Mohan Priya Devi Dasi
and Family
Durban
South Africa



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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRECIOUS DISCOURSES and your valuable time that you have sacrificed in order for us to learn this beautiful Krishna conscious life. It is only with your mercy and guidance that we have reached our current spiritual level and we humbly request you to help us improve our devotional service in Krishna consciousness. We are immensely

blessed and grateful to you and thank for that.
Hare Krishna.

*Your humble servants,
Dharma Sindhu Das, Karuna Sindhu Dasi, Mohan
Priya Devi Dasi and Family*



Dinanukampa Devi Dasi
Crawford
South Africa



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

WHEN I HAD SOUGHT SHELTER of my spiritual master, I had to wait so very long to receive initiation. In that time my spiritual master had instructed me to take shelter of Your Divine Grace. I had often wondered why this was the case. Now, nearly 20 years later, I

finally know why. That instruction is one that has been etched into my heart. I did not have the good fortune of physically being in Your Divine Grace's association. But you are so magnanimous, that I never felt bereft of your association. I arrive at the

temple and there you are, opening your arms and heart in a welcome gesture. The moment I lay my eyes on Your Divine Grace my sorrows fade away. I enter my temple room at home, and there you are protecting and constantly reassuring that all will be fine. You grace so many of the walls in my humble home making it so easy to just talk to Your Divine Grace anywhere, anytime. “A spiritual master is recognized as an actual guru when it is seen that he has changed the character of his disciples” (Purport CC Antya 3.143)

You are the glorious, modern sadhu who shared your love so freely that whoever one meets in this wonderful movement projects your transcendental desires, qualities, character, your association, and your pure love for Krishna. As narrated by your dear disciple, Giriraja Maharaja at the end of one lecture Your Divine Grace told the devotees, “If you become 90% Krishna conscious, you will go back home, back to Godhead.” You could see that the devotees looked disappointed. But you love us so much that you said,

“If you become 80% Krishna conscious, you will go back home, back to Godhead.” The devotees still felt uncertain about this distinction in Krishna consciousness. So, then Srila Prabhupada, you said, “Okay, 70%.” The devotees were jubilant. However not everyone shared that jubilation as one devotee approached you and expressed his concern about this 70%. You, dear Srila Prabhupada, whose love knows no bounds said, “Okay, you just hold on to my dhoti. I have the key to the back door.” Looks like I have the good fortune after all, my dearest Srila Prabhupada, because I am holding on extremely tightly. On this very auspicious day I beg forgiveness for my feeble glorification and pray for Your Divine Graces mercy to have the strength and intelligence to be a selfless, obedient, loyal and humble servant of the servant of the servant.

*Always aspiring to be your servant,
Dinanukampa Devi Dasi*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my prostrated obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace, the glorious saviour of the whole world!

I OFTEN THINK OF WHAT WOULD have happened to me if I had not received your causeless mercy via your highly esteemed and dedicated followers. Without any doubt, I can certainly say that I have no good qualities or qualifications to be your grand disciple. It is simply my great good fortune to have this opportunity to be included in your brilliant institution, ISKCON. Your Divine Grace’s mercy, knowing no bounds, has flooded the whole world, drowning countless fallen souls in an ocean of love of God, Sri Radha Krishna. This amazing flood will continue for the next 10,000 years, and all victory is guaranteed to be yours.

Srila Prabhupada, you are the epitome of compassion. Your Divine Grace is the perfect example of

always feeling others’ distress – para-dukha-dukhi. A pure Vaishnava is always unhappy to see other conditioned souls in constant distress. Every single second in your life was used in the complete service of saving humanity from the depths of endless suffering and overwhelming ignorance.

In the Srimad-Bhagavatam (7.9.43-44), the great devotee, Prahlada Maharaja, expresses his spirit of compassion: “O best of the great personalities, I am not at all afraid of material existence, for wherever I stay I am fully absorbed in thoughts of Your glories and activities. My concern is only for the fools and rascals who are making elaborate plans for material happiness and maintaining their families, societies, and countries. I am simply concerned with love for

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and Family
Durban
South Africa

them. [...] I see that there are many saintly persons indeed, but they are interested only in their own deliverance. Not caring for the big cities and towns, they go to the Himalayas or the forest to meditate with vows of silence [mauna-vrata]. They are not interested in delivering others. As for me, however, I do not wish to be liberated alone, leaving aside all these poor fools and rascals. I know that without Krishna consciousness, without taking shelter of Your lotus feet, one cannot be happy. Therefore, I wish to bring them back to shelter at Your lotus feet.”

Sri Prahlada Maharaja’s prayers very nicely define your mood and desires. Although you were completely satisfied with the pure chanting of the holy names, in full love of God, Your Divine Grace could not stand to see the miserable condition we all find ourselves in. This was the main driving force behind your many phenomenal achievements,

which, most appropriately, establishes Your Divine Grace as Patita Pavana – saviour of the fallen souls.

On this most auspicious occasion of Your Divine Grace’s Sri Vyasa-puja celebrations, I fall at your lotus feet and offer my most sincere appreciation and gratitude for allowing me to do a little service in your glorious mission. I beg for your soothing blessings to purify me and remove all my anarthas and obstacles preventing me from surrendering to you and serving your mission wholeheartedly. Please forgive me for my constant offenses and help me to increase my faith in the holy names.

I bow down to you with all awe and reverence. All glories to your divine lotus feet.

Patita Pavana, Srila Prabhupada, ki jai!

*Your servants,
Dinasarana Dasa and Family*

Dinesh Vythilingum 🙏
Lenasia South
South Africa



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

I FIRSTLY WANT TO THANK YOU for all of the blessings that you have bestowed upon my loved ones and myself. I pray that you will always be merciful towards us and forgive us for the inadvertent mistakes.

I strive and want to grow day by day spiritually - there are setbacks and I humbly ask for your

patience in this lifetime.

All glories to the Supreme Lord Sri Krsna. All glories to you dearest Srila Prabhupada.

*Your humble servant
Dinesh Vythilingum*

Dinesvara Krsna Dasa 🙏
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

EACH YEAR PEOPLE are thinking that the next year is going to be better, but today we are seeing so much dissension and conflict in this material world, with leaders fighting for more territory, and pursuing

their personal agendas for fame and glory. Your Divine mentions in the Back to Godhead magazine, “Godhead is light, nescience is darkness.” When man forgets that he is the son of God and identifies

himself with the body, then he is in ignorance. He is like a man who's concerned with the automobile's mechanism yet with no knowledge of the driver. With the world being in such a fragile and precarious situation as it was in the early 1940s during World War 2, Your Divine Grace felt more than ever the need to propagate Krishna consciousness.

On this glorious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, please give us the strength and guidance to

propagate your teachings and mission. As you mentioned that if everyone took to Krishna consciousness the whole world will become like Vainkunda. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving us the opportunity to be part of and participate in your glorious ISKCON movement.

*Your servant,
Dinesvara Krsna Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances.
All Glories to Your Divine Grace.

Amid nescience and illusion
Came about a great Acharya,
That led with an iron fist
And propagated the message of Lord Caitanya.


He uplifted the consciousness
Of many souls that lived in confusion,
How do we show our appreciation
For being pulled out of such illusion?

How gifted was the situation?
That we were granted, "The Science of Self Realization"
There isn't any time for mundane imagination,
Lord Krsna is our only inclination.

It was fate that he changed the state of the fallen souls
For we could have still lived in ignorance,
He had utmost devotion towards our Lord and his guru
Which was the reason we were granted a means of deliverance.

Preaching the name of our Lord
Is our ultimate purpose,
It serves as an offering to Srila Prabhupada and,
Would be our life's greatest service!

*Your most humble servants,
Doyal Govinda Dasa, Thirtha Rani Devi Dasi, Radha Bhakti Devi Dasi, Nadira,
Advaita, and Damodar Chandarmani*

 Doyal Govinda Dasa
Thirtha Rani Devi Dasi
Radha Bhakti Devi Dasi
Nadira
Advaita
and Damodar Chandarmani
KwaDukuza, Stanger
South Africa

Dr. Prishana Datadin 🌸
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL obeisances unto the lotus feet
of Srila Prabhupada, all glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Your Servant,
Dr. Prishana Datadin



Dvarakadisa Dasa 🌸
and Rukmini Priya Devi Dasi
Gallo Manor, Sandton
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances.

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

ON THIS MOST BLESSED EVENT - Sri Vyasa-puja, your
appearance day - we are filled with a sense of grati-
tude and wonder.

You translated the ancient teachings of the
Vedas together with your purports which were suit-
able for the whole world to comprehend and apply
with a devotional response. Your books are our sav-
ing grace. When a reporter asked you, “What will
happen to this movement when you leave?” Srila
Prabhupada, you said, “I will never die. I will live
forever in my books and you can take advantage.”

Srila Prabhupada, you always stressed the
importance of book publication and distribution.
Similarly, you wanted your followers to read enthu-
siastically. “I am requesting all of my students to
read my books very seriously every day without fail.
In this way, if your mind becomes absorbed at least
one or two hours daily...” (Srila Prabhupada letter to
Bhargava, June 13, 1972)

In a letter dated 19th March 1975, from Bombay,
you wrote to a student, “I am so much grateful that

you have enjoyed studying my books. Many young
intelligent persons such as yourself are studying
these books in the colleges and universities all over
the world. Actually anyone who tries to understand
these books will become a great realized devotee of
Lord Krishna gradually. The original potency of the
sastra remains in these books because I have not
added or opinionated anything of my own. I have
simply presented the scriptures such a Bhagavad-gi-
ta and Srimad-Bhagavatam as they are. Therefore
just see the effect they have on the world.”

Srila Prabhupada, please bless us that we may
always take shelter of your books and render devo-
tional service in a loving and cooperating spirit
within your ISKCON.

Thank you very much, Srila Prabhupada. All
glories to your divine lotus feet.
Begging to remain in your service,

Your aspiring servants,
Dvarakadisa Dasa and Rukmini Priya Devi Dasi





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

 Dwarakadish Krsna Dasa
Durban
South Africa

AFTER ONE REACHES the 5th stage of spiritual advancement one can see who the spiritual master is in the spiritual world his actual relationship with the Lord, I have no qualities of a devotee, but still we can see how a great personality you are. Just by sitting in a park in New York and chanting the holy names of Krsna some 50 years ago you single handedly started a wonderful world wide movement. You also came to South Africa in 1975 and that's four years before I took my birth in this country.

You came to save fallen souls like me. Your books are so potent that by reading it people

understand and take to the process of Krsna consciousness and make their life successful. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, millions of people got the chance to take Krsna-prasada, this is all due to your mercy. You built a house where we can all come and glorify the Lord, thank you Prabhupada for caring so much for the fallen condition souls and giving us your life's teachings.

*Your grandson,
Dwarakadish Krsna Dasa*



Srila Prabhupada our perfect leader.

 Dwarka Vasini Devi Dasi
Nairobi
Kenya

BHAGAVAD-GITA Bg. 3.21 states "Whatever action a great man performs, common men follow. And whatever standards he sets by exemplary acts, all the world pursues." Leadership is an important function of management which helps an individual or an institution to maximize its efficiency and achieve the set goals. Leadership is defined as influence that is, the art of influencing people so that they will strive willingly and enthusiastically toward achieving goals. Srila Prabhupada exemplified the quality of a great leader. In Srila Prabhupada's life we see a leader who did not just lead by instructions but first he followed the instructions himself, thus setting an example for everyone else to do the same. He influenced everyone he met by his character and behavior. By following the great acharyas instructions, he taught his students through compassion and love. In the Mahabharat, Yudhis-thira Maharaja considered every citizen as his own

child, he did not see himself as the ruler and all the citizens as the ruled. He was the servant of everyone. Therefore, people loved him and followed him. Many more examples in the shastras, Maharaja Shibi, Rantidev, Lord Ramachandra, all very exemplary leaders. And in recent times, our own beloved Srila Prabhupada who sacrificed everything for the benefit of humanity.

Where there is a wealth of compassion, connecting to the hearts of people, there will be prosperity emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Why do we follow Srila Prabhupada with love because he Loved. He genuinely felt compassion for all the people and in return he got loyalty from them, especially from his students whose hearts he touched with his compassion just like a caring father and a genuine well-wisher. This is the substance of culture. The nature of a spiritual leader is he can't be happy when others are not happy. And in his pursuits to give us

happiness he sacrificed everything he had. From sleeping for a few hours at night, to travelling across the globe, to translating books in a language we all could understand, to opening temples in every corner of the world, he showed us his love, his care and concern for our spiritual wellbeing.

Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality. Srila Prabhupada saw this vision for

the world at large and built a house where everyone could live in a spiritual atmosphere. At whose feet devotees bow down with awe and reverence, I would like to place the flowers of my submission, determination and faith. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Dwarka Vasini Devi Dasi



Dyuti-mandala Dasa 
Cape Town
South Africa



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

THANK YOU DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA for being the saviour of the whole world. If you had not come to the West and spread the Krishna consciousness movement far and wide then the people of the Earth would have had no chance of understanding their real spiritual identity as spirit souls and eternal servants of Krishna. Thanks to Your Divine Grace hundreds and thousands of people are making immense spiritual progress by reading your precious books, hearing your recorded lectures or participating in the harinama chanting which your dedicated followers enthusiastically spread. So many millions of people are also benefiting spiritually by eating Krishna-prasada or by visiting the hundreds of ISKCON temples and centers worldwide and hearing

about Lord Krishna there.

This year I'm coming to understand more and more how Your Divine Grace is saving the whole world. As we try to help you spread the Krishna consciousness movement and touch the lives of others, we get your mercy and the mercy of Lord Caitanya. In these present times which seem so dark due to the strong influence of the Age of Kali we indeed can find a great hope and light in your teachings. It is my prayer that we can continue to receive your mercy and that your fame be spread more and more all over the world.

*Aspiring to be your humble servant,
Dyuti-mandala Dasa*



Elisha Dhenanath Mataji 
Bryanstonn
South Africa



We offer our humble obeisance to His Divine Grace and our spiritual master Srila Prabhupada.

WE THANK YOU for all that you have done for our family. We thank you for the constant guidance, love, protection, support, chants and for helping us keep our faith that sometimes surpasses understanding. For your fierce love and for teaching us (especially Mothers to be brave and roar like a lion in the face of adversity - have a heart like a Bengali mother)

and for all of your beautiful words of encouragement and for teaching us the way of going back to Godhead. Thank you for your mercy, constant forgiveness, for being patient with us and for directing us when we lose our paths and for continuing to help us when we go astray. Thank you, my amazing master, for still holding us when we have no more

energy and for rejuvenating our souls to keep digging deep and for inspiring us to remember our Lord Krishna and Srimati Radharani. Thank you for our Krishna family, the support they provide and amazing kṛishna-prasada that bless us with and for helping us stay safe and still do your service. Thank you for your amazing books, recipes, teachings and for allowing us and showing us how we can give back to others and stay humble.

We are so grateful for your leadership, for creating paths where there where none and for

whispering to Krishna to help us overcome all trials and tribulations with renewed faith. You know Srila Prabhupada what is in my heart and thank for taking care of it. I rest it all at our Lord's lotus feet so that He may preserve what I have and cover what I lack. Full faith and gratitude for every day in our lives going forward.

*Your servant eternally,
Elisha Mataji*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

ON THIS DAY OF YOUR VYASA-PUJA, I reflect on your experiences and challenges when you first set sail to the West. You experienced such hardships, but did not give up. You showed us how to surrender to the Lord and remain focused and persist in achieving your mission. It is because of you we have Vedic knowledge together with this holy mantra, “Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare”.

Thank you for your very informative lectures and amazing books that continues to uplift our lives in these challenging times.

Please bestow your mercy on us so that we can remain eternally in the service of our Lordships Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari.

*Your ever grateful servants,
Ganga Deva Dasa and Family*



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at your glorious lotus feet.
All glories to your beloved spiritual masters and all Vaishnavas!

I FIRST MET YOU WHEN DISTRIBUTING YOUR BOOKS, then again when you appeared in my dream a few years ago. I could not understand who you were, nor why you were so dear to ISKCON's devotees. Your appearance in my dream sparked the beginning of my appreciation for your presence in the lives of thousands and thousands of souls, including me. How inconceivably fortunate we are. Now again and again I have the opportunity to receive personal

darshan with you when I open up your books - if only I had the determination to read more, and the insight to see you in every page. You have put everything inside those books. You have told us that your purports are your greatest ecstasies.

Giving class gives me impetus to dive into the words of your purports, which pleases my guru maharaja very much. The best moments have been when I knew my guru maharaja was very pleased. Guru

 Ganga Deva Dasa
and Family
Lenasia South
South Africa

 Ganga-Mata Goswamini Dasi
Chatsworth
South Africa

Maharaja gave me a glimpse into the future when he heard I was giving class and said: “Ah, the Ganga-Mata Goswamini chronicles have begun! The classes must be recorded. I will sponsor the equipment. We can put them on Facebook.” He was so pleased. That moment of mercy carries me forward with inspiration to try and serve the Vaishnavas better. Guru Maharaja allowed me to paint his deity, the first Lord Chaitanya deity in South Africa, and he was very pleased. There were moments of absorption.

Then, again Maya resumes her dutiful service successfully. The difficult moments were when I could have tried more to follow my spiritual master’s instructions better. “Your body does not belong to you, it belongs to guru and Gauranga,” and “Don’t listen to the mind.” Although you have told us that health comes before sadhana, still I am in difficulty for neglecting to take care of this body properly. The friend-enemy mind is still too easily succumbed to. Bhakti Charu Maharaja said we should work on the details, then the big things will come. The culmination of my neglected details has had such detrimental results. There are many difficulties to overcome, and anarthas to face.

You were exemplary in every aspect of your activities, Srila Prabhupada. My meditation is your patience, enthusiasm and determination in the face of challenges. No difficulty was too big in the light of your mission to share the mercy of Lord Chaitanya throughout the three worlds, ebe jasa ghusuk tribhuvana. Here, you experienced heart-attacks, neglect and disregard - difficulty after difficulty - but nothing could stop you. Nothing could stop you from fulfilling your promise to purchase the Juhu land for Radha Krishna. Nothing could stop you from fulfilling the instruction of your spiritual

master to share Krishna consciousness with the most seemingly unlikely candidates in the Western world. Nothing can stop you from spreading Krishna consciousness throughout the three worlds. In this way, your activities for the Sankirtan mission are undefeatable and unparalleled. I pray for the patience, determination and enthusiasm to serve and please my beloved spiritual master within the minute details, and without faltering. Surely none of your disciples are ordinary people- everything is perfectly arranged by Radha Krishna.

Thank you for bringing us our spiritual masters. Thank you for bringing us an international, inter-worldly society, which is my home and shelter. Thank you for giving us a world-wide devotee family of many fathers, mothers, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters, without whom, I would be repeatedly wandering and lost. You give us the opportunity to be nurtured by the association of the devotees, and to try and reciprocate- a priceless gift. I pray again and again to be instrumental in your mission, and to serve in such a way that is pleasing to you. May my mountainous false ego dissipate by the fire of your mercy during my attempt to participate in Sankirtan. I want to teach and share more and more. I am so fortunate to be granted the opportunity to participate in the sunrise of Lord Chaitanya’s Sankirtan movement. I pray that I can always remain in the association of His most dear devotees. Please may I remain in your association Srila Prabhupada- by distributing your books, by sharing Lord Chaitanya’s message, by reading, and by serving the dear devotees of your movement- more and better.

*With gratitude, affection and admiration,
Your grand-daughter and servant,
Ganga-Mata Goswamini Dasi*





Hare Krishna Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisance at the dust of your lotus feet All glories to Your Divine Grace.

I ALWAYS FEEL HONORED when I write an offering to you Srila Prabhupada. On this auspicious day, I want to offer myself to you Srila Prabhupada. Spiritual life begins with surrender and my spiritual master HH Bhakti Charu Swami Maharaja always emphasis surrendering this life to Lord Krishna and to you Srila Prabhupada. You are my savior and everything to me. Whatever I am today is simply due to your causeless mercy upon me and unto my family.


Srila Prabhupada you have started a great mission and we need to continue with your legacy. We just need to follow in your footsteps and follow your instructions. Srila Prabhupada you are the Paramahansa Thakura and the Acarya. You have Krishna and you are able to give us Krishna. Therefore I am begging you to give me Krishna and falling at your lotus feet again and again .Please accept my humble prayer. You have taught us that it is not that we should seek to see the Krishna but act in such a way that the Krishna must see us. You have given us the greatest gift that anyone could ever give to anyone - the gift of knowledge of how to please the supreme

Lord Sri Krishna.

I want to thank you from the depth of my heart to have given me such a nice guru after getting separation from my spiritual master HH Bhakti Charu Swami Maharaja by your mercy I took second initiation and my wife got the first initiation from HH Rama Govinda Swami Maharaja. By his guidance we both can keep going with our sadhana.

Srila Prabhupada I pledge to always remain loyal to Your Divine Grace and to serve your devotees eternally. Until the final days of my existence in this material body, I shall never leave ISKCON and your lotus feet. I am eternally grateful for what you have done for me and for my family. Please forgive me for my many offenses. Please protect us always from maya's attack and from committing aparadhas. Teach me to love and respect all congregation devotees constantly. Thanking you Hare Krishna

*Your Humble Servants Always,
Gangesh Das, Vrajeshwari Dasi and Shoubhit*

 Gangesh Dasa
Vrajeshwari Dasi
and Shoubhit
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

I AM SO GRATEFUL TO YOU for showering your causeless mercy upon this fallen, wretched soul who was so firmly gripped in the clutches of maya. This Age of Kali is an absolute struggle for existence, each day becomes even more difficult to survive but the ISKCON house that you have built worldwide is our only hope and shelter . Your greatness knows no bounds as you are present in your books and recordings giving us your divine association and continuing

to save the masses. On this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja I beg forgiveness for my short comings and pray that you please bless me to remain firmly situated in the association of the devotees within ISKCON.

*Your most insignificant granddaughter,
Gaur Lila Devi Dasi*

 Gaur Lila Devi Dasi
Tongaat
South Africa



Gaura Bhumi Devi Dasi
Chatsworth
South Africa



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*

Godsend are you, oh great soul!
For where my heart once was, is a deep hole.

I have tried to fill it with all my glorious might,
But only your kindness and mercy would ever yield a future so bright.

Your grace and love move even boulders to tears,
What to speak of myself, my ego, and apparent fears.

Your lotus petal eyes gently proclaim:
Come as you are, not as you should be.

How fortunate am I? That in your house, both far and wide,
Lies a small space for little, insignificant, I

May the path of my life carry me in humble service
May pleasing Guru and Vaisnava be my life's purpose

*Aspiring to be a servant,
Gaura Bhumi Devi Dasi*



Gaura Nitai Dasa
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Your Divine Grace.

I WISH YOU A GLORIOUS AND HAPPY birth anniversary.

My unlimited thanks to you for all the mercy and blessings you have given me. I'm eternally grateful. I have full conviction of your words "this material world is not a fit place for a gentleman".

The best life to live is Krsna consciousness practices. There is no doubt about thisnow.

Any time I allow the modes of nature to

overwhelm me ... I just have to take shelter of anything you have given ... especially your personal purports ... and I feel fortified and confident.

It's truly great ... how purifying, when practiced properly, the process you have given ... paramount is the maha-mantra.

Again ... I cannot obviously repay you or thank you enough.

I hope and beg you daily, always for your mercy, protection and shelter, always.

Without you and what you've given us ... ISKCON ... it's practices ... Vaishnava association ... your disciples, etc. ... there would be no contest versus maya.

I would love to perpetually glorify you but

better to always serve you.

Please keep me always in your divine service, protection, mercy and shelter.

*Your eternal servant of the servant,
Gaura Nitai Dasa*



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



Gaura premi Devi Dasi
Newlands West
South Africa

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

*naivopayanty apacitiṁ kavayas taveśa
brahmāyusāpi kṛtam ṛddha-mudaḥ smarantaḥ
yo 'ntar bahis tanu-bhṛtām aśubhaṁ vidhunvann
ācārya-caitya-vapuṣā sva-gatiṁ vyanakti*

“O MY LORD! Transcendental poets and experts in spiritual science could not fully express their indebtedness to You, even if they were endowed with the prolonged lifetime of Brahmā, for You appear in two features — externally as the ācārya and internally as the Supersoul — to deliver the embodied living being by directing him how to come to You.” (Srimad Bhagavatam 11.29.6)

I consider that trying to praise you and express my gratitude will always be woefully inadequate if transcendental poets and spiritual experts can't express the same in a lifetime of Brahma! But you kindly accept the attempt - no matter how insufficient - so that we can make spiritual advancement by your pleasure. And that's the great wonder of a Vyasa-puja: it is nothing like a commemorative event in the material world, which is meant mostly for the glorification of the person being celebrated. In spiritual life, a Vyasa-puja is more of an opportunity for

those who attempt to express their appreciation to be blessed with the unlimited mercy of the guru, and so it seems particularly for the disciple's benefit rather than the guru's praise. Despite my great limitations, I pray that you will accept these simple words from a struggling soul...

You are grace and mercy and shelter personified, not just for the earth, but for the entire universe because even the demigods (besides Lord Shiva and Lord Brahma) aren't able to enter the spiritual world from the heavenly planets - what to speak of those from the lower planets - so the living entities across this entire material creation are desperately depending on the opportunities for liberation made possible by being born on this earth planet. And you, our beloved saviour of all, have so lovingly and expertly flooded the earth with those precious opportunities, and so everyone - from the highest planet down to the lowest - can easily attain

Krishna's beautiful lotus feet.

I do believe therefore that all 14 planetary systems are celebrating your appearance today and showing their immense gratitude to you for your glorious achievements. And into our own insignificant lives, you've gently stepped with a selfless message of divine love and eternal peace. You've offered us the genuine hope for a beautiful and eternal existence, with none of the pain, mistrust and challenges which fully permeate this world. You've given us your loving shelter and causeless mercy, and you've done all of this without considering whether we were worthy of it or not. You're always there to help us whether we realize it or not, making more concessions than we're aware of, to guide us out of seemingly impossible situations. I'm not sure how a debt like this can ever be repaid, but you have told us that what pleases you most is to share the mercy that you have granted us by distributing your books and preaching in the same spirit of compassion and love that you did. We can't imitate your purity, but we know that with each faltering step that we take towards this highest of all duties, you are hearing our prayers and helping our tiny efforts.

My loving grandfather and ever-well-wisher, I

have done practically everything to make it difficult for you to save me over the years and lifetimes, but my extreme foolishness and monstrous ego have found their match in your unending love and unfathomable concern for me. Because you've so mercifully and constantly walked at my side, the storms of life have breezed past, and the doors of opportunity have begun to gradually open, revealing what the purpose in this life is to please Krishna. I pray that you will always be there to help me sincerely execute these services with love, to offer you something back in a small way for how you've completely turned around a life that was bent on destruction. Please bless me to learn well - with your help all the lessons that the great and loving Cosmic Teacher has set, and to develop the qualities within me that will allow me to please you. May I dedicate this life to the service of all your servants everywhere whether they realize it or don't with the only motivation being your satisfaction.

Your most useless servant of the servant of the servant,

Gaura Premi Devi Dasi

Gita Ganya Devi Dasi
Midrand
South Africa



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

THIS YEAR I AM WRITING IN A LITTLE HASTE, before the deadline. But I am not anxious about it, as I never feel a shortage of excitement to ramble your glories. And that is just it, dearest Srila Prabhupada! You are an inconceivable ocean of divine opulences, such a glaringly magnanimous soul. Your achievements in one lifetime are unbelievable - all these things indicating that you were truly a great advanced soul who voluntarily came down here to distribute your mercy amongst us fallen, entangled souls of this Kali-yuga. Just to attempt to imagine how so much

can be done in such a short time frame is the first inconceivability. During an incredibly rebellious social-political condition you arrived alone on the shores of the hellish New York City with seven dollars, and 'successfully trained' the counter-culture-drugged-up youth into Vaisnava culture, all by yourself. Within a few years, they had surrendered their entire lives, hearts and souls to you and by themselves, absorbed enough devotion from you to travel to various corners of the earth and found entire Temples and societies.

In general, one can witness spiritual institutions steadily growing over an entire lifetime - usually within the bounds of some building renovations and community involvement. This however, is nothing like what you managed to accomplish. Traveling the earth 14 times within 11 years and founding 108 temples. 'Thirty-two new temples (almost 3 a month) were opened in a single year between 1970 and 1971 with foreign disciples trained in deity worship. These communities included a bra-macarani asram which you introduced to extend the reach of your relevance in this modern time. By your infectious enthusiasm Srila Prabhupada, the huge Ratha-yatra festivals were introduced to foreign cities all over the world. You 'created the world's first chain of vegetarian restaurants' and the world's largest food relief program known as Food For Life, smashing the self-inflicted paradigms of scarcity based on a lack of Krsna consciousness.

Your preaching Srila Prabhupada, was unbounded and untiring, daily you poured oceans of nectar from your lotus mouth such that today we have just a fraction of that archived in more than 2200 lectures alone. In one lifetime recorded devotional music albums, and met multiple renowned religionists; politicians and leaders; lecturers and influential persons. You started an ongoing monthly magazine on the topics of Krsna consciousness and founded the Life Membership Program; the Bhaktivedanta Institute in the scientific fields and the Bhaktivenda Swami Charity Trust to renovate holy Gaudiya sites. Besides successfully starting multiple entire farming communities across the globe too, demonstrating the essence of natural Vedic culture - Our Srila Prabhupada, wished into existence an entire spiritual City in Mayapur and expanded major Temples into Vrindavan. Even further, Srila Prabhupada founded an entire gurukula schooling system inside and outside of India to weave back devotional teachings into schooling. Prabhupada was able to give shelter and personal, attentive guidance to such an incredible number of disciples, archived in over 6000 letters, counseling in

managerial, personal and philosophical situations. You also wrote over 70 books, including publishing a seventeen volume Caitanya Caritamrta (which you translated into English and included purports), in one lifetime!

Dear Prabhupada you travelled to many, many places spreading Krsna consciousness around the globe in just 10 years only, after already having endured 2 heart attacks. The holy name, by your mercy, was heard and sung all across the globe even hitting the top of the charts on radio with the likes of superstars like George Harrison. You initiated around 5000 disciples from all walks of life. These are just some of your achievements, which each on their own stands out as marvelous, which demonstrate your divine opulence and great humility in always acting - to your fullest capacity, on behalf of Krsna, having taken full shelter at His lotus feet. And all the while Prabhupada, you went on giving full credit to Krsna and your guru maharaja, believing yourself fully to be the servant of the servants of the Supreme Lord in every action and word. Such humility and compassion you genuinely had for the most absolute salvation of your disciples. You were even caught crying when you heard a devotee was struggling with their chanting or association. Your unbounded compassion to preach and drive us out of the darkness of this world is another one of the glistening ornaments of a genuine spiritual master and elevated soul, which you wear, for all to admire.

So how can I do anything of significance to reciprocate my indebtedness to you? For what you have done to continue planting the seed of Lord Caitanya's unlimited mercy, his distribution of the fruits of life of God to every fallen soul. All just so that we can take your work forward into this wretched age and revive the Golden One. How can someone who is no one, like me, even begin to reciprocate?


So, thank you dear Srila Prabhupada for changing this entire world's destiny for the better; for giving us most unfortunate souls a chance to go back home and meet and love Radha and Krsna. Thank you for touching me with your mercy, and please

take my dearest guru maharaja home with you and keep him safely nestled with you. And still, I could only mention a fraction of my glorifications in this offering to you dear Prabhupada. Your glories are as unlimited as your faith in Krsna. May I become an

agent of your mercy.

*Your insignificant servant,
Gita Gamyā Devi Dasi*

Gitika 
and Shanae Gopi
Amanzimtoti, Durban
South Africa

 Dearest beloved Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our attempt at humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to you, dearest gurudeva. All glories to you, dearest gurudeva.

EACH GLORY RIGHTFULLY BELONGS TO YOU, our dearest Srila Gurudeva! At every step of my life in recent years, without me even deserving it, you have been there to help me with matters that seemed impossible. You know what's deep in my heart, and I trust you because I am learning that no one in this world that surrounds me is more trustworthy than your dearest self.

Thank you for everything, dearest Srila Gurudeva! I am trying to follow your vani in my very ignorant way, which is filled with so much false pride and want for sense gratification. Yet, still, despite my ever-growing mountain of faults, you listen to my prayers to you. It is obvious that these blessings are your answer to my prayers. There is no other reason at all. As I realise the state of my life right now, as a mother to a blooming devotee child, and as a wife to a difficult non-devotee husband, the protection that my daughter and I need is not being provided in the way it should be. So, although I am a married

woman, who should seek protection from her husband, I seek your protection for myself and Shanae.

Dearest Srila Gurudeva, dearest pitashri, please protect me as your daughter. I look to you, my spiritual father, to help me pick up the pieces when my karma in this material world has brought me to these broken and restricting circumstances. I leave my journey in Krishna consciousness at your lotus feet, and I pray for your loving help. Now, as we might go to the holy dham of your birthplace, I ask for further guidance and protection. I know that you will always take care of me wherever we are. You have lovingly shown that to me in desperate times. I pray that Shanae and I will always be under the shelter of your loving lotus feet. May we always be your servants, although we are so very undeserving.

*All glories to you, our dearest Srila Gurudev, our
dearest pitashri!
Bhaktin Gitika and Shanae Gopi*

Gopal Nandini Devi Dasi 
Johannesburg
South Africa

 Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BE ABLE TO THANK YOU for what you have done for all of us. The precious gems that you

have freely distributed to us - the holy name, Bhagavad-gita, Srimad Bhagavatam, Caitanya-caritamrta

and the Krishna Book - all these literatures, and devotional service, were unknown to us. You have made it available to us in a language that we can understand. Thank you for this great gift.

Please always keep me engaged in the service of the Lordships.

Gopal Nandini Devi Dasi



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath.

 Gopika Devi Dasi
Chatsworth
Durb

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya
bhutale srimate bhaktivedanta-svaminn iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascaty-a-des-a-tarine*

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THE WEST and giving us Krishna consciousness. You have saved me from the clutches of Maya with your mercy. Without Krishna consciousness, I would be floundering in this bottomless pit of darkness. You have kindly guided me with your torch of knowledge. I am still struggling in my spiritual life, but I am still in this wonderful mission with your kind mercy and love.

Please bless me with your mercy and fill my heart with your grace so that I do not commit any nama-aparadha and vaisnava-aparadha. Please forgive me for my offences. Please give me your mercy

to never ever leave Krishna consciousness. I beg to consistently commit to Your Divine Grace, Guru, and Radha Krishna.

I can never ever thank you enough for saving me. I am forever indebted to you. You have shown me how to accept Radha Krishna, serve them, and gave us your books.

I am forever in your debt. Trying to be the servant of the servant of the servant.

*Your servant and grand disciple,
Gopika Devi Dasi*



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 blessed occasion of the 126th anniversary of your appearance in this world.

 Govardhana Dasa
Gauteng
South Africa

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

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascaty-a-des-a-tarine*

SRILA PRABHUPADA, YOU FULFILLED A PROPHECY. The topmost devotees, the Gopis, predicted that the nectar of Lord Krishna words will spread “bhuvi grnanti” all over the world and the one who does that is “bhuri-dahjanah”: the most munificent person. You are the most munificent person. You have sprinkled from the safety of your hands, the seeds of devotion across the world. Some fifty four years later, these seeds have become strong tall trees, bearing sweet fruits in the form of sweet sanga.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for building a ‘safe house’ in the form of ISKCON. Its doors remain open twenty-four hours a day. Lord Caitanya is the supreme capitalist, the owner of the touchstone of the love of God. You are His special envoy. You have created a countless number of agents of divine mercy. On your order, they traverse the world; walk the streets and knock on doors - distributing from the pots of nectar in the form of your books. From your hands to theirs, the seeds of devotion are being planted. Your books are the real vaccine and your devotees are the expert deliverers of such life-saving medicine. Your ISKCON is the nerve centre from where the sankirtana operations are planned and executed.

We have just celebrated the 536th appearance anniversary of the most munificent Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Lord Gauranga had remained largely unknown to the world, until you personally introduced Him through your English translation of the Caitanya Caritamrita.

You gave up sleep and stopped your Srimad Bhagavatam translations to give us the Caitanya Caritamrita. This you did in record time - seventeen volumes in eighteen months. Yesterday, we celebrated the launch of the translation of the Caitanya Caritamrita in Malayalam language. Your servants at the Kerala BBT distributed 1200 sets within a few hours. This year, on the 125th anniversary of you receiving the instruction to preach, the African BBT will publish the isiZulu Bhagavad Gita, which will include a commendation by the King of the Zulu Nation. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, on concluding His

manifest pastimes, transferred his love to Narottama das Thakur, the first generation carrier and transmitter of bhakti. That very same love and compassion has been shared by you, the perfect recipient, and will forever be shared with all of mankind for generations to come, through the pages of your books.

Srila Prabhupada, you are the real friend to all, because you have pointed out the effects of the ravages of time and the madness of man’s pursuit of small things that have a zero end value. Man’s epic quest for space, position and power are nothing more than empty pursuits. You pierced the veil of illusion through your Bhaktivedanta purports. Your characterisation of the so-called modern world is a developing photograph of our times. What you have given the world is priceless. Your books will bring countless souls through the history of time to the doors of the ‘safe house’ that you have built. Your ISKCON is not a lonely hermitage, but a vibrant community of song and service. We can see how your devotees look upon death with composure and confidence as they depart one by one to again be at your lotus feet.

Srila Prabhupada, for my insignificant part, I continue to serve, trying my best every day to fulfil your order. Together with your stalwart servants, we have financially stabilised your Back to Godhead magazine; advanced a global plan to further protect your 1100+ properties across the globe; and under the guidance of my spiritual master, your glorious son, I am attempting to assist with the management of the southern African countries. Your African BBT continues to grow and will reach new frontiers this year.

Srila Prabhupada, for whatever time I may have left in this body and with whatever strength I can muster, I am trying to serve you. I am in all respects a fallen person. I have daily skirmishes with my restless mind. I am a trespasser and an offender; a pretender and a counterfeit. However, I do desire to serve you. You have saved me. If you so desire, please direct me in any way you wish. Please help

me become a devotee and keep me within the sanctity of your ISKCON.

With my head at your lotus feet, I pray for your guidance and blessings. All glories to Your Divine Grace

on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

*Your struggling grandson,
Govardhana Dasa (GBC Southern Africa)*



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please kindly accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet on the most auspicious occasion of your 126th Vyasa-puja celebration.

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

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

ALL GLORIES TO YOU, SRILA PRABHUPADA, and to your wonderful disciples, grand disciples, and great grand disciples, who are tirelessly endeavouring to spread the mission of the most magnanimous Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, I have just finished reading Srimad-Bhagavatam, a task which has taken me five years to complete. I was meditating on how long it has taken me to do this and the enormity of your work: translating and commenting on such a deep, esoteric, transcendental literature, something you worked on for more than 17 years (and you only completed 10 of the 12 cantos), collating commentaries from various acaryas, and presenting it to “laymen” such as myself so simply and eloquently, giving us vivid glimpses of the spiritual world.

There’s nothing you did that was for your own benefit or pleasure. Everything was for your beloved spiritual master or the sake of the billions of fallen souls suffering in the quagmire of material existence. How amazing that someone could be so selfless as you are!

You are such an exalted soul, Srila Prabhupada, a pure devotee of spotless character, completely

selfless, and so magnanimous and compassionate to even complete strangers; in the early days, you cooked for the newcomers, cleaned up after them, and washed the dishes, carrying out the most menial tasks for long periods of time, happily, uncomplainingly, serving others, and seeing the potential devotees in them. Such was the vision on your part.

For someone like me, self-centred and materialistic as I am, this mood of yours is inconceivable. You are inconceivable! So, my challenge is thus: how can I glorify you if I can’t even conceive of you. I am quite certain that even if I lived a thousand lifetimes, trying to engage in devotional service, trying to study your pastimes, I wouldn’t even begin to glimpse the full scope of your timeless glories!

During a lecture, in Udipi, on 27th October 2014, His Holiness Radhanath Swami stated that you converted people by your boundless compassion. Maharaja goes on to compare the devotees to a beautiful garland offering, held together by the string that is your loving example – such an eloquent description. So, as always, my dear Srila Prabhupada, I pray that I can become more aware and

 Govardhana Sila Dasa
Rondebosch, Cape Town
South Africa

appreciative of all that you've done for all of us. I pray that I can finally do something which might remotely please you and the devotees, and that you will allow me to hang on to the back of your dhoti.

*Your insignificant, unqualified servant,
Govardhana Sila Dasa*



Halayudha Dasa 🙏
Roodepoort
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Grace on this anniversary of your Vyasa-puja.

I WANT TO THANK YOU for the association of devotees. The last 2 years have opened my eyes just how important they are. It is only when I have been forcefully deprived of such association that I have begun to see how critical it is to my very delicate and unstable Krishna consciousness. In your writings and lectures I have tried to pay attention to your instructions and the manner in which you give them while trying to understand them in the association of devotees, without which there would be no hope for me.

In the enthusiasm and determination of your sincere followers, I am always amazed to see that there is nothing they would not do for you, and that unwavering devotion and steadfastness is something I truly pray for. And in the projects and commitments made to you and in your name, I find no shortage of determination to succeed, tempered always by the humility that everything is to be offered to you and is done for your pleasure. The more I try, the more I seem to find that the secret of attachment to you does not lie in academia or the

search for knowledge but rather in the “seemingly simple” attachment and service to those who are always thinking of you, working for you, protecting your ISKCON, preaching fervently to the world, and humbling themselves before you.

This is easier said than done for me. I pray that I may always have the good fortune of the association of the devotees, and in their association some of their determination may rub off on to me. I am eternally grateful to you for spreading this Krishna consciousness, for giving us the temples and the devotees and for the ability to someday become devotees of Krishna. I still do not fully understand or appreciate the gravity of that statement, but I say it hoping that that with enough repetition even I can start to comprehend the mercy I have been given.

*Your aspiring servant,
Halayudha Dasa (disciple of HH Partha Sarathi
Das Goswami)*



Hari Vallabha Devi Dasi 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath. All glories, all glories to you dear Srila Prabhupada. Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.

*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*

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED. With each passing I have learnt to appreciate you and your teachings more and more. As the day unfolds, we get to witness and hear so many calamities arising from all over the world. Dreaded sickness, natural disasters and many more arising from the afflicted minds of the human race. Dear Srila Prabhupada in all of your lectures you mention the difference between animal and human life. If we don't have Krishna in our lives and don't serve Him, we are but mere animals in human bodies. The purpose of life is to develop bhakti in serving Guru and Gauranga.

Oh my beloved Srila Prabhupada I want to take this opportunity to thank you with all my heart for

giving us the most golden opportunity and that is to be part of ISKCON which covers every inch of our spiritual lives. Please give me the shade of your lotus feet. Please give me your mercy that I may forever be in the association of devotees and be engaged in devotional service to Sri Guru and Gauranga. Please give me the strength and the wisdom to face the many challenges that are constantly coming my way. Srila Prabhupada on this auspicious day of yours I just want to thank you for everything. I pray one day that I will be able to please you even in a tiny bit.

*From your granddaughter,
Hari Vallabha Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you on your divine appearance day.

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

SRILA PRABUPADA, YOUR GIFT to the world is immeasurable. You gave Krishna prasadam. You gave us beautiful temples to always remember Krsna. You gave us devotee association. Srila Prabhupada you rescued us from the hellish conditions of material existence. You gave us so many spiritual books to help us in our spiritual life. Srila Prabhupada on this auspicious day of your Vyasa puja, I want to sincerely

thank you for going through so much of hardships so that the fallen, conditioned souls, like myself will have a chance in perfecting ourselves. I beg to always remain in the service of your lotus feet and to always serve ISKCON.

*Your most fallen grand-disciple,
Harichandan Dasa*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*om ajnana timirandhasya jnananjana salakaya,
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah
nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*

 Harichandan Dasa
Durban
South Africa

 Harideva Dasa
Phoenix
Mauritius

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvivesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desatarine*

YOU HAVE COME INTO THIS WORLD on Lord Krishna's behalf to take us back to Him. Krishna is not a concept for you or a remote esoteric figure but a living reality. The great majority of people in the world have no clue of who God is, what He looks like, where He resides, what His activities are. We are in fact conveniently mistaking the external world to be all in all. Once, one of your disciples asked you how you could convincingly argue with great scientists and philosophers who are vastly learned and elites in their respective academic fields. You replied "How can I accept when they say that there is no God when I am seeing Krishna every day!"

Srila Prabhupada, despite years of practice, Lord Krishna is still not real to me, and I fail to see Him every day, in all that I do. But I also realise that

my endeavours to see Krishna will not bear fruit. I instead have to act in such a way that Krishna would want to see me. On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, Srila Prabhupada, I reaffirm my commitment to act in a way that each action of mine will be pleasing to you. What will please you, Srila Prabhupada? What is the responsibility of a grand disciple? Today, I heard from His Grace Sriniketan prabhu that the responsibility of a disciple is to live for the benefit of others. I pray to your Divine Grace that my steel heart may soften up, I develop some sense of compassion to be able to benefit others. In this way, someday I may also come close to Krishna.

*Your aspiring servant,
Harideva Dasa*

Harika Parag 🍁
Surrey
Canada



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

THIS PAST YEAR, I HAVE LEARNED MUCH about your history, particularly how you helped shape the ISKCON movement into what it is today. I was born into the movement, but it wasn't until I learned about everything you did, from traveling to the unknown Western world, to starting up book distribution, to temple construction, that my own Krishna consciousness was able to bloom. Learning about and seeing your dedication to spreading Krishna consciousness worldwide, has inspired me to be a better devotee, and truly understand what Krishna consciousness means in my life. Every time I chant, or learn about Krishnas pastimes, I am instantly

happier, and it's thanks to you that I am able to experience that happiness. I would like to express to you my gratefulness, for by your mercy, I was able to become a Krishna conscious devotee in the time of Kali-yuga.

I look forward to learning more about Krishna through the Srimad Bhagavatam with my family in the year ahead. Thank you for everything you've done for all the Krishna conscious devotees around the world today.

*Your servant,
Harika Parag*



Harini Radha Narain Singh 🌸
Gauteng
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU FOR INTRODUCING US to Krsna consciousness. You went through so much to fulfil your mission for your spiritual master.

Thank you for teaching me about Krsna.

Your Servant

Harini Radha Narain Singh



Hemant Bhaga 🌸
Springs
South Africa



Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,
Please accept my humble obeisance's.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

Across the ocean, heading West,
Equipped with your life's work,
On the order and with the blessings of the 'Lion Guru',
Your dear spiritual master.

Humanity questioning, inquiring,
others oblivious, some content,
It did not matter, the spiritual revolution was sparked,
You the catalyst!

The courage, the purity,
The resolve and the spiritual knowledge,
To present Vedic knowledge and scriptures,
'As it is'.

The Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam the Mahā-purāṇa . . .
Eighteen thousand magnificent verses composed by Vyāsadeva,
Translated to English and published,
For the World's benefit by Your Divine Grace.

Your glories,
Our good fortune,
Your mercy,
Our saving grace.

*Forever in your gratitude,
Hemant Bhaga*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to you on this most glorious occasion of your Sri Vyasa-puja. All glories to your ISKCON and BBT.

 Hemanthi Bhaga
Springs
Johannesburg

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

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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, through your ISKCON, you have given us the most wonderful gift of the association of the devotees of the Lord. I have been realising more and more that it is the association of the devotees that inspire, encourage and strengthen our Krsna Consciousness. It is association that keeps us safe and happy. I am endeavouring more to search out those that are attached to devotional service as I know in such association my attachment to devotional service will increase and my material attachments will decrease.

In life, we are advised to be guided by sadhu, sastra and guru. You have made these resources of knowledge and love available to us through your ISKCON, books, temples, disciples and grand-disciples. What benediction you have bestowed upon us through these manifestations of your mercy! As time goes by, I am even more grateful for your presence in my life through your books, disciples and ISKCON.

I am also realising more and more that I cannot make much spiritual advancement through my own stumbling efforts; but through the mercy of the Vaishnavas I can have a chance and not be wayward or side-tracked. The Vaishnavas show so much love

and goodwill and kindly engage us in devotional service. We have access to such treasures only through your compassion, love and efforts.

There is no other like you Srila Prabhupada. You speak the same message as the previous acaryas, and relay the same instructions as given by Sri Krsna and Vyasadev. Your purity, exemplary example and compassion for us, gives us faith in your words. Your valuable books on Krsna Consciousness make this most confidential knowledge and high science accessible and easy to grasp.

As a perfect spiritual master, you are so expert at engaging devotees in service. Even seeing our faults and shortcomings, you accept and believe in us. What greater compassion can there be!

On this wonderful day of your appearance – I – being incompetent and filled with anarthas, humbly beg for your mercy so that I may have some ability to serve the Vaishnavas, your ISKCON and its heartfelt and glorious mission to spread Krsna consciousness - and in this way try to please you.

*Your endeavouring granddaughter,
Bhaktin Hemanthi*



Hemavati Radhika Dasi 
and Nalinikanta Dasa
Gauteng
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

Your Divine Grace,
By Lord Caitanya's plan,
Changed the living entities taste,
Blessed this earthly land.

On the Jaladuta across the ocean,
Leaving Vrindavan going to America,
Suffering two heart attacks yet filled with devotion,
Shining brilliant like a special star.

You founded ISKCON in New York,
Joining you these young girls and boys,
On Bhagavad-gita you did talk,
Krishna consciousness brought them joys.

You purely chanted the Holy Name,
Making hippies into happies,
This is the reason you came,
Making their suffering cease.

Lord Jagannath, Baladeva and Subadra came,
The first Ratha Yatra,
ISKCON had more fame,
All were chanting Maha mantra.

Scrumptious Prasadam, an expert cook,
Ten thousand disciples,
Bhaktivedanta purports in every book,
Opening hundreds of temples.

Stunning deities installed opulently,
An ISKCON family you created,
They being worshipped sincerely,
Making everyone spiritually elated.

Cooperation with each other is our love for Thee,
Our beloved Lord and Master,
Following your instructions sets us free,
Serving you takes us to Krishna faster.

So pure, humble and meek,
Srila Prabhupada our hero and saviour,
Your eternal service we constantly seek,
Your teachings reformed our behaviour.

Beautiful, merciful and absolutely pure,
So dear you are to Sri Krishna,
Our disease only you can cure,
Surrender to you and Goloka is not far.

You gave us everything in the most perfect way,
Thank you for all you bestow,
This debt we will try to repay,
We so fallen and low.

Being always in your service we pray,
O Captain of the ISKCON boat,
In your shelter may we eternally stay,
In Krishna consciousness bless us to stay afloat.

Your mercy guides us because you care,
This treasure you gave us we must share.
With all the love in our hearts,

*Your insignificant beggars,
Hemavati Radhika Dasi and Nalinikanta Dasa*



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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing us to do devotional service for you and Their Lordships. Thanks to you, our entire family loves listening to the Maha-mantra, reading scripture, engaging in service, and chanting the Holy Names. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

We appreciate what you have done for the family. We feel very inspired and happy that our family

has also taken to your ISKCON. We feel our life is fulfilled and complete with Krsna in our life. We look at life from a different perspective with Krsna in front of us. Our daily tasks have become much easier when we put Krsna in the centre. It's also guided us with progressive changes in lifestyle and it's all for the best.

We are eternally grateful for you, Srila

 Hemendra and
Maduri Prag
Cape Town
South Africa

Prabhupada, for spreading the Hare Krsna movement. Years ago, as a child, my (Bhakta Hemendra) mother always took us to visit the ISKCON Rondebosch centre in Cape Town, South Africa, and years later, to my surprise, my family is now affiliated with your ISKCON. The seed was planted Srila Prabhupada.

I feel there is a purpose in life guided by Krsna, thanks to you Srila Prabhupada. Let us not miss this

opportunity to seek your blessings on this special occasion. Please bless us both that we may develop strength, good health and wisdom to take shelter under your ISKCON, Srila Prabhupada, to serve your devotees to the best of our ability.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

Your servants,

Bhakta Hemendra and Bhaktin Maduri Prag



Hrisikesa Ananda Dasa 
Milnerton
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you on your auspicious appearance day.

THIS YEAR IS THE YEAR I have taken hari-nama initiation. I did not think that it would come so soon, even though I had already been aspiring for HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami for a year. Deep down I did not feel worthy nor ready for initiation. I was going to message Deva deva Prabhu, very hesitantly, about initiation on Gaura Purnima 2022. The day before I was meant to message him, he messaged me and asked if I felt ready. I took this as a sign from you, Srila Prabhupada, that you have given approval and that I am indeed ready for initiation. Even though I still did not feel worthy, I knew that by your shelter, everything will be fine.

Since taking initiation, I can feel the mercy of guru and the parampara. My chanting has greatly improved and it has become easier to chant 16 rounds. I have been getting service, particularly deity service, much more frequently. It is much easier to pick up one of your books and read, or to listen to a lecture. I can feel the process of Bhakti working. Any previous doubts that I might have had have been completely destroyed; it has given me much more confidence that anyone looking for happiness can be convinced of this process and ultimately go back home to Lord Krishna.

An important thing that I struggle with is studying your books. Right now, at my current place in life, I cannot study nor do I want to. And the thought of

studying again scares me. I don't feel like I have the intelligence to understand the philosophy. Currently, I can only understand and enjoy the pastimes of Lord Krishna. By your mercy, I hope to be able to one day properly study and understand your books and use that knowledge to grow your movement.

Recently, I have been thinking about the younger generation and their thoughts on God, spirituality, the meaning of life etc. From my experience, a lot of the youth are pushed towards atheism due to some religion being forced on them when they were younger. The most common of which I have seen is being forced to go to church. I have been in a place like that in my life where I was forced to go to temples/bhakti vriksha classes and I didn't like it. I became an atheist for the whole of high school.

Or perhaps they are searching for a spiritual meaning to life and whatever they have at their disposal, whether it be church/mosque/synagogue etc. isn't providing them with the answers they are looking for and so they decide to become agnostic or atheistic.

I pray for your blessings that I can help guide them towards your teachings.

None of my spiritual advancement would have been possible without you making the rough journey to the West and starting ISKCON. I am deeply appreciative of all your efforts and I pray for the

courage, confidence and faith in Lord Krishna to carry your ISKCON forward.

*Your grand-disciple,
Hrisikesa Ananda Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Hare Krishna!
Happy Vyasa-puja day.

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

YOU WILL ALWAYS BE A VERY SPECIAL SOUL. You went through many difficulties to start your journey. At the age of sixty, people usually like to retire and enjoy life, but you were blessed with a special power and intelligence, publishing so many books, like Bhagavad-gita As It Is and the Srimad-Bhagavatam. We must thank you for making us aware that this life we are living is an illusion, that nothing is permanent, and for helping us realize that Lord Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead and that we are nothing without him.

When I think of it, it seems so impossible to have accomplished what you had in ten years; because we spend a lifetime achieving our goals.

It saddens me, when I read books and listen to pastimes about your struggles. People did not help you, but this did not discourage you.

With all this hardship, you achieved what you set out to do. Your faith in Lord Krishna did not once falter. Krishna's blessings were always with you. My only regret is that I never got the opportunity to meet you. Your disciples, and all others who did have the great fortune of meeting you, were truly blessed.

Please always bless me so that I may stay steadfast in my sadhana.

*Your humble servant,
Indulekha Devi Dasi*



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
I offer my most heartfelt obeisances at your touchstone lotus feet again and again.

YOU ARE THE SPIRITUAL MASTER of this entire world, and your disciples are always singing of your glories. You descended from the spiritual world out of your absolute and causeless mercy to give us, the fallen souls of this world, Lord Sri Krishna Caitanya's movement, the Holy name, and a sure-fire path back home to Godhead.

Srila Prabhupada, you have given us everything we need to search out Lord Krsna. How fortunate we are. Your books are undoubtedly conquering our ignorance and attachment to this illusory world. The knowledge you impart is pure, sweet and perfect. It gives us peace and happiness and empowers us to preach Krishna consciousness and spread the



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Cape Town
South Africa



Induprabha Devi Dasi
Umhlanga Rocks
Durban

glories of our exalted Parampara and dearest Lord Krishna.

Your ISKCON is our spiritual home, and the devotees are our family. Steadily, we march on as we search out our path back to you. Sometimes, we feel strong and at other times we feel like we cannot make the journey, but it is then that your lion-like strength inspires us on.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, we are completely and

utterly dependent on you despite all endeavours. My realisation is that I am nothing without your mercy. Please Srila Prabhupada, give me spiritual strength, and please be merciful to me. I want to serve you and your ISKCON to the best of my ability.

*Your servant forever,
Induprabha Devi Dasi*

Jagadananda Pandit Dasa
Durban
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to your ISKCON.

I HAVE TAUGHT MY CHILDREN, whilst they were still young at school, the art of staying safe. Today, the world is bombarded with all kinds of religious and pseudo-religious information; and to compound navigating through an already difficult landscape, sometimes trusted people like priests or elders send out equivocal messages. To these young impressionable minds I established an inviolable rule in our household, namely, “Whatever anyone says, whether they are within ISKCON or former members, accept if their presentation concurs with yours, Srila Prabhupada. If ever in any doubt, default to your (Srila Prabhupada’s) teachings.” To this, your dear son and my gurudeva once quipped, “What if I say anything that differs from Srila Prabhupada?” My response was, “The words of Srila Prabhupada are final.” HH Bhakti Charu Swami really liked that.

Each one of us has our own “hardware” in the form of intelligence, mind, ego and senses, but unless we run on the correct “operating software” package of your teachings, we are at huge risk to be misguided and manipulated. Consequently, it is absolutely necessary for our own spiritual wellbeing to at least familiarise ourselves with your vani.

Your books are our safety net in this crazy kali-yuga world of information-overload. Once we read,

we will become inspired to tell others and distribute your books. Recalling your instruction to add “Founder-Acarya” to every official letterhead is not vanity. Rather, it remains a profound gift to all who surrender unto your divine lotus feet. In fact I consider, of all the noteworthy service and contributions of my beloved spiritual master, him emphasising and helping to re-establishing Your Divine Grace as the “Founder-Acarya and preeminent guru of ISKCON for all time” to be the crown jewel of his life’s work. With the passage of time, it is becoming clearer to me how these understandings are critical to our personal wellbeing and for that of our devotee society at large. Until we get that, our fickle minds will always be playthings in the hands of maya.


I am deeply grateful for the privilege of somehow being connected to you. Your mercy upon me and the world is beyond measure. As I comprehend and get glimpses of the potency of such causeless benedictions upon so many fallen souls, who have since perfected their lives by embracing your instructions, I feel humbled and appreciative of Your Divine Grace coming down to this unsavoury material world to offer us all the chance to go back to the spiritual abode in this lifetime. This shows how you are truly the friend of the fallen and an ocean of mercy.

The most precious and priceless treasure – Krsna - is your gift to everyone and anyone willing to accept. You can do this because Krsna is within your grasp; hence words will never be enough to glorify you, Srila Prabhupada. I therefore desire to offer my very self in your eternal service. Kindly continue to tolerate me and use me as you deem appropriate.

All glories to the Founder-Acarya and pre-eminent eternal siksha guru of ISKCON. His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaja ki jai. Gaur premanande.

*Your insignificant grand-disciple,
Jagadananda Pandit Dasa*



 My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to you.

ON THIS OCCASION OF YOUR VYASA-PUJA, we want to offer our unwavering commitment to serving this glorious movement of ISKCON. Your Divine Grace gave this wonderful gift to us, a shelter from the storm of the material world. You also gave us your wonderful sons and daughters, your disciples. They have given us further protection and shelter. Now, as so many of these senior devotees leave this material world, we need to carry the baton as your grand and great grand-disciples. Please give us the guidance and blessings we need. It will be a difficult task because we are really unqualified. Fortunately, we have all of your books to go to and all the wonderful preaching of your sons and daughters.


Recently, our spiritual master, HH Partha Sarati

das Goswami Maharaj said that he never really had a real relationship with his biological father, but he felt that Your Divine Grace was more than a father to him. Such was your love and guidance. We pray that we too can take shelter like the example Gurudev has set.

Your Divine Grace, we pray that we are worthy soldiers on the battlefield of this sinful and degraded material existence. Otherwise, we have not honoured the sacrifice that you have made to give us everything in this wonderful house called ISKCON.

*Your eternally grateful servants,
Jalangi Dasi, Urukram Dasa, Bhaktin Shruthi Kirti
and Bhaktin Shreyah Kairava*




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

I AM VERY THANKFUL for your mercy and guidance, which manifests in the form of transcendental knowledge. I also thank you for providing me with shelter within your ISKCON movement, as well as protection from illusion and the dangers of material life. Above all, I thank you for opening my path to the process of self-realization and giving me

intelligence to understand your books.

In the Bhagavad-gita – 4.42 (purport), you mentioned that of all the sacrifices mentioned in the shastras, self-realization is the most important. Also in the Bhagavad-gita – 7.10, you emphasize the importance of intelligence, and that without being intelligent one cannot understand the Supreme Lord.

 Jalangi Dasi
Urukram Das
Bhaktin Shruthi Kirti and
Bhaktin Shreyah Kairava
Durban
South Africa

 Jayadeva Dasa
North-West province
South Africa

Only by your mercy and guidance, are we able to understand these phenomenal aspects and concepts in life. In this way, you have given us the greatest gifts and talents which have helped to transform my life. I pray that I will remain forever in your ISKCON, and that I may have the intelligence to be able to see the futility of material nature and therefore

always continue to serve you to the best of my ability. I thank you very much Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krishna.

*Servant of your servant,
Jayadeva Dasa*

Jayasri Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



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

MY HEART FILLS WITH GRATITUDE and joy to glorify Your Divine Grace. I was blessed to attend one of your programmes in Durban, South Africa in 1975. You came to convey the meaning of the scriptures in a pure unadulterated way. You gave us an authentic rendition of the Vedic conclusions covering important topics such as the purpose of human life, the nature of the soul and Krishna consciousness. You planted the maha-mantra seed in the heart of everyone present. Observing and hearing you speak and do kirtan transformed my heart. The result was that 17 years later I was initiated by your glorious son, His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami, who further convinced me that your lotus feet is my eternal shelter.

Srila Prabhupada, you taught us by example. You said that we should chant 16 rounds as a minimum and seek the association of those with pure love for Krishna. The maha-mantra cleanses the dirt from our hearts and minds. The more we chant without offences, the more we develop our love for Krishna, thus helping us to move away from our material nonsense.

You encouraged us to read your books. Srila Prabhupada, the books you wrote are a gateway to an eternal life of bliss and knowledge. You never took any personal credit for your accomplishments.

“My only credit” you said, “is that I have strictly followed the order of my Gurumaharaj.” Your Spiritual Master advised you, that “whenever you get money, print books” and that you did. The process of Krishna Consciousness is to surrender. You encouraged us to co-operate with each other. If we co-operate, then the sankirtan movement will spread. Our society is like a big family and our relationships should be based on love and trust. We must work seriously and sincerely. If people are charmed by our behaviour, they will gradually adopt our transcendental activities.

You simplified Krishna consciousness. We are entangled in this world under Maya’s control. However, by engaging our senses in the service of Krishna, we can become eternally happy.

Your heart is an abundance of love. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for all that you have done for me. Please continue to shower your mercy and blessings upon me and keep me under the shelter of your lotus feet.

Please forgive me for my countless offences.

*Your granddaughter and servant,
Jayasri Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
We beg to take this opportunity in our meagre humility to 'thank you' Srila Prabhupada.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GUIDANCE and mercy in the form of your books, Temples, lectures, letters and wonderful Vaishnava devotees in ISKCON. Please bless us that we may utilize your legacy in purifying our existence and generously spread it widely. We pray that you continue to guide and bless us to become worthy ambassadors of your love in

the home that you built in which the whole world can live - ISKCON.

*Your aspiring servants,
Jayatirtha Dasa, Jnanasindhu Devi Dasi, Dristhi
and Bhavish Sewpershad*



Dear jagad-guru, Srila Prabhupada,
All glories unto thee.

THANK YOU SO MUCH for giving us Krishna consciousness. As a young adult, I find life very difficult and challenging in this material world. I find that by chanting the Hare Krishna maha-mantra daily, I feel some relief from anxiety as I am 'learning challenged'. My parents always encourage me to chant, and they are very supportive of me.

Wishing you a very happy Vyasa-puja.

I love you very dearly, dear jagad-guru, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your humble, aspiring, great grand-disciple,
Jayendren Naidoo (ISKCON Lenasia)*



Dear spiritual grandfather,
Your Divine Grace A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, kindly accept my respectful and humble obeisances as I bow down at your lotus feet.

ALL GLORIES TO LORD KRISHNA, for by his kind mercy we are able to render devotional service by following in your footsteps. All glories to you - Divine Master - you who are the reason that I have re-established my relationship with Lord Sri Krishna through the Bhakti Yoga process you have left for us to follow. I am grateful and forever will I always be thankful for your appearance day, as you have given us an eternal way to return back to Godhead through your divine work and teachings. I am truly thankful for this day as I am able to read and understand the essence of Vedic literature, the Bhagavad-gita, and

this is because you presented it as it is. Thank you for always walking with me; for appearing and delivering messages through my dreams; and even during the sacred days of Ekadasi, you always have a way to reveal yourself to me, teach me and guide me, and for that, I offer again my respectful and humble obeisances at your lotus feet. My dear spiritual master, from following your principles and chanting the sacred Mahamantra that you left for us, I am truly now able to set myself free from the anger and pain that I had been holding within me for years due to ignorance. I am able to

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love and accept Krishna as my Lord and God.

And for all that has happened on my path of self-realisation, may you kindly help me in growing and always find my feet in this path of Krishna consciousness, and to always be able to render devotional service no matter the challenges I may encounter.

May you kindly assist me through other activities which will help with most of my spiritual growth, and with my businesses, may I be able to use this channel to spread the word of God, with my career path as I am currently in need of activity/activities that will benefit the profit and growth of my businesses. May I be able to also use its benefits to growing spiritually and distributing your work and contribute to the temples which enables the spread of Krishna consciousness.

By your grace, may I be able to raise my child under the guidance of Bhakti Yoga, which is the only way to help her grow and to always stay in a good

and healthy relationship with our Lord Sri Krishna.

May I always be able to see the mercy of Lord Krishna in all my undertakings, in all activities, in my career, in my businesses, in my family and relationships, and in my association with his pure devotees; but mostly may I be able to see his mercy through the shelter you provide me to grow in my Krishna consciousness.

On this day, I pray that I may always remain under your divine shelter and never lose my faith in Lord Krishna. And even if I fall, please help me stand again by your kind grace's mercy.

I thank you and pray to you my spiritual master, my grandfather and our absolute guide.

Your humble servant, your granddaughter and student,

Jessica Ntumba Kalombo



Junica Ramsooroj 
Ballito
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances and all glories to you, Srila Phabhupada.

“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.”

I write this offering to you, on your Vyasa-puja 2022, and I must say that I have so much to be grateful and thankful to you for, especially for giving me and the whole world this Hare Krishna movement.

Through my recent life lessons, and these were hard and life changing, I found that I never became overly

upset nor lost hope. Through your books, that I studied, I found and took strength. It helped me to see my problems through a spiritual understanding and that allowed me to be more accepting and tolerant.

Your books provide a shelter for all the storms in one's life. We need to take more shelter in your books because your presence is felt in them. Thank you for giving us a priceless, eternal gift.

*Your loving granddaughter,
Junica Ramsooroj*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

 Justin Nagan
Chatsworth
South Africa

Prabhupada.
One who has many masters surrendered
At his feet.

Looking up at your disciples,
Whose lotus feet
Seem so far out of my own reach,
How could I fathom
The heights that you've peaked?

How can I fathom your lotus feet
On the Lower East Side streets.
How can I fathom that with mlecchas
You took equal seats.

You say you're presenting
Bhagavad-gita as it is,
But I don't think that's true.
Not even the Song Of God
Could save this stool relishing worm.

But Your Divine Grace
Took the Vedas ripest fruit
And with Sukadeva's grace
Sweetened the juice.
Following the trains of thought
Flowing through your minds station,
I would not accept that God Himself
Could have this high-school drop-out
Rapt in Bhagavatam narrations.

How long could one hold their breath
Diving into the ocean
Of your transcendental writings.
There seems to be no end
To the depth of your understanding
Of the Object Of Knowledge.

Just as the clouds
Disperse the ocean's water
Into great lakes
Non-different from the ocean,
You have distributed Lord Visvambhara's
Ocean-like flood of love
Into dozens of bhagavats
Who quench the thirst
Of dying desert dwellers like myself.

I offer my humble obeisances unto
His Divine Grace
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
Srila Prabhupada,
Who has supplied
The flood waters of love of God
To the parched dwellers
Of the desert-like material world.

Justin Nagan



Kaishori Devi Dasi
Northriding
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.

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

I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU, Srila Prabhupada, for allowing me a place in your ISKCON movement. It is only through this that I keep sane, otherwise this material world may literally swallow me up. There is just an unbelievable amount of suffering and stress here.

I sincerely beg on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja that you will let me into the spiritual world by the backdoor or by any means possible. I will be so glad if I can hold onto your lotus feet or hide behind you and sneak in. I know that I don't

deserve this, but I am praying that you will give me some causeless mercy and help me.

I am very grateful to you, dearest Srila Prabhupada, for taking such good care of my Gurudev, who was in hospital earlier this year. We all prayed to Krishna as best we could for Maharaja's good health, but I am sure that Krishna heard our prayers through you. It breaks our hearts to see and hear all that Maharaj goes through for us, undeserving disciples. This brought me closer to Maharaj in a sense, and also made me reflect and take stock of myself. I

thought a lot about how sick you were and your suffering in this material world even though you are not of this world.

I am doing my very best to be as engaged in devotional service as possible. I am involved with mentoring, transcribing, cooking for the deities, 'Take Care of Krishna' collections, reading and courses. I thank you for all of this from the bottom of my heart as I enjoy doing all of it. I cannot imagine what I would have done without service.

Yet, I cannot help but worry about your ISKCON and the future of it. I see that devotees can be really mean and hurtful to each other. A lot of the time, it's totally avoidable. Respect is lacking in quite a few cases in my experience, where little things get blown out of proportion, a few give themselves leader titles and take advantage of this with other devotees. Some devotees get treated badly, they deserve

our love and care now more than ever. We cannot try to control each other but need to encourage each other and support each other. We need to keep serving and being humble. When we communicate, we can also rather say I encourage you all to do something rather than, it's compulsory. We can keep your ISKCON growing and preach better if we all can heed this. I really cannot imagine how on earth, you, our dearest grandfather, tolerated all this.

I beg for Your Mercy to continue serving to the best of my ability always.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for tolerating me.
Haribol

*Your most insignificant granddaughter,
Kaishori Devi dasi*



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

*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."

Oh, my dear Lord and Master! When will I overcome my ignorance enough to not take your instructions for granted? To detach from material existence? To be humble enough to surrender? To take my spiritual health seriously?

May your Vyasa-puja serve as a reminder to this shame-filled, ignorant soul to stop chasing the temporary distractions of this material world and to recommit, again and again and again, to remain at your lotus feet, engaged in your service.

May my fogged vision soon clear.

*Your insignificant granddaughter,
Kalpa-latikā Devi Dasi*



 Kalpa-latikā Devi Dasi
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South Africa

Kamala Devi Dasi 🙏
Blantyre
Malawi



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

THANK YOU, SRILA PRABHUPADA a million times, for doing what you have done for the entire world. What would our lives have been like without you in this world!

It is only because you have made our good fortune that we have been able to become devotees. Out of all the gifts that you have given to us in this path of Krishna Consciousness, may I always remember and chant the holy names by always taking shelter

at your lotus feet.

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I beg for your mercy and blessings so that I will be able to accomplish this great spiritual feat.

*Your eternal servant in service to Guru and
Gauranga,
Kamala Devi Dasi*



Kandarpa Sundari Devi Dasi 🙏
Cape Town
South Africa



My Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my unworthy obeisances at the footprints of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you on your glorious appearance day.

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

SRILA PRABHUPADA LAST YEAR, amongst other things, I prayed to you for second initiation and now I cannot feel more unqualified of such prestige. One can never stop learning or developing, and I feel that much of that is still needed. Temple management has been so kind, and I have been given the opportunity to do so much more service. I really need to appreciate and perfect all that has been given to me first before thinking I can perform a more personal service to Sri Sri Nitai Mayapur Candra. Srila Prabhupada what really brings solace, is knowing that you are there watching over me, and with that I know that everything is happening as it should.

Srila Prabhupada, today I listened to a lecture that you gave on SB 1.08.30 at Los Angeles, 22 April 1973. The purport of this verse states that: "...the Lord's activities, forms and deeds are all inconceivable to our limited thinking power..." However,

the purport also says that Krishna "...can be easily understood by the pure devotees because they are intimately related with Him." That purest devotee is you Srila Prabhupada. How could we ever think of knowing the Supreme Personality of Godhead...his forms, qualities, or pastimes? How can there ever be a possibility of reaching Him? It is only by your mercy Srila Prabhupada that we have been awarded such blessings. Srila Prabhupada, you mention so often that we should always think of Krishna and see Him in everything. Sometimes when I look at the mountains as I drive to work, I say Krishna you are great. In the lecture you said: If you think that: "This mountain is the bone of Kṛṣṇa," that is also Kṛṣṇa consciousness...If you think that big Pacific Ocean is the navel of Kṛṣṇa. These big, big trees, plants, they are hairs in the body of Kṛṣṇa. Then the head, the skull of Kṛṣṇa, is the Brahmaloaka. The

sole is the Pātāloka.” In the lecture you mentioned that if we can think of Kṛṣṇa as the greater than the greatest, and if you think Kṛṣṇa is smaller than the smallest...that is also greatness. How inconceivable! Life is imperfect in so many ways, but you said that: “That if you can keep yourself always in company with Kṛṣṇa, then all perfection is there.” In this age, Kṛṣṇa has incarnated as the holy name, and this is the company we must keep. Caitanya Mahāprabhu says that: “My dear Lord, You are so kind that You are giving Me Your association by, in the form of Your holy name.” Unfortunately, Srila Prabhupada I can only pray that my wind of a mind can have such awakenings when chanting. I pray to remember as you say that when chanting we are associating personally with Kṛṣṇa personally. You emphasised this mood of Caitanya Mahāprabhu: “etādṛśī tava kṛpā bhagavan mamāpi - My dear Lord, You are so kind upon Me that You are giving Your association always, constantly...I am so unfortunate. I am not taking advantage of it.”

Guru Maharaja is holding a Vaishnava etiquette course and on day 3 he quoted you on the mood we should have while chanting, “...I understand that you feel helpless and totally inadequate, and you are in great anxiety that you cannot do this. Yet that is exactly the mood that I want you to be chanting with. I want you to be in so much anxiety, so anxious, in so much desperation that when you call out to Kṛṣṇa it is from the core of your heart. It should be the greatest desperation that anyone has ever felt in life. That is how I want you to chant Hare Kṛṣṇa while your hand is moving, and if you do that day

after day, crying to Kṛṣṇa for help, every single day then you will learn how to be an artist, that is all the training you need.” Please help me Srila Prabhupada to control my mind and to be attentive while chanting and to have this mood of desperation and anxiety.

In the lecture you said: “So the father and mother love Kṛṣṇa, the friends love Kṛṣṇa, the girl friends, they love Kṛṣṇa, the trees love Kṛṣṇa, the water love Kṛṣṇa, the flower, the cows, the calves, everyone loves Kṛṣṇa. That is Vṛndāvana. So, if we simply learn how to love Kṛṣṇa, then we can create immediately this world as Vṛndāvana. This is the only central point. How to love Kṛṣṇa.” Oh, Srila Prabhupada it is only because you love Kṛṣṇa that you created this ISKCON society for us as Vṛndāvana. At the end of the lecture, you said that Kṛṣṇa has not come whimsically. “He has got a great plan. Otherwise, why He should come here? He is very much eager to take you back to home, back to Godhead. That is Kṛṣṇa’s business.” Srila Prabhupada I am eager to go back home to Kṛṣṇa, and even though I may sometimes think of Kṛṣṇa and His greatness and chant His holy names (albeit without any meaningful feelings), I do not have pure love for Kṛṣṇa...but I know that you do! And because you are great Srila Prabhupada and so merciful, I know that you have a great plan for all your children and by your mercy we will get back to Godhead. I love you Srila Prabhupada!

*Your granddaughter,
Kandarpa Sundari Devi Dasi*



Dear Jagad-guru Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories unto you.

It gives me great pleasure in writing your glorification in the Vyasa-puja book honouring you as the true saviour of humanity. We are very fortunate

to be in Krishna consciousness due to your sincere disciples that are preaching throughout the world. I feel happy to be a member of ISKCON and have



Karuna Sindu Devi Dasi
Lenasia
South Africa


you as our grand spiritual master. Without you I would not have known about Krishna consciousness and practicing devotional service to Lord Krishna. I would not have known about chanting the Lord's holy name. I am engaged in reading your spiritual books and I enjoy it. My family and I do service in the mornings and night in our home mandir. We


attend Ratha Yatra festivals and many other festivals at ISKCON Lenasia.

I am forever indebted to you. Thank you Haribol

*Your grand disciple,
Karuna Sindhu Devi Dasi*



Karuna-sakti Dasi 
and Omkhar Jugunanan
Newlands West
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
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyā-desā-tarīne*

WE WILL ALWAYS REMAIN INDEBTED to you for opening up the doors to the spiritual world to us, and for making it possible for us to learn so much about Krishna from you and all of your wonderful servants.

Every day is special because of the opportunities for devotional service in the association of special souls who are dedicated to serving your mission. The more immersed the world becomes in sin, the more we realize the importance of what you came to teach because it's the only way to escape the misery that surrounds us.


Please guide us in becoming more sincere and steady in our cultivation of bhakti. Please help us to serve the Vaisnavas always, and please bless us to develop a fraction of your compassion so that we can preach your message with love.

Srila Prabhupada, we pray to always be in your merciful shelter and please you with our services.

*We love you very much,
Your fallen servants of the servants of the servants,
Karuna-sakti Dasi and Omkhar Jugunanan*



Karuna-Sindhu Avatara Dasa 
Rondebosch
South Africa

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

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 Chaitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

No one can convey the message of the Lord in such a practical manner for us living in the 21st century, trying to stay sane in the world of the insane. You risked your life so many times for us to have an

opportunity to obtain the topmost location, Golo-ka Vrindavana. Although most of us have never met you, by your mercy, we have a deep relationship with you. You've purchased our love by your personal example and character. Now it is time for us to carry on your message as your great grand disciples to every town and village. Please encourage us to never forget Krishna and always remember him as we traverse this dangerous world in search of some lovely souls to present to you to take them back home, back to Godhead.

His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada Ki Jaya.

*Your servant,
Karuna-Sindhu Avatara Dasa*



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

I WOULD LIKE TO START off by wishing you a very happy Vyasa-puja, Srila Prabhupada.

I was recently gifted a book titled, "A bond of love: Srila Prabhupada and his daughters". The book is about your female disciples sharing their memories of their exchanges with you Srila Prabhupada. Whilst reading this book, I smiled, I laughed, shed a few tears, was surprised, in awe, but most of all I was grateful to know that I belong to a sampradaya that practices the perfect way of life. This is all thanks to you Srila Prabhupada.

It was wonderful to read that your daughters felt safe and protected by you Srila Prabhupada; you are the perfect father figure. The father's duty is to protect his children and this you have exceeded at. Even though you are not physically present Srila Prabhupada, I feel your presence very strongly. I can still connect with you whenever and wherever and I feel protected and loved.

Srila Prabhupada, your smile is my strength, I get hope from this. Whatever atrocity the world does

to me, I feel safe knowing I belong to you. My life became very beautiful, as if heaven on earth, since I have taken shelter under your ISKCON. Every pain I experience is beautiful because I know that it takes me one step closer to you Srila Prabhupada.

I am forever indebted to you, Srila Prabhupada, for this sanctuary you have created that will essentially take us back to our beloved Krsna. This sanctuary of yours allows us to always remember Krsna and never forget Him at every step of the way - what a phenomenal sanctuary it is.

Srila Prabhupada, let me not miss this opportunity to seek your blessings that I may always remain in my true position (servant of the servant of the servant) and always stay in your ISKCON engaged in serving your servants.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your very happy and grateful servant,
Keli Lalita Devi Dasi*

 Keli Lalita Devi Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa

Keli Vrindavan Devi Dasi 🙏
Durban
South Africa



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

IN NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE, you set out for the West carrying with you a timeless wisdom with the quest of implementing your spiritual teacher's instruction. Exposed to so many calamities, Your Divine Grace persevered with determination to "build a house in which the whole world can live in".

Today, four hundred and ninety years since the birth of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu, we have more than five hundred ISKCON centres globally. Steeped in Gaudiya Vaishnava tradition, these spiritual embassies are windows to the divine realm, a visa-free passage, offering everyone a glimpse into an age old dynasty. The rich heritage, architecture and mystical aura that fill the atmosphere immediately transport the soul to a bygone era.

Your ISKCON establishments serve as a global home where everyone is loved, cocooned and protected. Today, on this, your divine appearance day, I, a mere insignificant existence, can only pray for your divine mercy to continue to engage me with humility in the service of your sankirtan mission.

In a letter to Syamasundara (Los Angeles, 12 November 1968) you stated: "Yes, it is your good fortune that you can serve Krishna in so many ways

- to work, to write, to speak, to paint, to build - all of these talents must be employed in Krishna's service. That will make you perfect. We are so fortunate to be in this human form of life, and to have the opportunity and the capacity to serve Krishna, and as there is very little time, we must do as much each day as we possibly can to serve Krishna, and to become always engaged in thoughts and activities of Krishna. Maya may try to pull us from Krishna's service, and try to engage us in her service, but we must simply persevere, and try to do as much as possible for Krishna each day, and gradually it will be easier and easier to keep engaged in Krishna Consciousness activities. And pray to Krishna to please keep us always engaged in the service of His Lotus Feet. Krishna is very kind, and He is never ungrateful, and will give you more and more opportunity to serve Him. That is His Mercy." Thank you, my divine grandfather, for giving me the courage to persevere in your divine service.

*Your toddling granddaughter,
Keli Vrindavan Devi Dasi*



Kesari-Raj Dasa 🙏
and Anjana Priya Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Hare Krishna our dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisance at your divine lotus feet.

SRILA PRABHUPADA ON THIS MOST auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja we would like to humbly, sincerely and with heartfelt prayers at your lotus feet thank you for the highest and rarest gift of Krishna consciousness that you have given us. Thank you very much Srila Prabhupada for engaging us in devotional service. We have been given these opportunities, but we still know that it is not enough to repay you

for what you have done for us. Thank you for coming to this horrible place to save us.

We also want to thank you from the depth of our hearts to have given us such a wonderful Guru HH Indradyumna Swami and all the other devotees of your divine movement. We pray you will always bestow your mercy upon us to carry out your instructions always. Please free us of our material

desires, give us a taste for chanting of the holy name and hearing the glories of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

*Your struggling servants of the servants,
Kesari-Raj Dasa and Anjana Priya Devi Dasi*



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

IN BHAGAVAD-GITA, verse 9.27, Krishna says: “Whatever you do, whatever you eat, whatever you offer or give away, and whatever austerities you perform – do that [...] as an offering to me.” This verse reminds me of how you lived your life by doing everything as an offering to Krishna, without wasting any time or resources.

Srila Prabhupada, I can see how you set the example of becoming one hundred percent Krishna conscious. The process you have given us, rise early, sing Gurvastakam, Nrsimhadeva pranams, Tulasi puja, ten offenses to avoid, chant a minimum of 16 rounds, greetings, guru-puja, and Srimad-Bhagavatam class daily, is actually meant to help us to live verse 9.27 in the Bhagavad-gita. I have realized that

this program is meant to help change our consciousness day after day, to remind us that we need to offer this life to Krishna.

Thank you so much for allowing me to take shelter of my spiritual master, His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami, who is giving me the mercy to become Krishna conscious with the correct attitude and mood.

Thank you so much for allowing me to be a part of your family in ISKCON, and for always giving me the opportunity to stay connected through loving devotional service.

*Your humble servant,
Kesava Bharati Dasa*

 Kesava Bharati Dasa
Midrand
South Africa



Hare Krishna my dearest Srila Prabhupada, my grandfather.
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada.

SRILA PRABHUPADA on this auspicious day of your vyasa-puja, I would like to thank you for everything that you have done for me, all your children, and all your grandchildren. If it wasn't for Srila Prabhupada, I don't know where I would be and what I would have been doing. I know you know what services I do; I promise to continue doing all of my services and take up more to help grow your beloved ISKCON.

Thank you for always bestowing your mercy upon all of us, thank you for being such an expert role model. I would try my best to follow your instructions and make you proud Srila Prabhupada. I love you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your grandson and grand disciple,
Keshava Madhava Dasa*

 Keshava Madhava Dasa
Alberton
South Africa



Kesi Ghata Dasa 🙏
Syama Rati Devi Dasi
and Raghunath
Durban
South Africa



Dearer Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our grateful obeisance.
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanatha, Sriman Mahaprabhu and Sri Giriraj.

MANY INDIVIDUALS ARE SEEKING ASTROLOGERS and science for relief from these recent, unimaginable calamities, yet you've already predicted these issues decades ago. This wonderful, complete science from the Lord was so compassionately delivered to us by Your Divine Grace, forsaking your own welfare. Many of us have our days of depression and disturbance, struggling in this hellish Kali-yuga. However, taking darshan of their Lordships at your Temples and dancing in kirtan, helps us regain our sanity.

Raghunath would like to add:

Thank you our beloved Srila Prabhupada for helping to save us. I see my friends eating meat and taking intoxication and feel sorry for them. I like how you say that 'Their brains are dirty, so we are washing it'. Therefore, I try to give them krsna-prasada and your books. With love from your grateful, great grandson Raghunath.

*Your servants,
Kesi Ghata Dasa, Syama Rati Devi Dasi and
Raghunath*



Kirtan Premi Dasa 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your dearest lotus feet.
All glories to you on your sublime appearance day.

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

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.

I am a lost soul who has been rotating in this cycle of birth and death since time immemorial. However, by your causeless mercy you allow fallen souls like me the opportunity to break free from this cycle and attain a place in the eternal abode

of Goloka Vrindavan, where I can serve the Divine Couple Sri Sri Radha and Krsna.

At a very old age you took the instructions of your spiritual master and travelled to the West with very little money and resources. You took so many risks just to fulfil the desire of your spiritual master, and by the mercy of your spiritual master and by your grace you have given the rest of the world the knowledge and process to break free from the cycle of birth and death. The words that emanated from your mouth are like a song and are now sung by all of your disciples, grand-disciples and great grand-disciples all over the world.

You have planted the seed of Krsna consciousness into my very dirty heart. The Krishna consciousness movement is so important that without

taking to it, no other method - political, social religious or cultural - can give relief to the poor chaotic status of the worldly situation.

In Nectar of Devotion, Chapter 12, you write, “Caitanya Mahāprabhu has recommended that everyone chant the Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra just to cleanse the dust from the heart. If the dust of the heart is cleansed away, then one can actually understand the importance of the holy name.” By your kind mercy, Srila Prabhupada, and despite us being so unqualified, you have come and spread the movement of Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu. You have given the world the king of all mantras, the Hare Kṛṣṇa maha-mantra. As predicted by Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu, you have enabled lots of devotees to chant this sacred mantra and today it is chanted by many living beings in numerous towns and villages. We are so grateful to you because the world we live in today is a very cruel one. Today, we live in a world where people have completely forgotten not only God, Kṛṣṇa, but also the simple way of making a living. People work day and night to get money - in this way they serve false masters who just exploit them.

*kathañcana smṛte yasmin
duṣkaraṁ sukaraṁ bhavet
viśmṛte viparītaṁ syāt
śrī-caitanyaṁ namāmi tam*

Things that are very difficult to do become easy to execute if one somehow or other simply remembers Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu. But if one does not remember Him, even easy things become very difficult. To this Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu I offer my respectful obeisances. (CC Adi 14.1)

By your loving mercy and affection towards all of Krishna’s children, you gave the world Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu - the incarnation of the Lord that appeared in order to deliver all of the fallen souls in this age of Kali-yuga.

I pray that by your mercy I can be in the eternal

pastimes of Lord Gaurāṅga on the banks of the Ganga in Sri Nabadwip Dham, Mayapur. And I pray that by your mercy you allow us to hold onto your dhoti so we can go back to the spiritual world where we can go on Govardhan parikrama with Lord Caitanya and His associates, and take part in the eternal pastimes of Sri Sri Rādhā Kṛṣṇa in Sri Goloka Vrindavan Dham.

O Lord Kṛṣṇa, the powerful thieves of my senses have blinded me by stealing my most precious possession, my discrimination, and they have thrown me deep into the pitch dark well of delusion. Please, O Lord of Lords, extend Your hand and save this wretched soul. O param Guru, with folded palms and tears rolling down from my eyes I beg for you to allow me entrance into the holy dhams. May you open my darkened eyes and fill my heart with transcendental knowledge. From you ecstatic prema emanates and by your mercy may we always be submerged in Kṛṣṇa prema.

In the transcendental loving service of the Lord, it doesn’t matter whether we are working, cooking, painting, writing, chanting, or whatever; they are all the same. There are no such distinctions of higher and lower on the transcendental platform. The important thing is that we are engaging our time and energy in the service of the Lord. After all, we are so tiny, what can we do? Krishna sees simply that this time is being spent in His service.” Letter to Karunamayī, 25th Feb, 1968. Oh, master of the world, please engage me in the loving service of Sri Sri Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa birth after birth. May you guide me in my service, and I pray for you to be next to me upon each step I take towards Kṛṣṇa. May my imperfections become perfections and I pray for you to accept me as your great grand disciple.

All glories to the ever so beautiful Mayapur-chandra. All glories to your lotus feet.

*Your insignificant servant,
Kirtan Premi Dasa*



Kirtana-rasa Dasa
Pietermaritzburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED during which we've been restricted to temple access and sadhu-sanga. With that comes a lot of frustration, along with different and diverse ways to associate with Your Divine Grace and your disciples. By using the internet I've actually attended more krsna-katha than I would have without the COVID-19 pandemic. This has brought me more exposure to more of your disciples and grand disciples.

I can't thank you sufficiently for bestowing so much mercy upon me. We all know the limited nature of these human bodies, so we have to prioritize more hearing of krsna-katha in order to further our progress on this path you've shown us.

Thank you.

*Your grand disciple,
Kirtana-rasa Dasa*



Kirti Devi Dasi
Ladysmith
South Africa



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

I HAVE NO QUALIFICATION AND KNOWLEDGE to describe a pure devotee as yourself. I am therefore inexpert to describe your pure qualities. Srila Prabhupada it is only through your causeless mercy that I have been saved from falling down into the dark pit of material life. By working through your wonderful disciples, you have been my saving grace. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for never giving up on me and assisting me through my spiritual and material journey. By your

mercy I wish to become fixed in my service. My only desire is to serve you and their Lordships for eternity. Please continue showering your mercy upon me and allow me to maintain my daily japa. All glories to your Divine Grace.

*Your spiritual granddaughter,
Kirti Devi Dasi*



Kishore Jagdeep
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

Srila Prabhupada, please continue to shower your mercy and blessings on mankind. Haribol, haribol, haribol.

*Your well-wisher,
Kishore Jagdeep*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,
I offer my respectful obeisances to your divine 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-desa-tarine*

NO AMOUNT OF WORDS CAN EXPRESS my heartfelt gratitude and thanks to you. You have given us an abundance to be grateful and thankful for in the form of your teachings, preaching, and books. Unfortunately, as fallen a soul as I am, I try to do the best I can in this wonderful ISKCON family that you have created throughout the world. The hardships that you have experienced throughout your journey of spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness are, without a doubt, touching and painful for us who hear about your experiences and difficulties you had to endure in giving the world this wonderful ISKCON movement.

Amidst the great difficulties we face daily, we can get some solace in your preachings and teachings in the form of your books. This movement has changed many lives and will continue to do so, and

your endeavours and efforts will never go in vain.

Your teachings have given us the goal, that of understanding that we must endeavour to get out of this material entanglement and attain the goal of perfection in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. You have given us the gift of the holy name, that the sincere chanting of this holy name can deliver us fallen souls at the time of death, and help us go back home, back to Godhead.

I beg your divine grace to forgive me for all my offenses that I have committed and always keep me in your service.

*Your most fallen servant,
Kripa Tirtha Dasa*




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

*vande ham sri-guroh sri-yuta-pada-kamalam sri-gurun vaishnavams ca
sri-rupam sagrajam saha-gana-raghunathanvitam tam sa jivam
sadvaitam savadhutam parijana-sahitam krishna-caitanya-devam
sri-radha-krishna-padan saha-gana-lalita-sri-visakhanvitams ca*

I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master and unto the feet of all Vaiṣṇavas. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī along with his elder brother Sanātana Gosvāmī, as well as Raghunātha Dāsa and Raghunātha Bhaṭṭa, Gopāla Bhaṭṭa and

Śrīla Jīva Gosvāmī. I offer my respectful obeisances to Lord Kṛṣṇa Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda along with Advaita Ācārya, Gadādhara, Śrīvāsa and other associates. I offer my respectful obeisances to Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī and Śrī Kṛṣṇa along with Their associates Śrī Lalitā and Viśākhā.

 Kripa Tirtha Dasa
Gauteng
South Africa

 Krishna Balarama Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa

Srila Prabhupada, I am very grateful to you. You snuck into my life several years ago, through your books and somehow have remained. I was and am not deserving in any way. Thinking back, I feel grateful that somehow your teachings clicked with me those many years ago and echoed some sanity into me. At that time, I was on a marathon of trying to find answers to life, and when I read your book science of self-realisation, all that I required answers on, just became apparent. In those three years that succeeded, I continued to find books of yours that came into to my life. Only many years later, I reconciled that it was all books written by you. I thank those many devotees and aspirants, that somehow had enough faith in you to want to share these teachings with me. These days I find myself still taking guidance from your books and am still mesmerised by the intellect and discernment you show in how you present the philosophy. It is astounding how you are able to present such profound teachings in a way that is consumable to our brains. Recently I was reading in Srimad Bhagavatam; Lord Brahma stated that the Lord is so difficult to understand from their perspective, being in the mode of goodness. What then to speak of us

humans who are consumed by the modes of passion and ignorance. This is humbling, in our limited perspective, we feel, we have arrived, having understood your teachings, yet, there is just so much more, so much more to learn. It glares at us, yet, depending on our acceptance and surrender, the windows to this knowledge open wider. I am certainly not a surrendered soul, but certainly a lot more surrendered than I was 34 years ago, and I can attest that my understanding of your books now, is very different from what it was in my teenage years, and therefore I have some experience of that window opening a bit.

Srila Prabhupada, you have certainly created a revolution in our consciousness and encouraged us with such dedication and sincerity to want to go deeper in our spiritual journey. You have instilled trust in the process of Krishna consciousness and its result. And in doing so, you have embalmed implicit trust in you and Your teachings. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for all you continue to give and have given us. I pray to always be sincere to your teachings, your guidance and your institute.

*Your grandson who will always be indebted to you,
Krishna Balarama Dasa*



Krishna Katha Dasa 🙏
Vacoas
Mauritius



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

AS ONE MAKES SPIRITUAL PROGRESS, one can realise that your glories have actually no end. That you are indeed the saviour of all fallen souls, that you are our well-wisher with the most compassionate and loving heart. You have left for us a treasure house of books to enlighten us with divine knowledge. Your ISKCON movement is growing bigger and bigger and people of all walks of life are chanting the Hare Krishna maha-mantra. Temples are being constructed in very opulent style to attract everyone to Krishna consciousness. All this is happening

because of your mercy. Thank you immensely for your great sacrifice at the age of 69, paving the way for us to come back to Krishna. Praying for your mercy that I will one day purely chant the holy name and sincerely follow your teachings so that I can induce others to also take up Krishna consciousness and help them perfect their lives back home, back to godhead. Srila Prabhupada ki jay.

*Your servant,
Krishna Katha Dasa*



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,

*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*

I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCE unto you, who is very dear to Lord Krsna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet. Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

The journey that you had embarked on to the West was the greatest journey for me and my family. Who knows what would have been my fate if you did not create this most wonderful house for me to take shelter in? By your mercy you have given me my spiritual master who is taking me back home, but I am so unfortunate that I am not taking full advantage of this opportunity. Please continue to be merciful upon me so that one day I too will be fortunate to return home. This material world is deteriorating at a rapid pace and when I sit and look back at my life, I then realise how fortunate I am to have received your blessing and mercy.

South Africa is really embracing maya because daily we have protest actions that lead to violence, destruction and sometimes death; we have load shedding exposing the poor to the cold; we have a

severely deteriorating economy and no light at the end of the tunnel. Attracting people to the temples are getting more and more difficult. Thus, please be merciful upon the Sri Sri Nitai Guara Hari Ratha Yatra committee who is trying to put together a festival that will allow the people of Lenasia to take darshan of the Lord. Finances are low but by your causeless mercy, this team can deliver a successful Ratha Yatra and hopefully some individual from the community may turn towards you and Krsna. Please be merciful upon my family and guide them so that they too can one day return home. Please help my daughter to reach her spiritual maturity so she too can surrender unto Krsna. She tries, and with your mercy and blessings she will be able to surrender sooner rather than later. As for me, I am so fallen that I am struggling to help build your home to allow more fallen souls to be saved. I desperately need your blessing and mercy. Please show me extra affection and guide me. I only wish to serve in a manner that will help grow ISKCON and thereby save other fallen, conditioned souls.

*Your most fallen conditioned servant,
Krishnacandra Dasa*



All Glories to your Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

MOST DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA. I am not sure of what is happening in my life, but I know that karma plays

a part. I simply want to thank you for always being a part of my life. Please guide me further even though



Krishnacandra Dasa
Alberton
South Africa



Krsna Karuna Devi Dasi
Cape Town / Durban
South Africa

I make mistakes.

This year I started my studies again and would like to thank my father for all he has done for me. My prayers is for God to always keep him safe, in good health, joy and peace. I pray that Lord Nrisimha-deva will continue to protect him, that Srila Prabhupada will constantly guide him and that Lord Krishna

will forever remain his loving well-wisher. It is only by your mercy Srila Prabhupada and my father Rasaraj Dasa that I am the person I am.

*Forever indebted to you Srila Prabhupada,
Krsna Karuna Devi Dasi*

Krsna Kesava Dasa 🙏
and Madhavi Devi Dasi
Verulam
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisance at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace!

YOU SEEM TO DEFY THE LAWS OF GRAVITY, “whatever goes up must come down”. But Srila Prabhupada, being truly patita pavana, whoever falls down, you seem to pick them up. This is the compassionate nature, quality and objective of a maha mukta purusa devotee of the Lord. You take birth in this world simply so that we may stop taking birth in this world, an acarya appearing to purify the conditioned souls. You exhibit the mood of Prahlad Maharaj, presenting the truth no matter what the circumstances and how unpalatable it may be. There are some transcendentalists that chant but don’t preach the glories of the holy names and some who preach but don’t chant the holy names, but you Srila Prabhupada, traversing the globe on numerous occasions have based your life on both. Because your surrender was so complete, Lord Caitanya chose you to export pure

devotional service to Lord Krishna from India to the rest of the world hence making ‘Hare Krishna’ a household name in every country.

You have painstakingly written so many books for the benefit of all mankind and the fragrance of your presence is still very strong in them. Srila Prabhupada, on this most sacred day, we pray that we can serve you through your instructions and the instructions of your advanced disciples. We pray that we always remain within the association of devotees and humbly attempt to contribute directly or indirectly by assisting you in fulfilling the mission of Lord Sri Krishna Caitanya.

*Your unworthy servants,
Krsna Kesava Dasa and Madhavi Devi Dasi*

Krsni Devi Dasi 🙏
Phoenix
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Koti koti pranams.

Another year has passed in which the challenges did increase,
But your teachings remind us what is real peace.
You faced so many struggles and uncertainties too,
But in every situation Krsna was the answer, you knew.
Your life was a surrender- not for personal gain,

But to guide us to see adversity- not in vain.
We pray that we can use every moment that Lord bestow,
To create opportunities for our bhakti to grow.
Thank you for being the perfect example of how to love God,
and reminding us of our duty as servants of the Supreme Lord.
This useless soul begs to someday reach your lotus feet,
So that in some lifetime far from now Lord Caitanya I may meet.

*From an insignificant being,
Krsni Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this sacred ceremony of your Sri Vyasa-puja.



Kulasekhara Dasa
Lenasia, Johannesburg
South Africa

Srila Prabhupada, by your causeless mercy and compassion, you have arranged facilities for us to engage in devotional service. Most of us who have taken shelter of your sons and daughters have been suffering in this material world - thinking that sense gratification will make us happy, but by your mercy, we have realised what the real goal of life is.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for taking the time to write so many books, which give us joy to read and distribute. Srila Prabhupada, I am so fallen

and degraded, but your sincere followers are kind and affectionate to allow me in their Sanga.

Please, Srila Prabhupada, bless us all to be kind and loving towards all your devotees. Praying for your blessings that I always serve your servants.

*Your grandson,
Kulasekhara Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to your lotus feet.



Lalita Devi Dasi
Phoenix, Durban
South Africa

I AM NOW 74 YEARS and I want to give thanks to your grace. Respectfully I also thank your spiritual son HH Partha Sarathi Das Goswami. My status is that I have a deaf and dumb son plus my other son has too much on his plate as a single parent. Please bless my children so that they can make spiritual progress. I am chanting and especially I like to dance. With the Covid-19 virus I think I am in high risk category, thus

I am attending fewer public programs. I pray that I can do more service as you decide.

Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare/
Hare Rāma, Hare Rāma, Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare.

Lalita Devi Dasi



Lalitha Devi Dasi 🙏
Malvern, Durban
South Africa



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

ALL GLORIES TO YOUR WONDERFUL DISCIPLES who are teaching us everything that you taught them, Srila Prabhupada. However, somehow, I am finding that I am struggling in my spiritual life. I am lacking in devotion. I beg for your mercy so that I can have a speck of love and devotion in my heart.

I thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for tolerating me and for your kindness towards this unworthy person.

Your servant,
Lalitha Devi Dasi



Loka Manohara Giridhari Dasa 🙏
Germiston
South Africa



Hare Krishna dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance's at your lotus feet.
All glories, all glories, 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
nirvīśesa-sunyavadi-pascātya-ḍeśa-tarīne*

YOUR APPEARANCE DAY is the most important day. Srila Prabhupada you appeared the day after your wonderful Lord Sri Krishna the Supreme Personality of Godhead. You are sent personally by Krishna to rescue us the conditioned souls. Lord Caitanya amazingly made the animals of the Jharikhanda forest chant Hare Krishna. You Srila Prabhupada made us the animals of the concrete jungle/Western world chant Hare Krishna, a feat that is basically impossible. You have said that impossible is a word in a fools dictionary and you have practically shown us that one who has full faith in Krishna and His bona fide representative can do the seemingly impossible.

Your eternal spiritual master His Divine Grace Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Gosvāmī Prabhupāda instructed you to preach this Krishna consciousness to the Western countries and that if you ever got money to print books. History shows that you have accomplished this in a most remarkable way. You continue to preach about Krishna through your books and you bring so many lost souls in touch

with Krishna every day. Your life story Srila Prabhupada is truly amazing and astounding. I never tire of hearing or telling others about you and your incredible past times. Hearing about you Srila Prabhupada brings the greatest joy to my burning heart. As you have always been loyal to all of us Srila Prabhupada I pledge to be loyal to you. Keeping you in the center of all I do. Coming into contact with an extraordinary personality like yourself is certainly the greatest fortune there is, a blessing like no other. Material life is very dangerous and full of ups and downs, we are all suffering due the modes of material nature. Srila Prabhupada you are not affected by these modes and one who is in contact with you also becomes immune to these effects according to ones surrender to Your Divine Grace. Many devotees all over the planet can attest to this. I will try my best follow your rules and instructions and will do whatever I can with my limited capabilities to help your movement.

The last two years have been the most difficult in

my spiritual life, the details of which are not fit to be mentioned here. The reason I bring it up is because it is another example of how merciful you are Srila Prabhupada. It is only because of you that I am able to pick up my bead bag every morning and engage in some sort of devotional service. Even though you are not physically present with us you are still looking over us and guiding and caring for us through your divine words. You are with us every step of the way, holding our hands and protecting us. This is a fact that I am becoming more and more convinced of every day. Srila Prabhupada you are the one person

who I can trust whole heartedly, I know that you love me regardless of my many short comings, you are our `ever well-wisher`. I pray to you Srila Prabhupada that you continue to be merciful to me even though I know I don't deserve it. I am useless but please use me in some way to push on your grand mission. Please be patient with me Srila Prabhupada, I promise to make you proud one day. My only wish is to please Your Divine Grace.

*Your undeserving servant,
Loka Manohara Giridhari Dasa (narādhama)*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you on this most auspicious occasion of your appearance in this world.



Lokanath Dasa
Gauteng
South Africa

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

YOU TRAVELLED AROUND THE GLOBE with relentless energy and determination, completely fixed on the order of your spiritual master and you affected thousands of people's lives very deeply; and saved them from material existence through your association, love and your divine instructions to chant the holy names.

Your presence has also caused a massive ripple effect around the globe as today there are many more people continuing to join the Hare Krsna movement due to your potency and the potency that you have given, and continue to give, those who follow your instructions.

I was born in 1976, and I feel very fortunate to

have been on the planet while you were also on this planet, even though I did not meet you during that time. Now you are becoming more and more present in my life as I try to follow your instructions, which are passed on in disciplic succession to me. This is my unlimited good fortune which you have created for me.

I pray that I may become more and more closely connected with you and that my life of being an aspiring Vaishnava may become more and more pleasing to you.

*Your eternally indebted aspiring servant,
Lokanath Dasa (BCAIS)s*



Madana Govinda Dasa 🙏
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Hare Krishna. I bow down at your lotus feet in great awe and reverence thousand times over and over.
All glories, all glories, all glories to you Srila Prabhupada.

I AM FOREVER INDEBTED at your divine lotus feet. I was drowning myself in the ocean of material enjoyment knowing very well this is all sense gratification. I had one arm towards Krishna and the other the arm towards material enjoyment. With good association and some good fortune, I would be pulled towards the Lord than back into drowning myself in the material ocean. As time passed like this I began to realise I needed help. Devotees advised that I should pray to you. While offering you a simple lamp and incense I would sometimes sincerely pray along these lines, dear Srila Prabhupada I keep drowning myself, I need your help, I can't do it by myself, please help me, I no longer want this drowning life. I have no qualification, I have no sincerity, I have no endeavour, I have no love, I have no bhakti, I am nothing but an insignificant fool. I was the worst because I wasn't even in ignorance as I knew where the right path was. Despite all my darkness you Srila Prabhupada, the saviour of millions, the ever merciful shining light, the hero in all our lives, pulled me out of the material ocean far enough so I wouldn't drown. This compassion you showed me,

this causeless endless mercy you graced me with, sending me HH Bhakti Caitanya Maharaja, all these are the biggest blessings in my life.

I offer my most sincere obeisance at the shade of your lotus feet over and over from all sides. I am not completely out of the material ocean but only through Your Divine Grace, do I have a chance to try to swim towards Goloka Vrindavan. Only by your guidance can I go back home. Your shining light helps me see through this darkness day in day out. Guru Maharaja was giving us examples of your humility. You are the saviour of this entire world, you are the greatest gift to this world, you are the warrior in our lives against maya, yet you say you are the lowest. I beg to you on this day for your mercy to develop this sincere humility. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for sending me my guru maharaja and for everything you have done and continue to do.

*Your insignificant servant of a servant of a servant,
Madana Govinda Dasa*



Madhavi Manjari Dasi 🙏
Randburg
South Africa



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

I WISH TO THANK YOU for all your love and mercy that you have shown to me. I am so grateful to you and I pray that I am always under your shelter.

*Your servant,
Madhavi Manjari Dasi*





Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you on this auspicious day.

WHAT WOULD MY MORNING routine be without you? Every morning I wake up and play a recording of one of your classes so my ignorance can be dispelled by your transcendental words.

What would my japa be like without chanting with you or your wonderful disciples and grand-disciples?

What would my days be like without hearing your Bhagavad-gita or Srimad Bhagavatam classes?

What would my nights be like without reading your words in the countless books that you left us?

I don't always realize it and I take it for granted, but you make up my whole day and life and without your presence and influence I shudder at the thought of where I would be.

I am eternally grateful to you for bringing me into Krishna consciousness and for making me stay. I am eternally grateful to you for bringing me to my own spiritual master who has taken me under his shelter and has brought me closer to you. I prayed so hard that you would help me come under the shelter of a spiritual master so I could also be a part of Krishna's family. You fulfilled that desire wholeheartedly.

Now, I pray to you from the bottom of my heart that I can be a good disciple to you and my spiritual master and that I can continue your movement and make my contribution to this perfect process of Krishna consciousness.

Help me to always realize the importance and the value of devotional service and help me to fill my heart with devotional service so it may overflow and spill over to everyone else.

You are most merciful and had such high hopes for all of us and you could see the Lord's hand in everything. Help me to have that vision so I can see the mercy everywhere and be a selfless instrument in that mercy. Only by the mercy of the pure devotee can the self-manifesting and independent Bhakti Devi appear in our hearts. So I beg at your lotus feet that She may appear and that I may be a worthy enough disciple to fulfill your wishes and desires.

You have shown us what it means to be fully surrendered and fully instrumental in the plans of the Lord. I hope to imbibe even just a fraction of your mood and then I would consider my life perfect.

Thank you for your continual service, love, mercy and guidance in all of our lives. Help me to become more tolerant, humble, respectful and compassionate so I may see the dire need for Krishna consciousness in everyone's lives and that I may chant the holy names of the Lord constantly. Thank you for the role that you play in Lord Caitanya's movement and the role you play in the lives of all conditioned souls.

*Your aspiring servant of your servants,
Madhurya Kadambini Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to you Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to the devotees.

I KNOW YOU ARE MY WELL-WISHER and that is why It took me so long to write. You are jagad guru so my current status is in your thoughts. My two kids

Krsna Karuna and Radhanath are always in my prayers. Both of them seem cared for better than I could have with their dad. These days with people



Madhurya Kadambini Devi Dasi
Chatsworth
South Africa



Mahabhav Devi Dasi
Phoenix
South Africa

dying everywhere I realize that life is still too short. I miss serving my Deities and bathing your murti form plus beading your garments and or making garlands for you. I have a new life, husband and

children too.
Thank you.

Mahabhav Devi Dasi (Disciple of HHPSDG)

Mahaprabhu Dasa
and Family
ISKCON Soweto
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace and all glories to your ISKCON movement.

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

WE ARE SOMEHOW OR THE OTHER trying to spread the message of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu to the fallen souls that reside in and around Soweto. As you know, we are all householders who have to spend so much time maintaining our family life, and at the same time organise ourselves in trying to preach on your behalf. Our preaching programs consists of Harinama Sankirtana, festival preaching, the famous Sunday Love feast, book distribution and most importantly Food for Life distribution. Being neophytes makes it a bit difficult for things to run as smoothly as we would wish, but by your grace we are experiencing amazing results and the preaching

is expanding. As you may know due to the COVID-19 pandemic things haven't been the same and it has become very difficult to preach under the circumstances, but slowly things are unfolding and gradually the situation is going back to normal - hopefully.

Please give us strength and energy to push on this wonderful movement you started. We are forever indebted to you Srila Prabhupada. May your glories be spread throughout the entire universe.

*Your insignificant servants of your servant,
Mahaprabhu Dasa and Family*

Mahaprabhu Dasa
ISKCON Phoenix
Durban
South Africa



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

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namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvīsesa-sunyavadi-pascātya-desa-tarīne*

HARE KRISHNA AND HAPPY VYASA-PUJA. You once said that we should make the best use of a bad bargain.

In recent years, I have faced many difficulties and challenges but by your mercy, books, devotees and

by your Krsna, I was able to pull through, maintain my japa and get more involved in devotional service.

I am proud to say that on 18th March 2022, on the most auspicious day of Gaura Purnima, I took Harinam initiation from His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami and was officially linked to the guru-parampara system.

Please continue to watch over me Srila

Prabhupada. Give me the knowledge, strength and courage to serve more sincerely, to be humble and to make guru and Gauranga proud.

Thank you for everything Srila Prabhupada.

*Your lowly servant,
Mahaprabhu Dasa*



Hare Krishna, dearest Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept my most humble, respectful, and loving obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Your Divine Grace.

WITH DEEP GRATITUDE, I thank you for your grace, mercy, and blessings.

*Your insignificant servant,
Haribol,
Mala Poonsammy*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

SRILA PRABHUPADA if it was not for you establishing the Hare Krishna movement, I cannot imagine what my life with be like with the difficult miseries the whole world is inflicted with. The COVID-19 pandemic, flooding in KwaZulu-Natal and the crime we hear of everyday. I am so grateful and feel protected by being attached to the movement that offers so simple yet so comforting means to devotees

throughout the world with the online darshan and discourses administered by maharaja's and senior devotees.

Thank you, Lord Krishna for giving us Srila Prabhupada in Kali-yuga.

Manjari Mahima Devi Dasi



Dear Srila Prabhupada Hare Krsna,

Please accept y humble obeisances.

All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to Your Divine Grace's disciples and all senior devotees. All glories to all the Vaisnavas.

THANK YOU SRILA PRABHUPADA that Your Divine Grace were willing to come to this planet. Thank you that you brought your wonderful disciples here also to save us. Without your mercy and the mercy of your

followers my life would have been lost. I pray at your lotus feet to determine how Your Divine Grace would like me to serve you and serve my spiritual master, all Vaisnavas and the world. I pray, that by

 **Mala Poonsammy**
Johannesburg
South Africa

 **Manjari Mahima Devi Dasi**
Marbleray
South Africa

 **Marie Viljoen**
Durban
South Africa


your mercy, the mercy of Lord Kṛṣṇa and the Vaisnavas that I may please just realise in truth even the merest beginning of the immense significance of Your Divine Grace coming here and starting the Hare Kṛṣṇa movement. How can I ever thank Your

Divine Grace?

*An insignificant aspiring servant,
Marie Viljoen*



Mathura Mohan Dasa 
Mathura Mohini Devi Dasi
and Family
Sandton
South Africa

 Our dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Vyasa-puja, it is our duty to show our gratitude for all your endeavours and time spent just for us to take to the process of Krishna consciousness. It is only by your mercy that we are able to advance in Krishna consciousness.


We would like to thank you for everything you have done. Without your mercy, we would be lost

in this material world with no spiritual path at all. Please forgive us for any offense we have made while trying to serve in ISKCON.

*Your insignificant servants,
Mathura Mohan Dasa, Mathura Mohini Devi Dasi,
and Family*



Mathura Shyam Dasa 
Durban
South Africa

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

THIS YEAR WAS INDEED AN EXTRA SPECIAL YEAR in my life. On 18 March 2022, on the auspicious occasion of Gaura Purnima, I received Brahmin initiation from my merciful spiritual master. This event changed my perceptions in life and simultaneously engulfed me in the mercy of the parampara.

As I reflect upon my good fortune, I am overwhelmed with emotion.

How fortunate am I to have been touched by your divine causeless mercy. How fortunate I am that you never gave up on me. Even when I thought I was alone, I didn't realise that once you grabbed hold of my hand, you would never leave it.

Srila Prabhupada, had it not been for your divine vision, my life would simply lack purpose and be a complete waste.

As we suffer torment after torment in this

material world, it has become more apparent and clearer that your words are timeless and of utmost importance.

Now more than ever I understand the urgency in your message, the truth in your words and the compassion within your heart for all fallen souls.

I am insignificant in your divine mission, but I pray that in some way I may be able to offer some service directly or indirectly to Your Divine Grace through serving your ISKCON.

Srila Prabhupada, I am forever indebted to you, thank you for not just rescuing me once from this ocean of birth and death, but for also ensuring my life jacket is on and pulling me back to safety, as I foolishly jump in the dangerous waters time and time again.

I am never able to repay you, and thus my life

belongs to you, may these words become the object of my meditation.

*The insignificant and fallen servant of your servants,
Mathura Shyam Dasa*



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

 Mikara Pooran
Durban
South Africa

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namaste sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desā-tarine*

I RESPECTFULLY OFFER MY OBEISANCES unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Sarasvati Goswami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you

for everything you have given me in my life. Thank you for giving me a place to call home, a place where I can hide from the cruel and unforgiving world.

*From,
Mikara Pooran*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you. All glories to the ISKCON movement.

 Mukunda Dasa
Fairlands, Johannesburg
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA, may your glories reign throughout the three worlds. May your glories shine within the hearts of your sincere devotees and those yet to come. May this age of Kali-yuga be blessed with your incessant mercy, unquestionable compassion, and guidance. May your purports and commentaries in Srimad-Bhagavatam reach the hearts of everyone who comes in contact with them, reawaken them, and transform them into wonderful devotees.

You are the gem of all gems, the spiritual master at whose feet all spiritual masters reside. You are the sena-pati of Lord Caitanya and our only direct link to him.

I offer my prostrated obeisances unto you, over and over again.

*Your servant eternally,
Mukunda Dasa*



Mukunda Datta Dasa
Tongaat
South Africa



Hare Krsna Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories unto the dust at your lotus feet.

EVERYTHING THAT IS PREDICTED in the Srimad-Bhagavatam is starting to unfold before our very eyes. The Bhagavatam does not lie and we are seeing the true testament to that. The Covid-19, Corona virus has claimed so many casualties worldwide, no one ever expected such a catastrophe. But it has happened, killing countless scores of people. Innocent children being gunned down in schools, war between Russia and Ukraine and much more chaos all over the world. The sad truth is that this is just the beginning of Kali-yuga, it is truly an Iron Age, striking solid blows on all living entities throughout the world without any respite for anyone. The only hope is your ISKCON movement, which you have so kindly created for all of humanity. Lord Caitanya has brought the holy name and you have distributed Him, Lord Krsna- Sri Harinaam Prabhu. This holy

name is the only panacea for the suffering of this age.

I pray we all can surrender more and more to your lotus feet and try to make some contribution to the Society. We are all forever indebted to you for your kindness and sacrifice to give Krsna consciousness to the world. May your name be forever glorified and in that way the movement will grow and spread for generations to come. Thank you very much for all you have done - for all of us. Please continue to shower mercy on us and one day we will see you, face to face in the spiritual world.

All glories unto you. Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

*Aspiring to be a servant of your servants,
Mukunda Datta Dasa*



Nadiya Devi Dasi
Oakdene
South Africa



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

AS THE YEARS PASS BY, I see how wonderfully your vision unfolds. A truly magnificent legacy sustained by your pure desire and the desire of your sincere disciples, to carry this movement for generations to come. And what a rare gift you so liberally offered - love of God. Never was there so sublime a method than what you have presented. Thank you Prabhupada, your strong conviction borne of realization inspires me. In a world dominated by greed and deceit, you portrayed a novel concept of selfless service as you sacrificed your life to teach us about Radha and Krsna, and the eternal blissful life of Vraja. It is true that you have created our good fortune, without your mercy we would be wondering aimlessly in this material world. Blindly following

concocted rituals in the name of religion, oblivious to what the real goal of life is. I listen in disbelief as so-called scholars and philosophers try to explain the meaning and goal of life. Prabhupada you have so expertly shared these truths in a comprehensive way through your books and lectures.


The world today recoils in devastation as one epidemic replaces another, death and disease are more frequently prevalent. However, the philosophy that you expounded is a strong antidote, that allows us to see a situation with real knowledge. Having taken to the path of bhakti, everything in our lives become auspicious. A devotee recently told me with great conviction “don’t worry Prabhupada will take care of you” and that statement was like a soothing

balm. I recall reading in a purport of Bhagavad Gita, that Krsna takes care of the family members of a devotee, and I realized what an incredibly personal movement this is. There is no limit to the mercy that flows from your heart and from all the acaryas all the way up to Radha and Krsna, all being channelled through your disciples and followers. The more we delve into this subject matter, the more astonished we become, knowing that there is an unlimited storehouse of mercy at our disposal. All we need to do is follow in your glorious footsteps. On

this auspicious day of your vyasa-puja, I pray that you lovingly guide me Prabhupada. I often stumble, but please don't let me stray from the shelter of your ISKCON, and the association of your dear followers. I hold onto the hope that the grandchild even though wayward will always be the recipient of the grandfather's merciful glance. Begging for that merciful glance.

*Your fallen granddaughter,
Nadiya Devi Dasi*



 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath.


I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCE unto Srila Prabhupada, who has opened my eyes, which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge. Thank you for giving me shelter under your lotus feet and for giving me Krishna consciousness. You spread the message of the Lord to the world. Despite the hardship you went through, you didn't give up and succeeded in your mission.

We are so grateful and indebted to you.

Thank you for giving us Krishna consciousness and the maha-mantra to chant. We are still so fallen, so please guide us in our spiritual life.

*Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.
Nama Lila*



 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your divine appearance, I want to thank you for allowing me to stay in the shelter of your ISKCON. I have not earned it and have no spiritual qualifications, but out of your causeless mercy you have allowed me to stay. For this, I thank you very sincerely.

As my body ages, I now understand, not fully, but just a little, what pains you have gone through, yet you never erred, to give Krishna consciousness to all corners of our planet.

I heard a pastime about you, told by your disciple HG Atma Tathva Prabhu. You were very ill in Bombay (now Mumbai) and you still wanted to go to England to preach. A very senior priest from South India boarded a flight to Bombay to explain something to you. When he arrived in Bombay nobody would allow this priest to see you, but because they heard that he had travelled by plane at great expense they came and found out from you and you allowed him to come through. So he explained to

 Nama Lila
Durban
South Africa

 Namacarya Dasa
Honeydew, Johannesburg
South Africa

Your Divine Grace that because you are still living and you are allowing all sorts of people to worship your personal murthi form, you are getting all this bad karma which is affecting your health. So you told the priest that you know about that and you are still doing it for the benefit of the people in general. The priest was shocked that you knew it and you were still allowing it; that as long as the people were benefitted, you didn't mind to suffer. The priest said that well he is just a priest and left with appreciating you, Srila Prabhupada, so much.

Although you are not manifest any longer to our eyes, you are making devotees through your books and teachings. If it were not for your books and your disciples, I shudder to think what would become of us.

Begging to remain in the shade of your divine lotus feet and your ISKCON eternally,

*Your grand-disciple,
Namacarya Dasa*



Nama-Srestha Dasa 🙏
and Divyangana Devi Dasi
Gauteng
South Africa



Dearest Śrīla Prabhupāda,
Please accept our humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
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
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desā-tarīne*

ŚRĪLA PRABHUPĀDA, you have given us the opportunity to know who we truly are and provided us with the means to go back home, back to Godhead. You endured many personal difficulties and sacrificed so much to give us the most transcendental and sublime knowledge of loving Krishna.

Please forgive us for any of our offenses. By your mercy and the mercy of our guru maharaj His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami we are steadily trying our best to serve you and spread the mission of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu.

We have been serving at the ISKCON Global Property Office for the past three years now assisting to create a world-class organization dedicated to protecting ISKCON properties.

We have also been engaged in serving at the

Bhaktivedanta Book Trust Africa division trying to achieve your instruction of printing and distributing as many books in as many languages in Africa.

So, on this most auspicious day of your Vyāsa-pūjā we pray that you empower us to be your fully surrendered servants and thus fulfill your desire that the whole universe become Krishna conscious.

Please bless us and our two girls, Demira and Aradhya so that they will also grow up to lovingly serve your mission.

Thank you for giving us this wonderful gift of Krishna consciousness.

*Your humble servants,
Nama-Srestha Dasa and Divyangana Devi Dasi*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet, dear grandfather.
All glories to Your Divine Grace, the saviour of the whole world.

YOU ARE MOST CERTAINLY KIND and compassionate towards me as a grandfather always is. Despite all my shortcomings you still allow me to serve you personally every week. I recall reading a post recently where a disciple of yours committed some forbidden activity, and you replied that you reject him. But when questioned later by another disciple whether this is really the case you said that you cannot reject a disciple. You accept everyone unconditionally. Although it is never my intention to commit offences and displease you Srila Prabhupada, I beg for forgiveness and for your favour upon me. I value the personal time you afford me when I bathe you and change your cloth in murti form. Of all the pujaris I know I'm most incompetent when it comes to dressing but still you overlook my slackness and I feel your appreciation despite my shoddy attempts at this intimate service.

I continue to drive past the City Hall daily en route to work and I'm blessed to know and appreciate this good fortune when I realize this is indeed a

sacred place, a tirtha, by virtue of you setting your lotus feet right here in Pietermaritzburg on 12 October 1975.

All along I had a desire of wanting to be a preacher of Krishna consciousness and an ambassador of ISKCON. This desire is being realized more so recently, as opportunities present themselves in the form of community outreach and house preaching programs, only due to your mercy and that of your loyal servant, my guru maharaja HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami. I pray to you to keep me absorbed in devotional service and sheltered at your lotus feet and at the lotus feet of my guru maharaja. I am extremely grateful to you for rescuing me from this ocean of material suffering and keeping me afloat in devotional service thus making my life meaningful.

We remain forever indebted to you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your grand disciples,
Nanda Maharaja Dasa and Yasodamayi Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet. All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja. All glories to my spiritual master His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, EVERY YEAR I get to know and understand your divine position, words are failing me to appreciate and glorify you appropriately, as there are no words that can fully describe your unique position. I understand that being able to write an offering year after year is more evidence that your mercy still permeates this world. Srila Prabhupada, as Narottama Dasa Thukura describes in the Guru Vandana, first stanza:

*śrī-guru-carana-padma, kevala bhakati-sadma,
bando mui sāvadhāna mate
jāhāra prasāde bhāi, e bha va toriyā jāi,
kr̥ṣṇa-prāpti hoy jāhā hāte. – “*

“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 Kṛṣṇa.”



Nanda Maharaja Dasa
and Yasodamayi Devi Dasi
Chase Valley, Pietermaritzburg
South Africa



Nandanandini Devi Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa

Srila Prabhupada, understanding the conditioned and fallen souls, you have mercifully left many tools to be able to survive in this material world and return to our eternal positions, with The Supreme Lord. Srila Prabhupada, for this I thank you again and again for coming and rescuing us in this material world.

As Kali-yuga progresses, the crazy activities in the material world are getting beyond help. If it was not for you, we would think this is it, "the be all and end all". I, therefore, tightly hold onto your lotus feet, the only safe place which is an ocean of mercy. Srila Prabhupada, thank you for bringing and teaching us the scriptures. This knowledge of the Absolute Truth is the only tool for which anyone can leave this material world. No more endless cycles of birth and death. You gave us back our identity as the servants of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. You taught us that the Lord is a real person, that He loves us and want us to go back to Him. With this knowledge that you have given us, we know that there is a place that's full of bliss and happiness with the Divine Couple. Srila Prabhupada,

thank you for giving us the Divine Couple and showing Their beautiful, sweet love for us. I remember sometimes you used to listen to your servant read Krsna book, you would be so absorbed in the Lords pastimes and you would be relishing so much that sometimes you would burst out laughing. These are incredibly precious moments that we always carry in our heart. Srila Prabhupada, for us to reciprocate with the Lord's love, you taught us the maha-mantra, the vehicle back to The Supreme Lord.

As Narottama dasa Thakura sings: "The lotus feet of our spiritual master are the only way by which we can attain pure devotional service" Every day when I engage in devotional service and chant the maha-mantra, I am aware that is due to your divine mercy. I am praying that you know that I always appreciate and Love you. I am also always praying for your mercy, and that I never leave the shelter of your divine lotus feet.

*Your granddaughter,
Nandanandini Devi Dasi*



Nandarani Devi Dasi 🌸
Greenside, Johannesburg
South Africa



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

THIS YEAR MARKS 45 YEARS since you departed. It also marks 126 years since your birth.

The dualities of the material world are perhaps most starkly present in birth and death. The continuum of these processes affects every person. I once heard the saying that "your death begins the day you are born." However, your birth and departure, Srila Prabhupada, are not ordinary events. The appearance and disappearance of a pure devotee are all-auspicious. These are events that we worship as sacred days. The day you were born was a sacred blessing. If you had not come, what would have happened to the millions of people who were exposed to

the authentic process of devotional service only by your activities? You were the carrier of the message of your guru, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarawati, on a scale that nobody had previously accomplished. Srila Prabhupada, your birth and departure were auspicious events. Your birth changed the entire world. You trained your disciples, and those still around are trying their hardest to make sure that they carry your legacy forward.

I sometimes wonder how your loving disciples coped with your departure. I remember hearing a pastime of how your sons and daughters never thought about your departure. They could not

comprehend something like that happening. Yet it did occur, and they had to deal with it. Srila Prabhupada, your grandchildren are now grappling with the reality that many of your stalwart, loving sons and daughters have already left. There are your other sons and daughters aging or dealing with ailing health. You taught your sons and devotees how to die, and we are learning from your sons and daughters. They carry your teaching forward and teach us how to live amidst the increasing Kaliyuga craziness, and they are also showing us how to die.

I remember seeing the picture of your daughter, Her Grace Krishnanandini Prabhu, in a cardboard box as a coffin. I read somewhere that it was her desire to be cremated in that way. She placed no value on the material body. She was the head of the Grihastha Vision Team (GVT) and was incredibly committed to expanding the resources and support structures to devotees in the grihastha ashrama. I remember your son, His Grace Karanamrita Prabhu, another member of the GVT, who shared on Facebook, his journey to Vrndavan to seek medical assistance. His weakening body did not stop him from continuing to encourage and support others. Their love for you, Srila Prabhupada, poured out like a river of love and compassion. They both touched our hearts. Their material bodies succumbed to cancer, but both were determined to the very end to honour your instructions and teachings and perfect their lives. They reminded us that we do not have much time and urged us to get serious about devotional service sooner than later. There are many more examples.

Thinking of your sons and daughters makes my heart feel heavy. There are moments when I feel happy that I had the opportunities to know about and even get the personal association of some of your disciples who departed in previous years. Some devotees never got to dance at mangal arati with a pounding kirtan led by His Holiness Bhakti Tirtha Swami. Some did not have the opportunity to sit in a class by His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami and be

mesmerized. We miss them greatly, Srila Prabhupada. It gives me some slight insight into how your sons and daughters felt when you departed. Oh, dear Srila Prabhupada, we lament as we lose your sons and daughters.

It is said that “he reasons ill who says that Vaisnavas die when thou art living still in sound! The Vaisnavas die to live, and the living try to spread the holy name around!” Thus, I know that just as you live forever in your instructions, they too continue to live. I know that we can still associate with you and pray to you. Similarly, we can pray to your sons and daughters, even if they depart. Still, Srila Prabhupada, I am weak. I miss those who have departed because I can no longer get their physical association. I lament for each one who leaves because their journeys to Krishna consciousness represent your compassion. It does not mean that your compassion is going, but I feel it is a signal. I feel a voice getting louder and louder: “It is time for you to become more serious about being an instrument of Srila Prabhupada’s compassion.” Oh, Srila Prabhupada, how I long to one day again dream that you are looking through to me as I chant my rounds. I long to again dream that I am sitting at your lotus feet. I am unfortunate that I do not have a taste for the holy name.

I pray to you, Srila Prabhupada, to please give me the strength to withstand my monkey mind and become fixed in devotion service in whatever shape or form you feel will allow me to be an instrument of your compassion. I pray to you to please give me the strength to withstand the losses of your sons and daughters and to learn to become more serious about serving in the way they have taught us.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for opening my eyes to the realities and dualities of the material world. I beg for your mercy to be equipoised in the face of the dualities.

*Your grateful granddaughter and servant,
Nandarani Devi Dasi*



Narayana Dasa 🙏
Curepipe
Mauritius



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisance at the dust of your lotus feet.

BEFORE COMPOSING THIS OFFERING, I was just reading HH Kadamba Kanana Swami's realisation as he will be leaving this material world shortly due to being infected by cancer. I was impressed by the heartfelt gratitude that he was offering to all devotees namely to you, the seniors, the juniors and everyone. At this point I want to share my personal realisation. You are really magnanimous. By you we got a wonderful soul like HH Jayadvaita Swami. In turn, HH Jayadvaita Swami initiated his HH Kadamba Kanana Swami, a very powerful kirtaniya who has immersed the whole world in ecstasy. Now HH Kadamba Kanana Swami will be giving sannyas to

Sutapa Prabhu, another wonderful soul of your ISKCON movement.

Let me humbly declare it to the whole world that Srila Prabhupada is the most powerful Acarya of the Gaudiya-vaisnava-sampradaya. He created ISKCON, a transcendental spiritual movement, through which anyone of any caste, creed and colour can achieve the highest perfection of life. We are greatly indebted to you for this, Srila Prabhupada.

Your useless grand disciple
Narayana Dasa



Nashvin Gangaram 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Śrīla Prabhupāda,
Hare Krishna. Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace!

THIS YEAR, BY YOUR MERCY, some festivals and programs finally resumed here in a way that we have been accustomed to. It was such an amazing feeling to again physically offer obeisances to your mūrti, form in the Temple and honour kṛṣṇa-prasāda in the association of many devotees. Thank you for allowing our spiritual life to be reinvigorated in this way, while also inspiring other innovative ways of sharing Kṛṣṇa consciousness over the last few years.

The most amazing thing I heard about you this year was how deeply you understood the intentions of your spiritual master, Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Gosvāmī Prabhupāda. In Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta Madhya-līlā Chapter 1, there is a description of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu being astonished that Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī could understand His mind: (69) "No one knows the purport of My verse," Caitanya Mahāprabhu said. "How could you understand My intention?" (70) Saying this,

Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu bestowed various benedictions upon Rūpa Gosvāmī, and taking the verse, He later showed it to Svarūpa Gosvāmī. (71) Having shown the verse to Svarūpa Dāmodara with great wonder, Caitanya Mahāprabhu asked him how Rūpa Gosvāmī could understand the intentions of His mind. (72) Śrīla Svarūpa Dāmodara Gosvāmī replied to Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu, "If Rūpa Gosvāmī can understand Your mind and intentions, he must have Your Lordship's special benediction." (73) The Lord said, "I was so pleased with Rūpa Gosvāmī that I embraced him and bestowed upon him all necessary potencies for preaching the bhakti cult. In the purport to (71), you humbly reveal: "We had the opportunity to receive a similar blessing from Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Gosvāmī when we presented an essay at his birthday ceremony. He was so pleased with that essay that he used to call some of his confidential devotees and show it to them.

How could we have understood the intentions of Śrīla Prabhupāda?” Similar to the blessings given by Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu to Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī in (72) and (73), this implies that you received Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Gosvāmī’s special benediction and he bestowed upon you all the necessary potencies for preaching bhakti. Please give all of us, your aspiring followers, your special benediction and an

insight into your mind and intentions. Please continue bestowing your favour upon me even though I do not deserve it.

*An aspiring servant of your loyal followers,
Nashvin Gangaram*



Hare Krishna my dearest beloved Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.

I’M HIGHLY INDEBTED and grateful to you Srila Prabhupada, for I’m progressing nicely in Krsna consciousness due to Your Divine Grace’s blessings and mercy upon me. A million times dandvat pranam unto your lotus feet. All glories to my most beloved guru maharaja too.

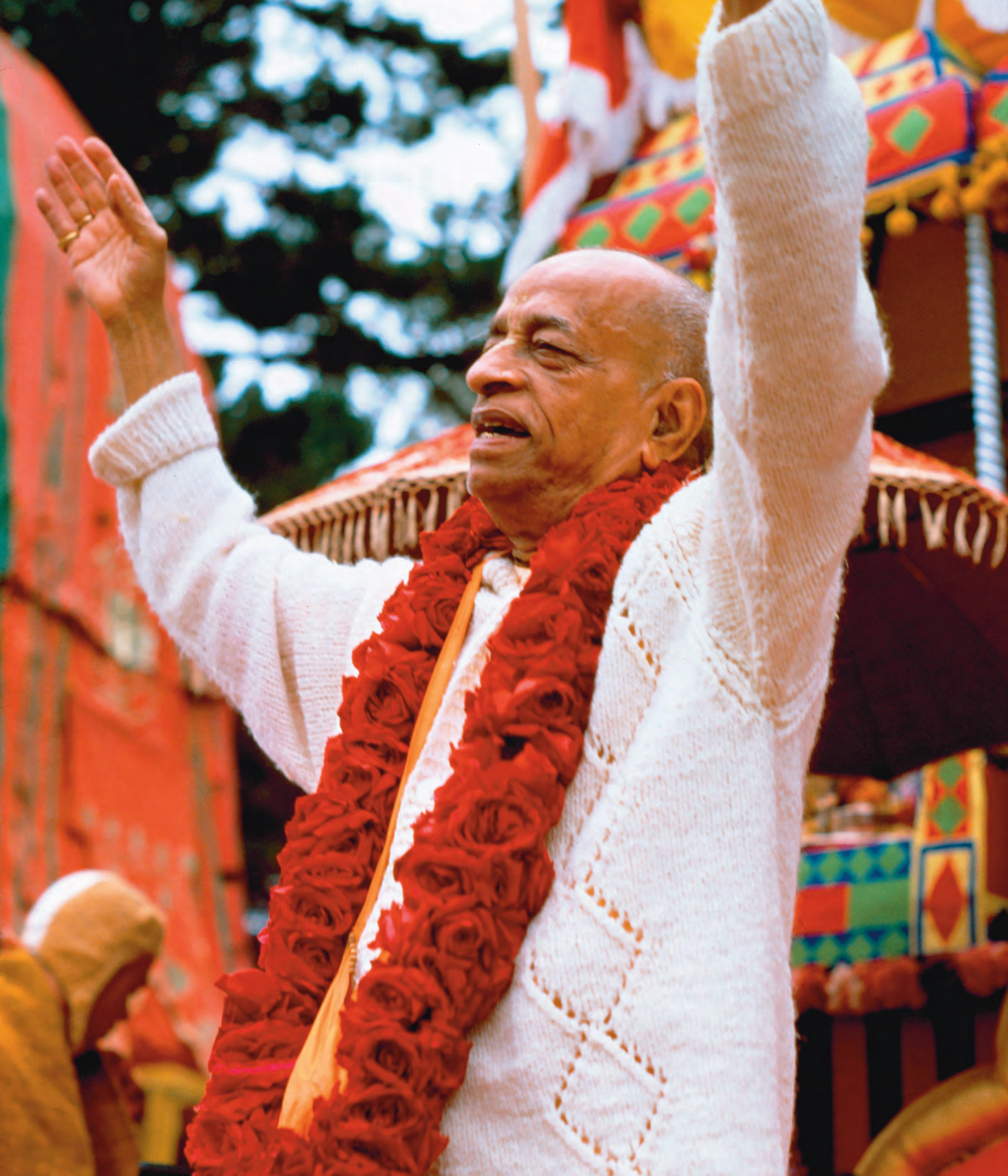
Both of you gave me the most divine grace blessings by reading your beautiful books listening amazing kirtan/bhajan and learning them learning most divine verses from Bhagavat-gita and Srimad Bhagvatam too and I’ve most divine power by chanting harinam it’s only my saviour Srila Prabhupada

how do I repay you? I’m the most fortunate soul that you’ve chosen me for your divine service. Srila Prabhupada please give me your amazing blessings that I can repay some of my debts to you. I’m always indebted/grateful to you and my guru maharaj HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami Maharaj who gave me this opportunity. Please have mercy and loads of blessings to fulfill this.

*Your servant forever,
Nav Kishori Devi Dasi*




 Nav Kishori Devi Dasi
Tzaneen, Limpopo province
South Africa





Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada on this day of your Vyasa-puja, the best of all spiritual days.

 Neeraj Maharaj
Durban
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA, we offer all the harinams, all the distributed books, all the times we helped cook prasadam, all the rounds we chanted, the kirtans we experienced and all other devotional services at your divine lotus feet. All this, Srila Prabhupada, is by your mercy. We thank you, Srila Prabhupada, although no amount of thanks will ever be enough.

We also pray that you, please, kindly help us all continue and improve in Krsna consciousness.

Srila Prabhupada, Vyasa-puja ki jai.

*Your fallen servant,
Neeraj Maharaj*



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisance at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day of your Sri Vyasa-puja.

 Nikunja Seva Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA, I have been listening to your memoirs. It's so amazing how you interacted with each disciple in such a personal way, like a loving father nurturing and guiding them on their spiritual path. Srila Prabhupada you are the epitome of love and compassion, you saw everyone as a representative of Krsna and you engaged them accordingly. Srila Prabhupada you have Krsna in your heart you can give Him to us, such is your potency.

to me, for such is your power. I am indeed wretched and simply run after you, crying, Krsna! Krsna!" Srila Prabhupada on special days like these your mercy is so much more easily accessible. My heart felt prayer to Your Divine Grace is that you may kindly look favorably unto this fallen soul and bestow your mercy of kindness, compassion and love unto this most wretched soul. If you don't give me your mercy then what is the use of my life. Begging to get a drop of a drop of your mercy so that I can be allowed shelter at your divine lotus feet. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for give me shelter in one of your many homes that you built.

The 4th stanza of Ohe! Vaisnava Thakura really stands out and exemplifies Your Divine Grace. Krsna is very far away but His pure representative is amongst our midst. Lord Krsna states one who says he is My devotee is not my devotee, but one who says he's the devotee of My devotee, he's My devotee. "Krsna is yours. You have the power to give Him

*Your most undeserving granddaughter,
Nikunja Seva Devi Dasi*



Nilacala Devi Dasi 🙏
Rondebosch, Cape Town
South Africa



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

THANK YOU for making the sacrifices you made to bring Krishna Consciousness to the west. You had so much faith in your spiritual master and Krishna, who had a bigger vision than you had for yourself and carried this within your heart.

Please bless me so I may have the same faith and courage to pay it forward.

*Your aspiring servant,
Nilacala Devi Dasi*



Nimai Maistry 🙏
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

THANK YOU for everything you have done for Krishna consciousness. You are one of the main reasons I am a devotee. Without you, we would not be what we are today as you popularized the movement to what it is today. You have taught me so much and I only seek more of your knowledge.

Thank you for protecting me on my journey and guiding me through life.

*Your servant
Nimai Maistry*



Nimai Mistry 🙏
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Hare Krishna. Please accept my most humble obeisance's.
All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada on your most auspicious Vyasa-puja.

THANK YOU for blessing and helping us. Thank you for making me a devotee and for changing the world. Please help me to chant lots more. Please bless me more and help me to be a better devotee of Lord Krsna. Thank you for all the verses. I love all the verses a lot and I love kirtan a lot too. Thank you so

much for all the information about Krishna and for all the devotees.

*Your servant of the servants,
Nimai Mistry (6 years old)*



Nitai Candra Dasa 🙏
and Devaki Priya Devi Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to your lotus feet.

HAPPY VYASA-PUJA, Srila Prabhupada.

It's been our good fortune to be part of the ISKCON

family which you tirelessly established. It is the magnanimity of your service which allows us to still be fortunate enough to associate with you daily, even after you have left this material world so many years ago.

Please bless us to be able to add positively to your ISKCON. You have made spiritual soldiers in your mighty army; they are merciful enough to take

on disciples like us and connect us to you, Srila Prabhupada.

Please continue to guide us to continue to strengthen our Krishna-consciousness understanding and bless us with taste for the holy name.

Your servants,

Nitai Candra Dasa and Devaki Priya Devi Dasi



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

YOUR ACTIONS ARE OF A GREAT CALIBRE. Even at such an old age, your devotion to the Lord is much greater than mine could ever be. Many of your disciples are trying to have just a fraction of the enthusiasm you had for the Lord's service. These devotees have only further inspired other followers of the Lord and I hope they can do the same for me.

In this lifetime of mine, I only wish that I have the opportunity to gain a fraction of the dedication

you had in pursuing a Krishna conscious lifestyle, where all my thoughts will be led to Lord Krishna. I can only imagine the feeling of realisation when I will be able to see that the only enjoyment in life will be serving the Lord's devotees and the Lord himself.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

Your humble servant,
Nitai Maistry

 Nitai Maistry
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR INDEBTEDNESS, gratitude and appreciation to you – eternally, and on this

*sva-dharmācaraṇaṁ śaktyā
vidharmāc ca nivartanam
daivāl labdhena santoṣa
ātmavic-caraṇārcanam*

“One should execute his prescribed duties to the best of his ability and avoid performing duties not allotted to him. One should be satisfied with as much gain as he achieves by the grace of the Lord, and one

auspicious day especially.

should worship the lotus feet of a spiritual master.” Srimad Bhagavatam 3.28.2, Lord Kapila Instructions on the Execution of Devotional Service. In a purport Srimad Bhagavatam 3.25.8 you explain:

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“This verse is very instructive, since it indicates the relationship between the spiritual master and the disciple. The disciple or conditioned soul is put into this darkest region of ignorance and therefore is entangled in the material existence of sense gratification. It is very difficult to get out of this entanglement and attain freedom, but if one is fortunate enough to get the association of a spiritual master like Kapila Muni or His representative, then by his grace one can be delivered from the mire of ignorance. The spiritual master is therefore worshiped as one who delivers the disciple from the mire of ignorance with the light of the torch of knowledge. The word pāragam is very significant. Pāragam refers to one who can take the disciple to the other side. This side is conditioned life; the other side is the life of freedom. The spiritual master takes the disciple to the other side by opening his eyes with knowledge. We are suffering simply because of ignorance. By the instruction of the spiritual master, the darkness of ignorance is removed, and thus the disciple is enabled to go to the side of freedom. It is stated in Bhagavad-gītā that after many, many births one surrenders to the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Similarly, if, after many, many births, one is able to find a bona fide spiritual master and surrender to such a bona fide representative of Kṛṣṇa, one can be taken to the side of light.” Thank you for pointing us in the direction to be successful in spiritual life – by approaching a bona fide Guru. You are the bona fide representative of Lord Kapila.

In Srimad Bhagavatam 3.31.43 purport: “When the living entity is encaged in the material body, he is called jīva-bhūta, and when he is free from the material body he is called brahma-bhūta. By changing his material body birth after birth, he travels not

only in the different species of life, but also from one planet to another. Lord Caitanya says that the living entities, bound up by fruitive activities, are wandering in this way throughout the whole universe, and if by some chance or by pious activities they get in touch with a bona fide spiritual master, by the grace of Kṛṣṇa, then they get the seed of devotional service. After getting this seed, if one sows it within his heart and pours water on it by hearing and chanting, the seed grows into a big plant, and there are fruits and flowers which the living entity can enjoy, even in this material world. That is called the brahma-bhūta stage. In his designated condition, a living entity is called materialistic, and upon being freed from all designations, when he is fully Kṛṣṇa conscious, engaged in devotional service, he is called liberated. Unless one gets the opportunity to associate with a bona fide spiritual master by the grace of the Lord, there is no possibility of one’s liberation from the cycle of birth and death in the different species of life and through the different grades of planets.” Thank you for being merciful and kind to us – by making us understand the pain and misery of the material world, irrespective of how comfortable we may make ourselves here. We read of the many hardships and great inconvenience you experienced to bring this knowledge to us. In June 1967 you suffered a terrible heart attack, in which you later described as your heart having a stabbing pain. You tolerated so much, so that we can benefit from your many years of sacrifice and service. Thank you.

*Your servant of your servants,
Nityananda Dasa and Vasudha Devi Dasi*



Noleen Durgapersadh 🙏
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Dearest Srila Prabhupada, Hare Krsna. Please accept my humble obeisances unto your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Krsna, to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, to Sri Sri Gaura Nitai, to Sri Gira Govardhana and to Your Divine Grace.

I THINK OF YOU EVERY DAY and I am eternally grateful to you for providing us sanctuary in a world gone berserk. I am no longer in any delusion about the sufferings in this material world. We are living in such volatile and turbulent times, facing major health, natural, environmental, social, political and economic catastrophes. There are very few role models as most people and leaders are consumed by sense gratification and are hankering after position, power and wealth. Your devoted servants and followers are the only hope and sanctuary for all of us. We are indeed blessed to have come in contact

with your ISKCON, and it provides the only viable shelter. Your Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple and your devotees changed my life forever. Please bless me so that I may always be under your shelter and protection, distributing your books, sharing the holy names and serving in your ISKCON. You are our well wisher, always.

*With eternal gratitude unto Your Divine Grace,
Aspiring to be a servant of your servant's servants,
Noleen Durgapersadh*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath. All glories to Sri Sri Gaura Nitai Hari. All glories to Your Divine Grace, A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada.

*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*

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE, compassion, guidance and association. Thank you for giving us the most precious gift, the maha-mantra. Thank you for your most wonderful books which we treasure and read constantly. Thank you for giving us this ISKCON family “a place where we truly belong”. This movement is built on the foundation of your strength and devotion to the Supreme Personality of Godhead “Sri Krishna”. To this I offer my humble obeisances.

The more we read and hear about glories from your disciples, the more gratitude we are developing for you. You are the only shelter in this material world. Begging to remain always at the dust of your lotus feet and always remain within your ISKCON family.

*Your loving grand disciples,
Padmanabha Dasa and Padmavati Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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



Padmanabha Dasa
and Padmavati Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa



Paramatma Dasa
Westville North
South Africa

WE ARE SO THANKFUL that you have spread the glories and teachings of the previous Acaryas so expertly. Your guru maharaja will be so proud of you.

You always remind us of our forgotten relationship with Lord Sri Krsna, and how to revive this in this human form of life by following the Vedic literatures that you have wonderfully presented.

We are grateful that you have established

ISKCON so that we can associate with devotees and glorify Lord Sri Krsna together and gradually elevate our Krsna consciousness.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your ever well-wisher,
Paramatma Dasa*

Paramisvara Dasa 
and Paramisvari Devi Dasi
King Williams Town, Eastern Cape
South Africa



Hare Krishna Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our humble obeisances as we bow down to the dust at your divine lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Grace, who has so mercifully came to this material world to show all us fallen souls the way back home, back to Godhead.

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

IN THIS AGE OF KALI-YUGA, everything is so dark and miserable, and each day it gets darker and more miserable. The deeper we go into this age, the more frightening it becomes. People in general are oblivious to the dangers that are still to come. We ourselves were not aware until you showed us these dangers. You have warned us over and over again to chant the maha-mantra sincerely and dedicate our lives to Sri Krishna. In this way, we will work our way quickly out of this dangerous world. As we continue daily in our Krishna consciousness activities, we awaken each day with newer and refreshed appreciation for the wonderful gift that you have so lovingly bestowed upon us. That gift is your ISKCON movement. This gift from the spiritual world is very rare and we cannot even begin to think how fortunate we are to have taken birth in this age, in this human form and at that time when you have appeared to give us this great gift. How fortunate is that. For someone to miss this rare opportunity is their greatest misfortune.

You have taught us through your divine books that Lord Sri Krishna and Lord Sri Caitanya


Mahaprabhu only appears once in each day of Brahma. That in human years is once in every 8 billion 640 million years. And we feel that whenever Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu appear, you follow to give the world the great gift called ISKCON. To be a human at this point in time during your appearance is a very rare opportunity. You went to great lengths to spread this message to numerous living entity and it is now our task to continue fulfilling your great mission. The heavenly plane called ISKCON has landed on the surface of this earth and everybody needs to get on board to go back home, back to Godhead. We just need to make sure that the plane tickets in the form of your books are distributed to everyone.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, thank you so much for everything that you have done for us. All your hard work and sleepless nights will not go in vain. Your dear sons and daughters that you personally trained are also working tirelessly to ensure that your great work is successful and that we continue with your great service also. We want to wish you a very, very happy Vyasa-puja Srila Prabhupada. We bow down again and again to your divine lotus feet

and pray that you will always keep us at the shade of those beautiful divine lotus feet. We pray with all our hearts that we always remain servants of your servants in your wonderful ISKCON movement. Hare Krishna.

*Your very insignificant and lowly servants of your servants,
Paramisvara Dasa and Paramisvari Devi Dasi*



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

 Prabha Durgapersadh
Durban
South Africa


WORDS FAIL TO EXPRESS my absolute gratitude and appreciation to Srila Prabhupada, without whom I would have remained a useless liability to society. I endeavour, every minute of every day, to be a decent spiritual being, all because of the priceless and valuable teachings of Srila Prabhupada and his priceless gems in the form of his numerous literatures.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for leaving behind such a priceless legacy. Thank you for your selfless journey in ensuring that I have this experience.

*Your insignificant foolish servant,
Prabha Durgapersadh*



 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisance's at the dust of your lotus feet.

 Prabhanu Dasa
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa

I HAVE SO OFTEN THANKED YOU for allowing me to participate in your ISKCON, but I don't feel that I have grasped just how merciful you have been in my life.

Over the last 30 years that I have become a fledgling member of your society, I have had the good fortune of been given the opportunity to serve your mission on many fronts. Initially I was a nama-hatta servant, and I joined the nama-hatta committee in Durban. When I did this service, I thought that this was the most important service that one could perform. Later I was fortunate to be able to serve as a Temple President and assist in the building of a Temple and its congregation with all related services and festivals, it was and still is exciting and the enthusiasm to plan and execute these activities give me tremendous satisfaction knowing that this would please you.

My dearest guru maharaja always stressed the need to serve you via your ISKCON and he would very much appreciate any service that we rendered to ISKCON.

In 2020, my eternal spiritual master HH Bhakti Charu Swami, your dear son, left the planet and by the mercy of your devotees, I obtained the opportunity for other services. One was to plan and build the samadhi for my beloved spiritual master. This opened so many dialogues with devotees across the world.

I was given opportunities to serve the South African yatra and deal with senior devotees internationally. I was also given the opportunity to study and teach in the GBC College with Teachers that are so qualified and expert.

These aspects have given me fresh perspective into

what you have given the entire world and the good fortune that you have bestowed upon those that have taken to the process of Kṛṣṇa consciousness through ISKCON.

The planning that you executed when you created ISKCON, the details of how everything would work during your stay on the planet and thereafter is amazing. The plans that I see now in terms of training devotees into better managers, giving them the understanding of dealing with people from all walks of life is better than any corporate company in the world. This is because the driving factor is not greed for money but greed for giving the entire world the opportunity to love and be loved by the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

The mechanisms that exist for ISKCON to function through the GBC and all the planning in terms of protecting and growing ISKCON to such amazing and capable devotees that I am in awe of their abilities, and I can see your hand in crafting and directing every single aspect of this sankīrtan movement.

My prayer today and always is that you please keep me fixed in devotional service at the lotus feet of my spiritual master because he is always engaged in your service, and this would allow me to serve you via my spiritual master's service.

*Your most fallen and insignificant grandson,
Prabhanu Dasa*

Pranayini Radhika Dasi 🙏
Verulam
South Africa



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

HAPPY VYASA-PUJA. When I read your books, I found them filled with wisdom and logic. For the first time ever in my life, I found your books had all the answers on how to conquer the miseries of this

material world. Thank you.

*Your insignificant servant,
Pranayini Radhika Dasi*

Prema Datri Devi Dasi 🙏
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

OUR DEAREST SRILA PRABHUPADA, words fail me since I cannot find the perfect words to justify my thoughts and feelings in thanking you for allowing me and my boys to be in your association and giving us shelter at your lotus feet.

As you know, I am trying my best to mould myself to follow your rules and regulations, but I still have a long way to go. Your constant reminder for us to read your books makes sense to me now because I have learnt so much from reading and

have clarity in my doubts.

Also, thank you for engaging us in the service of book distribution. It gives us so much satisfaction because we know this will always bring a smile to you and to your guru maharaja. We always want to please you, and I ask for your blessings in allowing us to continue to give you and Sri Krishna to everyone we meet.

Thank you for carrying us through our dark times and giving us assurance and strength to not

despair but keep the faith – because we have no control over anything except to take shelter of the holy name always.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for being easily accessible to us, and for coming to this material world just to protect us, and for your constant

guidance and strength in just hearing your voice.

We love you, Srila Prabhupada.

Your servant,

Prema Datri Devi Dasi



Our dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to your loving grace. All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari.

WE ARE OVERWHELMED WITH GRATITUDE for your immense sacrifices and personal struggles to help us firstly start the journey to becoming good human beings, and in the same way to come closer to taking shelter of the lotus feet of your Lord and Masters, Sri Sri Radha Krsna. As we take this time to reflect on what you have given us, we are overwhelmed by the magnitude of it all. Unfortunately for us, it is so easy to take it for granted, to float on by or ride the wave of comfort ... such is our sorry state of consciousness.

On this auspicious day how do we glorify you, our dearest grandfather; it is only by your kindness and mercy that we continue in this miserable place called Earth. Our good fortune is:

- Knowing that you have built this amazing home in which the whole world can live. Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

- Being witness to you preaching through your books and impacting so many lives. Thank You Srila Prabhupada.
- Knowing that you will be at the back door waiting for us that gives us hope. Thank you Srila Prabhupada.
- Having the wonderful, uplifting and kind association of your devotees that gives me hope. Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

My dearest Srila Prabhupada, my dearest Grandfather, again and again we fall at your lotus feet begging to always be the recipient of your shelter and that we can come closer to your lotus feet and closer to Sri Nama Prabhu.

Your grateful grandchildren,

Prema Sarovara Dasi and Madhava Caitanya



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

THIS MATERIAL WORLD is a tough place to live in. Every day we are bombarded with information that impacts on our senses, binding us to this prison house. Thankfully, you have given us the antidote to fight back and to be strong and to break the shackles that bind us to the prison house. You have

given us a process that is simple and practical for us all to follow. Chanting, dancing and hearing the glories of the Lord and the performing of devotional service are just a few ways that help us to stay sane and to fight the calamities we face on a daily basis.

Thank you for giving us ISKCON. Without this



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and Madhava Caitanya
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Prema Vikash Dasa
and Jayanti Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

movement and the teachings that you have shared with us, our lives would be distracted. You have made it very easy for us to understand the Vedic philosophy making it practical and easy to implement. You sacrificed your life to give us Krishna consciousness even when the goings were tough and you had experienced difficult circumstances. We are thankful we have come across your teachings that help us to deal with the many challenges we experience.

We are fortunate to be learning and studying the Srimad Bhagavatam on a weekly basis as a family under the guidance of Krishna Balarama das and Nandarani dasi. Through your books and teachings, we are able to connect as a family, with a common

goal, to have a better understanding of the Krishna conscious philosophy. We are all able to engage and participate in the glories of Srimad Bhagavatam. In doing so it helps us to talk about and tackle pertinent matters that impacts and affects us all in this material world. The engaging discussions and insightful realisations help us all to move forward with greater purpose in life.

We hope and pray to you Srila Prabhupada, that we can continue these family engagements for as long as is possible, under your guidance and mercy. We will always be indebted to you Srila Prabhupada.

Your servants,

Prema Vikash Dasa and Jayanti Devi Dasi



Premagali Devi Dasi
Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple
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I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada who planted the charming lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha and Krsna in hundreds of Temples and thousands of hearts throughout the world.

I AM FULLY INDEBTED TO YOU Srila Prabhupada because you have given me the highest concept of the holy name Krsna in the form of sound, which contains the highest form of thought, the aspiration to assist in fulfilling the prophecy of our great savior Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and His dear most assistants, in every town and village, where the chanting of the holy name Hare Krsna is to be heard and appreciated by devotees who have been rescued from the ocean of nescience and given the opportunity to make their human form of life successful by taking to Krsna consciousness. It is by causeless mercy that today numerous people are practicing Krsna-Bhakti all over the world and attending Temples opened by Your Divine Grace and your followers, who delivered countless fallen conditioned souls by imparting to them the transcendental science of Krsna consciousness.

People are disappointed, misled and confused by material happiness in this World. You introduced the chanting of Hare Krsna all over the world for the

satisfaction, pleasure, happiness and for the prime benediction for all humanity. Indeed, generation upon generations of devotees shall remain forever indebted to Your Divine Grace for giving us the glories possibility of going back home back to Godhead, by associating with the Vaisnavas, preaching, reading and distributing your transcendental books and following your instructions.

On this most blessed and auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I pray that you will grant me the opportunity and please allow me to decorate 'our home' with colourful flowers, so that I may make rapid spiritual progress. I pray with folded hands by following your instructions and beg forgiveness for any offences I may have caused whether knowingly or unknowingly. I desire the dust of your holy feet in every birth I may take. It is the kindness of Your Divine Grace that you have dedicated all your time and energy to give us the chance to know and to belove Krsna. We can only aspire to follow in your footsteps, by your personal example you have

shown the meaning of pure love and devotion. We are grateful and appreciative dearest Srila Prabhupada for the gifts you have given us through our spiritual masters.

*Your most fallen and insignificant servant,
Premagali Devi Dasi*



 Dear Srila Prabhupada,

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY OF YOUR VYASA-PUJA, I want to offer my deep heartfelt gratitude to you for everything you have done for me even though I have no qualification to be a recipient of your causeless mercy.

I had no knowledge of who I am, why am I here, what is the goal of life or anything. I did not know who is Lord Krishna, Lord Caitanya nor Lord Nrsingadev. You have given me this knowledge and the answers to all the questions that I had.

Your purports to Bhagavad-gita and Srimad


Bhagavatam have provided an abundance of knowledge; one can never get tired of hearing them again and again.

Thank you for the precious gift of chanting the holy names and the gift of devotional service. I will always be indebted to you for everything you have so selflessly given.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for everything.

Premarani Devi Dasi

 Premarani Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

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

This morning, whilst chanting japa, I had a sweet realization flowing from your purports, lectures, and writings – everything is temporary and only the sweet holy name, or Krsna, is eternal.

I heard the recent news of His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami, and, during japa, my mind was reflecting on how Maharaja has given his body, mind, and soul to your mission. I also thought of how he mentioned that his material body was going to deteriorate and how he wished to be in your pure association. As I reflected, I imagined how this body would one-day breakdown for good and how nothing is eternal except the sweet holy name of Krsna.

I am trying to think of Krsna as often as possible,

and it is no easy feat as my thoughts drift to so many insignificant images or memories. I know that attachment to a pure devotee is the surest way out of this place which is unsuitable for any gentleman.

Every day, as I read your books or teachings, I am constantly in awe of you and astonished by your great spiritual personality. I pray that my mind can think of guru and Your Divine Grace constantly, as these thoughts are my only shelter. This shelter is my conduit into the nectar of the holy name, as one cannot chant Krsna without the grace and mercy of a pure devotee – bhakti does indeed come from bhakti.

Daily, I reflect on how everything you have

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written and taught is a reality – the deteriorating world around us – human greed, selfishness, destruction, and envy (which is its source).

You have opened our eyes to two realities – this horrid material world and the absolute platform of the spiritual world; two contrary natures which one must pick from since we are marginal energies. The truth is that we had better choose fast, as death and despair could be seconds away from anyone of us.

Sometimes, I think that you are like a great ocean that keeps generating countless waves of

transcendental mercy in the form of your words and actions. Each day, some nectar from your divine grace comes my way, through some devotee or the other. Out of everything you have taught, my mind remembers very vividly that final lesson – how to leave this body by constantly serving that sweet Krsna...your Krsna.

*Your servants,
Prema-vanya, Bhakta Gambhira Caitanya, and
Krishna-Candra Dasa*

Premika Devi Dasi 🙏
Zakariyya Park
South Africa



Dear Jagad-guru Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories unto you.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya
bhutale srimate bhaktivedanta-svaminn iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desatarine*

I AM FOREVER GRATEFUL TO YOU PRABHUPADA. I was once a fallen soul. I used to search for the truth, search for God but I never knew who God really was. Until one day, when I was still young, my dad used to bring us to Ratha Yatra festivals, and we met some very kind devotees who told us about Krishna Consciousness.

Without the help of devotees, we would not have become devotees. You have done so much for

everyone in this world to make them good devotees. Without all our spiritual masters, we would not have known Krishna, and where would we have been now in this world without bhakti.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada. Haribol!

*Your humble servant,
Premika Devi Dasi*

Premila Beharilal 🙏
Sandton
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Sri Sri Radha Madhava!
All glories to Nitai Gaura Hari! All glories to you!

I AM ETERNALLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GIFT of Krishna conscious-knowledge otherwise I would be very lost in the material world. Though I grapple with Maya on a daily-hourly-minute-second basis, in the back

of my mind, I have an appreciation of why I should continue the fight even though I am struggling and a weak sadhaka, and at most times, I feel alone in my spiritual journey. I know that I am not alone and

that you and Krishna walk with every single one of us always - this is my hope and strength.

This knowledge which you have presented so simply also helps me to understand who Krishna is, why I feel so uncomfortable in 'my skin' and what I need to do to transcend the material world and all her trappings and miseries.

I am grateful dear spiritual grandfather for all you have done, and continue to do via your books and the Vaishnavas you have developed and who continue your life's mission. The world has changed a lot since you were physically here, it is degraded, and the lower tendencies in people are growing. People are already judged on the basis of all that appears it seems. The depiction of this age in Srimad Bhagavatam is fructifying. By experience, I have learnt that all things are not as they appear. I often wish that I lived in the time that you existed which seemed a little simpler, a little kinder and mostly I wished that I was able to meet with you once. You have always made time for your disciples - dovetailing your interaction with them based on your understanding of their nature, mind and personality.

Over and above that, you were always fair, kind and always demanding standards and discipline and led by example. In this way, you are my example of an ideal leader and an ideal human being - compassionate to the end. Without you, we would not begin to be able to comprehend the Bhagavad Gita, taste the sweetness of nectar of Srimad Bhagavatam, or have any knowledge of the presence of Lord Caitanya, let alone access to the most precious jewel of

His teachings in Caitanya Caritamrita.

I am unqualified to glorify you, spiritual grandfather - your glories are endless and spread throughout the world. Your teachings live on in your books and in the hearts of every devotee that sincerely imbibes them.

Despite all this knowledge that you have presented, I remain fallen due to my overwhelming lower nature and I pray for you to please pick me up from this condition.

By your mercy and the mercy of your dear son, His Holiness Bhakti Chaitanya Swami Maharaj, in the past year I have managed to study and complete Bhakti Shastri. Studying your books has been one of my biggest joys in life, and I hope I can continue to do so and to use this knowledge to somehow help another person, lost as I was.

This year, I beg for you mercy and favour to become steadfast in spiritual practices; to obtain devotional service; have association with your sincere devotees; and to remain at the dust of your lotus feet, birth after birth - please do not let me fall. Please let me always be attached to your lotus feet and in that way return home. Please grant me the ability to raise Aradhya Kirtana to become a Krishna conscious adult and a spiritual warrior with presence.

*Your useless granddaughter and always a beggar
for your blessings,
Premila Beharilal*



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

OVER THE PAST YEAR YOU have made so many things possible for me. You have continued to keep me in devotional service. Pure devotional service means "anyabhilasita-sunyam".

I pray that with your help I may understand that serving Lord Jagganath is unmotivated. This service has helped me develop some love for Lord Jagganath. You have mercifully sent some really good souls to



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help me in my service They are dedicated and serious in their service. I have finally found time to read your books every day, and I'm trying to imbibe your teachings in my everyday practice of Krishna consciousness. Your explanations are so profound and relevant to present day situations. You have an answer to every problem. I am totally indebted to you Srila Prabhupada. My children have seriously accepted Krishna consciousness and by your mercy

have taken shelter of your dear son, His Holiness Indradyumna Maharaja. He imparts all that he has learnt from you to them.

I pray Srila Prabhupada that I remain fixed to your lotus feet and continue to serve you.

*Your most fallen servant,
Priya Darsini Devi Dasi*

Priya Malini Dasi 🙏
Midrand
South Africa

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

THE ACARYA GIVES the suitable method for crossing the ocean of nescience based on time and circumstances. One of the statements that you have mentioned in this regard is as follows:


“For one who has accepted the boat of the lotus feet of the Lord, who is the shelter of the cosmic manifestation and is famous as Murari, the enemy of the demon Mura, the ocean of the material world is like the water contained in a calf’s hoofprint”. (Purport - SB 10.2.30). Srila Prabhupada, your method of the boat of the Lord’s lotus feet as well as the expert

boatman (Guru) and the favourable winds (scriptures) are helping me to sail across this turbulent, unprecedented and unbelievable time. I shudder to think what would have happened otherwise. I am extremely grateful and indebted to you. I offer my deepest respect unto you. May your glory greatly increase.

Hare Krsna.

*Your grand-servant,
Priya Malini Dasi*

Purnendu Krishna Dasa 🙏
and Family
Midrand
South Africa

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

ALL GLORIES TO OUR DIVINE GURU-PARAMPARA, and all glories to your sincere followers who continue to carry out your instruction as their life’s mission.

Another blessed year has passed under your divine shelter. Where would we all be? What would have happened? How would we have lived our lives without you, your unlimited mercy, love, and compassion, which you delivered worldwide without discrimination to the most sinful and undeserving?

Through your compassion, you gave us an opportunity to understand the absolute truth, our purpose, our position, everything in the right context, our eternal relationship, and the mercy of their Lordships. You gave, and continue to give us, opportunities to develop a loving relationship with their Lordships through various mediums and facilities daily.

Through this all, there is the eternal transformation of the heart, real transformation, not just

some external show with no purpose. In a world of cheating, you brought the real light of knowledge to guide us back home back to Godhead. You gave us the path, the tools, and life's true mission, clearly explaining spiritual knowledge so that it is palatable and can be practiced correctly despite the various challenges we may face in this age of duplicity, quarrel, and hypocrisy.

You are our only shelter. Without you, we would neither appreciate the essence of spiritual knowledge, the importance of sadhu-sanga, nor the nectarean mellows and pastimes of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, in the right context. We would not have come to know the teachings of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, his unlimited mercy, and the love of Sri Nitai Gauranga. Who would have distributed the holy name? I don't want to imagine not tasting the nectar of the holy name, the bliss of harinaam, nor having my heart immersed in the remembrance of the Lord and his holy dham.

I pray that I am able to take each breath with the nectar of the Lord's holy name. I pray I am able to approach the holy dham as you instructed. This is the strength you give. As challenging as the years have been, you remain our beacon of hope, our torch bearer, our well-wisher, and our saviour in all respects. We hold onto your lotus feet in all circumstances. We know you have our best interests at heart. You have only the best planned for us.

Even if we are tested or handled roughly, we hold on to your lotus feet. We pray to always have your mercy, your love, your protection, your favour, your guidance, your council, your unlimited blessings, and shelter. We pray to remain instruments of mercy in your hand. Use us as, when, and where you see fit. We pray to remain faithful, committed,

dedicated, and true to your mission. We pray to always cooperate in the right mood and serve selflessly under your temple management authority representatives, honouring the rules and instructions of the GBC, authorities, and senior devotees, who you have empowered, and continue to empower, to carry out your mission. Please bless them with success in all their preaching and organizational efforts.

Thank you for all you have bestowed upon us and continue to bestow unreservedly. Thank you for the facility to better serve you and the mission. Thank you for empowering us to do more and have more time without disturbance to do so. Thank you for your timeous interventions and protection. Thank you for your support and council. I pray to always have the reality of your presence in our lives. O expert boatmen, O Srila Prabhupada, kindly continue steering us, guiding us. We take heart in knowing we have you at the helm, the best, the head and heart of our homes and lives.

Thank you for connecting us to the mercy and helping us develop a loving relationship with their Lordships. There is nothing to fear with you centered in our lives. We live for you. Our every breath is for you. We are eternally grateful for all you have done and continue to do for us unreservedly.

We pray to live God-conscious lives at every moment. We pray we may never for a second forget you, your love, the Lord, and his sweet pastimes. We pray to always remain fully engaged, fully surrendered, at the shelter of your lotus feet in your ISKCON.

We love you!!!

Your insignificant servants,

Purnendu Krishna Dasa and Family



Pushpamalini Devi Dasi 🌸
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

AS TIME GOES BY I'm beginning to get a glimpse of true understanding of the extraordinary glory of your divine grace. As I uncover the unending ocean of my rascaldom, the grace of your unending, unconditional love and mercy upon me is a towering beacon of hope and comfort. By your kindness only, do I have the fortune of standing before the Lordships, listening and reading about the Lord and associating with the devotees.

You have so simply and selflessly given us the perfect knowledge and examples to follow at every step in our lives. I beg that, despite my innumerable flaws, I may become a sincere follower of your instructions and example.

Thank you for everything.

Pushpamalini Devi Dasi



Pushpavelli Soobraya 🌸
Chatsworth, Durban
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Hare Krishna, Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day of your Sri Vyasa-puja.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, I want to thank you for allowing me to stay at one of your homes, the Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple of Understanding in Durban, South Africa. I am most grateful for your kindness and the opportunity that you afford me in engaging me in various devotional services. I have learnt so much.

I am appreciative of all the devotional services that you engage me in. Closest to my heart and the most profound experience in my life is being

an instrument in dressing you, Srila Prabhupada. Oftentimes, I wonder how I got so lucky - it then dawns on me that your mercy is unlimited and causeless.

I want to thank you for everything.

Srila Prabhupada, I love you from the core of my heart to your lotus feet.

*Servant of the servant of the servant,
Bhaktin Pushpa Soobraya*



Radha Damodara Dasa 🌸
Bhaktin Ashika
and Radhika
Durban
South Africa



Beloved Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on the celebration of your Sri Vyasa-puja 2022.

THIS YEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA we would like to focus, in writing this offering of love and gratitude, on your position as the savior of the whole world. It is not a position you seek to have, since your desire is simply to establish Kṛṣṇa as everyone's life and soul. But it works most synergistically: Kṛṣṇa is everyone's Lord

and Master and you have taught this most patiently and caringly to all classes of people through Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, as follows [taken from Civilization and Transcendence, chapter 12].

The first point is that “Real religious principles are enacted by the Supreme Personality of

Godhead. Although fully situated in the mode of goodness, even the great sages who occupy the topmost planets cannot ascertain the real religious principles, nor can the demigods or the leaders of Siddhaloka, to say nothing of the demons, ordinary human beings, Vidyādhara, and Cāraṇas.”

• Then assistance of the Great Devotee Teachers, “So these mahājanas – Brahmā, Nārada, Lord Śiva, and so on – they know what the principles of religion are. Religion means bhāgavata-dharma, understanding God and our relationship with God. That is religion. You may call it “Hindu religion” or “Muslim religion” or “Christian religion,” but in any case, real religion is that which teaches how to love God. Sa vai puṁsāṁ paro dharmo yato bhaktir adhokṣaja: if by following some religious system you come to the platform of loving God, then your religious system is perfect. Otherwise, it is simply a waste of time – bogus religion, without a clear conception of God. So we have to understand what God is and what He says, and we have to abide by His orders. Then there is real religion, there is real understanding of God, and everything is complete.”

• And we must be connected to the Great Teachers, “So we must belong to one of these sampradāyas. Sampradāya-vihinā ye mantrās te niṣphalā matāḥ: if you do not belong to a bona fide sampradāya, originating from a mahājana, then your religious process is useless. You cannot concoct some religious system. So whether you follow the Christian mahājanas or the Vedic mahājanas, it doesn’t matter. But you have to follow the mahājanas. If a Christian says, “I don’t believe in St. Thomas,” what kind of Christian is he? It doesn’t matter which mahājana we are discussing. The real mahājana is he who is strictly following the principles enunciated by God. Then he is following a real religious system. Otherwise, there is no question of religion. The so-called

follower is simply a mano-dharmī, a mental speculator. Mental speculation is not religion. Religion is the order of God, and one who follows that order – he is religious. That’s all.”

• The most important objective, “Therefore, that religion is perfect which teaches its followers how to love God. So let everyone come to this platform of loving God. That is Kṛṣṇa consciousness. We are teaching nothing but how to love God, how to sacrifice everything for God. That is real religion. Otherwise, it is all a bogus waste of time, simply a following of ritualistic ceremonies. That is not religion. That is superfluous.”

• If one is sincere to know God, that person will recognize Kṛṣṇa, “So you should try to understand whether Kṛṣṇa is God or not. But He is God. There is no doubt about it. If you have the intelligence to understand what God is, then try to understand. But Kṛṣṇa is God, undoubtedly. So take to Kṛṣṇa consciousness and abide by the order of Kṛṣṇa. Then everyone can come together on the same religious platform. One religion, Kṛṣṇa consciousness.”

At the beginning, before leaving for America, you planned how to avail this mercy to all of mankind [taken from Śrīla Prabhupāda-līlāmṛta, Volume One, chapter 10].

• “Bhaktivedanta Swami felt his spiritual master’s reciprocal blessings and personal presence. More and more he was feeling confidential contact with Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta, and now he was feeling an inspiration to write books. He considered Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, because it was the most important and authoritative Vaiṣṇava scripture. Although Bhāgavad-gītā was the essence of all Vedic knowledge, presented in a brief ABC fashion, Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam was elaborate. And Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī and Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura had both written Bengali commentaries on the Bhāgavatam. In fact, most of the great Vaiṣṇava ācāryas of the past had commented on Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam.

Lord Caitanya Himself had recommended Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam as the spotless Vedic literature. An English translation and commentary for this book could one day change the hearts of the entire world. And if he could publish even a few books, his preaching would be enhanced; he could go abroad with confidence and not appear empty-handed.”

- “Bhaktivedanta Swami worked from a Sanskrit and Bengali Bhāgavatam, edited by Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī, and a large book containing the original commentaries of twelve great ācāryas. He had a standard format: he made a roman transliteration of the Sanskrit devanāgarī script, then word-for-word English synonyms, an English prose translation, and finally his English purport on that verse. Before writing his own purport, however, he would consult the commentaries of the ācāryas, especially Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī, Viśvanātha Cakravartī, Jīva Gosvāmī, Vijayadhvaja Tīrtha, and Śrīdhara Svāmī.”
- “He decided to introduce the first volume with a biographical sketch of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu, “The Ideal Preacher of the Bhāgavatam.” The reader could best appreciate the Bhāgavatam by seeing its practical demonstration in the life of Lord Caitanya. The special feature of Lord Caitanya’s presentation had been His desire that Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam “be preached in every nook and corner of the world by everyone who happens to take his birth in India.” Lord Caitanya had called Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam the “spotless Purāṇa” and had considered the chanting and hearing of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam along with the Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra to be a complete scientific process for developing pure love of God.”
- “As he approached the first verses of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, Bhaktivedanta Swami became absorbed in the Bhāgavatam’s purpose. The verses stressed that the Bhāgava

tam alone could save society from the evil influences of the Age of Kali. Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam’s recommendation for this age was simply to hear from the pure devotees about the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Kṛṣṇa.”

Srila Prabhupada, both your compassion and your intent are unfathomable. And Kṛṣṇa crowned your endeavor with the greatest success. As Kali-yuga becomes more degressive, all people have the lifeline of help which is your Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement. How incredible this is! Thank you Srila Prabhupada for Kṛṣṇa consciousness, for connecting us with the reality of life so unlike mundane pursuits. We promise to serve your ISKCON with sincerity and try to bring more people to its shelter.

Srila Prabhupada, this year Radhika will turn 15 years. She has been writing her own words to Your Divine Grace for a few years now. This is her 2022 offering:

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

As I grow older day by day, year by year I continue to realize how truly blessed I am to be a part of ISKCON. The deep knowledge found within your words has given me an unlimited amount of inspiration and perspective into what this material world is and what it could be.

In school, we are taught material science but due to my great fortune of having contact with your words, my spiritual knowledge is forever growing. Having both material and spiritual sciences being taught to me I get to understand the world holistically. Seeing the world from such a lens is something I cannot live without and I thank you, for bringing Kṛṣṇa consciousness to us.

There are many issues in the world, some trivial in front of other affairs but every matter is being debated somewhere in the world at some point in time. Humanity has been questioned as to why such atrocities come to the surface. Of course, the

answer to this is because Kṛṣṇa is not in the center of every activity that man does. I pray to you, Srila Prabhupada, to continue to shower us with your guidance and love as we endeavor to do good in this world.

Your Humble Servant, Radhika

*Your insignificant servants,
Radha Damodara Dasa and Bhaktin Ashika*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances. All glories to you and Gurudeva.

 Radha Mohan Dasa
Quatre Bornes
Mauritius

I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU because you gave us a shelter that no one would have done given even in my wildest dreams. I also wish to thank you for the most beautiful connection you have made with

Krsna so we could be delivered from the clutches of maya.

Radha Mohan Dasa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All Glories to your Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. All glories to all the assembled Vaishnavas.

 Radha Radhanath Dasa
Cape Town / Durban
South Africa

THIS YEAR 2022 IS MY MATRIC YEAR and I am feeling pressurised but my father Rasaraj Dasa is standing by my side. After my family demise I know that life is difficult, but I am trying. Some devotees think that I don't chant but you know that it's not true. I am chanting whilst assisting my father and doing services like Harinama, assisting at Riet River Gosha-la plus vegetable gardening and others. I have been in Durban since 2018 and witnessed the pain of the shooting of my father. With my sister growing up and going away my father also took strain again. I miss my sister, but my father says its part of growing up.

permits. I was wondering about taking initiation as well. Maybe one day soon I will travel to a new land away from South Africa. Thank you for always being there in our lives. Thank you for keeping my father so strong because he gives us strength especially when he is chanting and singing. He has to do many tasks from early morning till late night (sometimes only going to bed after midnight) for many years and not everybody sees it that way.

I love him and through his example I love you dear Srila Prabhupada.

Radha Radhanath Dasa

Please bless me to serve the devotees as time



Radha Raman Dasa 
and Priya Kishori Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada.
Happy Sri Vyasa-puja!

IN RECENT TIMES, we are witnessing the temporary nature of the material world which brings so much misery. By your mercy, we realise that your instructions are eternal and uplift us from this misery and situate us in the ocean of bliss. You have made the gems of the spiritual world accessible to us. Without you, Srila Prabhupada, we are paupers but with your instructions and mercy, Srila Prabhupada, we have gained the true wealth in this life. May we nurture this opportunity by investing our hearts constantly to this process of Krishna consciousness

so one day you may be proud of us being an instrument in your ISKCON.

Please bless us Srila Prabhupada in your book distribution service and guide us on how we can improve our efforts to please you in your service to Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu. We beg to always remain under the shelter of your divine lotus feet.

Your servants,

Radha Raman Dasa and Priya Kishori Devi Dasi



Radha Sharana Dasa 
and Radharani Devi Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to your divine loving grace.

IN YOUR PURPORT TO BHAGAVAT-GITA 9.2, You say: “those who are actually engaged in the devotional service of the Supreme Lord are already freed from all reactions. For those who are engaged in the devotional service of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, all sinful reactions, whether fructified, in the stock, or in the form of a seed, gradually vanish. Therefore the purifying potency of devotional service is very strong, and it is called pavitram uttamam, the purest. Uttama means transcendental. Tamas means this material world or darkness, and uttama means that which is transcendental to material activities. Devotional activities are never to be considered material, although sometimes it appears that devotees are engaged just like ordinary men. One who can see and is familiar with devotional service will know that they are not material activities. They are all spiritual and devotional, uncontaminated by the material modes of nature.”

Srila Prabhupada, you have very carefully and

very analytically created multifarious activities that we, your undeserving delinquents, can perform and offer back to you and Lord Caitanya as devotional service. You have personally created our piety, so that we are able engage in the devotional service of the Lord. You have created this wonderful ISKCON, where everybody can find a place where they are able to offer some sort of devotional service. You have catered for everyone’s needs, now we need to embrace what you have so painstakingly created for our good fortune.

On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, please bless us, so that we may take advantage of the unlimited possibilities you have so kindly given to us, simply so we do not continue to suffer in this material world which is full of misery. We pray for your blessings to remain steady in devotional service to your lotus feet and that we do not fall prey to the illusions of this world. Please bless us so that we can serve your ISKCON movement in whatever

small way that will be to pleasing to you. Thank You, Srila Prabhupada, for giving us the opportunity to return back home.

*Your insignificant servants,
Radha Sharana Dasa and Radharani Devi Dasi*



Hare Krsna dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories at your lotus feet.



Radha Thakurani Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

THANK YOU SRILA PRABHUPADA for saving this lost fallen soul. Your mercy is ever boundless. I am eternally your servant. So much you have given us. This house of ISKCON is perfect. The Deities, the Harinama, the books, the holy name, nay every transcendental blissful minute and aspect in ISKCON is saving us from material illusion and teaching us about our forgotten relationship with the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Degraded as we are... still you have instilled us with the formula to redeem and save ourselves from this material world of misery. Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare/ Hare Rāma, Hare Rāma, Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare, the blissful

soothing mantra for all.

I promise to serve your lotus feet and ISKCON and never leave. Thank you for my most merciful spiritual master HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami. He is ever in remembrance of you and through his lectures my minute brain is able to understand your transcendental glory. You have done so much for us, so many sacrifices... for me this fool... thank you, thank you, thank you.

All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada!

*Your servant,
Radha Thakurani Devi Dasi*



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances again and again at your lotus feet on the most wondrous occasion of your Vyasa-puja.



Radha-dyuti Dasi
Durban
South Africa

RECENTLY I HAVE BEEN THINKING about the aspect of friendship and how you have often quoted that Krishna is our only real friend. There are varying degrees of friendship, but Krishna is Suhrta because He desires only for one to be happy. In a BTG article written by His Holiness Giriraj Swami he states,

“Since a bona fide spiritual master is the direct representative of Krsna, he shares in Krsna’s qualities of excellence. Thus for the devotees of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, Srila Prabhupada is also our dear most friend”. Inspired by this I have written a little poem for your pleasure.

A Friend to all

A meeting of hearts
You answered the call
Srila Prabhupada, a friend to us all

You conquered the west
No task was too tall
Srila Prabhupada, a friend to us all

The mercy you showed
To those who would fall
Srila Prabhupada, a friend to us all

You appreciated the endeavour
No matter how big or small
Srila Prabhupada, a friend to us all

The knowledge of scripture
With ease you'd recall
Srila Prabhupada, a friend to us all

The epitome of mercy
The world you enthralled
Srila Prabhupada, a friend to us all


Your ever well wisher
You'd sign at the end
Srila Prabhupada, undoubtedly our Friend.

Even though I have been given the rare gift of being allowed into your world of good fortune, how to develop taste for the sweet processes has always eluded me. I can only now beg to be deserving of

your friendship, dearest Srila Prabhupada.

*Aspiring to be a worthy servant of your servants,
Radha-dyuti Dasi (PSDG)*



Radhakund Devi Dasi 
ISKCON Radhamohan Dasa
Phoenix
Mauritius



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari. All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

DEAR PRABHUPADA, IN 1955, a year before you took sannyasa, you had returned to your room at the Vamsi – Gopalaji Temple in Vrindavan. There, you had a number of reflections and realisations. You realised that due to your impoverishment, your family and friends no longer wanted to be with you. You then realised that this was indeed Krishna's mercy to you and was thus freeing you from the bonds of

material entanglement. You knew that Krishna was now paving the way and steering you in the direction of fulfilling your dear spiritual master's instruction to take Krishna consciousness to the West.

You relished the peacefulness and solitude in Vrindavan, and the opportunity that it afforded you in chanting your japa and concentrating on fulfilling your beloved spiritual master's instruction.

You then compiled a number of poems, one of them titled, "Understand and fight". In the third stanza of the poem you wrote:

Krishna se "sambandha" adi bhalo kare bujha

Se- "sambandha" rakhi tumi maya sathe yujha

First properly understand your relationship with Krishna (sambandha), your duties in relation to Him (abhideya), and the ultimate goal of ecstatic love for Him (prayojana).

Then, remaining firmly fixed in your alliance with Krishna; go and confidently fight the battle against maya.

Dear Prabhupada, you painstakingly translated the scriptures and had these books printed so that we could understand who Krishna is, our relationship with Krishna, and how to increase our loving relationship with Him through bhakti and devotional service. You have thereby armed us with the most powerful weapons against maya. You have given us the Krishna book, whererin we may have glimpses of the spiritual world - the relishable pastimes of Sri Radha and Her most beloved Krishna. Understanding our true identity with Krishna, through your books, we can continue the fight against maya, which is increasingly stronger during this age. Your books are a treasure chest of the most valuable spiritual gems, waiting to be revealed to the reader. Prabhupada, your dear spiritual master, Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Sarasvati Thakur, knew the potency of revealing these gems to all of us fallen souls. He also knew that you, dear Prabhupada, was the most qualified to bring these gems to the West. Fulfilling the desire of your dear spiritual master, you have now given us the best opportunity to be released from birth, old age, disease and death.

Prabhupada, it is so amazing to hear how so many souls around the world, have had their lives transformed simply by purchasing a book and reading it. Therefore, you had stressed the importance of book distribution! You had said, "Somehow or other, if the book goes in one's hand, he'll be benefited. If he reads one sloka, his life will become successful. If he reads one sloka, one word! This is such a nice

thing. Therefore, we are stressing so much, please distribute books, distribute books, distribute books."

Prabhupada, when you had so expertly managed to get the Radha Krishna deities for free from an Indian couple in London, your son, H.H. Tamal Krishna das Goswami Maharaj said, "Srila Prabhupada, you have kidnapped Krishna! You are a magician!" You then replied to him, "I'm not a magician. Krishna is a magician! And when you become a pure devotee, Krishna works His magic through you!"

Prabhupada, through your causeless mercy, you are continuously weaving the magic through millions of lives throughout the world through your incredible books. Again and again as the ugly calamities rear its head in this material world, more and more people realise the futility of calling this material world our home. Thus, more and more souls seek the real meaning of life and turn to your teachings and your books.

Your dear son, H.H. Bhakti Tirtha Maharaj, had said (when his body was being ravaged by cancer) that when one has a debilitating disease, one realises that this body is not so nice after all... it also affords one to then get more serious in one's spiritual life. And on this same theme, you dear Prabhupada, had once remarked that we could have been singing and dancing with Krishna. Instead, we are here in this material world, rotting like dogs and hogs! Through my own health challenges, I have realised that as pointed out in the Sri Isopanisad, I simply cannot risk the greatest danger – the danger of falling back into this material world...and again rotting with this diseased body...

Ever since I was a little child, I loved reading and I also had a vivid imagination. And so I find myself many a time practicing daydreaming of the magical world of Goloka Vrindavan, as a method of pain relief from the constant pain brought about by my diseased body.

Imagine a world without a diseased body...

Imagine going to bed with no pain...

Imagine awaking with no pain...

And now:

Imagine living the magical world of Krishna book and the forever blissful pastimes...

Imagine witnessing first hand, yet another pastime of Krishna outwitting Jatila and sneaking yet another intimate pastime with His beloved Sri Radha...

Imagine a world of laughter as Sri Radha and Her dear sakhis playfully defeat Krishna and His cowherd boys yet again...

Oh Prabhupada! I remain forever grateful and indebted to you for being my most super amazing grandfather, my most amazing mentor, my most amazing well – wisher, my most amazing ‘counsellor’!

Thank you so much for weaving little acts of mercy and magic in my life and in my endeavours to serve you.


H.H. Giriraj Maharaj had shared a beautiful interchange in the book, “The Juhu Story” between Mr Sethi and you:

“I’m a sinful man,” Mr. Sethi replied. “How I can go to Krishnaloka?” “That I will see to,” you assured him. “This is not your duty. I will see that you will go to Krishnaloka.”

Dear Prabhupada, may I never lose faith in your causeless mercy. Please bestow your blessings upon me to always remain enthusiastic and blissful in serving you. I remain ever hopeful and prayerful of your taking my hand soon and uniting me with Krishna and His magical world of song, dance and blissful pastimes.

*Your indebted granddaughter,
Radhakund Devi Dasi*



Radhamohan Dasa 
Phoenix
Mauritius



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances unto your lotus feet. All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU for I feel I have chosen one of your best disciples as my spiritual master, His Holiness Gopal Krishna Goswami Maharaja. My guru maharaja always tells us to follow you, and your instructions, and he reminds us that if at any time, he himself deviates from your mission and words, we should reject him immediately.

So, I feel so much proud on this most auspicious day of your appearance. We would like to thank you a billion and more times for having created this most wonderful and sublime Hare Krsna family. Here, we all stay together as one family irrespective

of our caste and colour. Also, I must admit that I love your lectures so much that I always keep listening to them all the time again and again. I can only imagine the journey that you have taken to establish this Hare Krsna movement.

Kindly keep showering your mercy on this poor soul so that I can serve the devotees in the temple and spread the Harinaam maha-mantra to all corners of Mauritius.

*Your servant,
Radhamohan Dasa*





Radha-rasa-sudha-nidhi Devi Dasi
Centurion
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you, dear grandfather!
All glories to your ISKCON mission and your dedicated followers!

HOW DOES ONE BEGIN TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE for what you have done for us? Over and over again I am enthralled by how much you tolerated and sacrificed to be able to deliver so many souls - no matter their caste, creed, gender or past activities. We are conditioned living entities, bound up in the endless cycle of sense gratification and suffering - hopeless cases. Like a dog chasing its tail in circles, unable to focus on anything else, we run around after our endless material desires, crazy and obsessed, and lose focus on the most important duty of the human - love for Krsna.

As sung in guru puja, it is clear to me how you really are “the ocean of mercy, friend of the poor and Lord and master of the devotees” because who else would be willing to leave the holy dham, at an advanced age, on a most inconvenient mode of transportation, to a place that is completely unknown, to save people who you have never met before? Your compassion and dedication to your Guru Maharaja’s instructions was so strong that you could do all of that, and far more. It is inconceivable and most wonderous.

You made it so easy for us sudras. Adjusting, explaining, and patiently teaching us everything about Krsna, you took us all from being aimless animals and gave us a real purpose to live. It is easy and simple, but I still struggle along. You have not asked much from us - carrying everything that we lack so that you can take us, as we hold onto your dhoti, back to Krsna.

Please forgive me for my incompetence, as I fall short even with all the mercy you have given. I know that you are the friend of the most fallen and wretched, I therefore beseech you. I am truly a mercy-case, a poor person who is devoid of true spiritual taste. My only hope is the causeless mercy of you and your dearest devotees. On your Vya-sa-puja, you are even more magnanimous and so I will request for as many blessings as I can. Please help me to be a better part of your ISKCON. To do more and be more in your eyes. Please allow me to associate with and serve you more through your books, lectures and loving disciples. Please protect all your devotees, big and small, from the onslaughts of maya and vaisnava aparadha. Please help us as we enter the stage in our lives when we have to give up the association of so many of your amazing disciples. We know that you need them to help you spread Krsna consciousness elsewhere, but we are so much dependent on them that I worry we will not be able to continue where they left off. Please allow me to be a better devotee and disciple, an asset instead of a liability. All this is only possible through your kindness.

Thank you. Thank you for everything you did and are doing for us. We are eternally indebted to you.

*Your granddaughter and servant,
Radha-rasa-sudha-nidhi Devi Dasi*



Radhe Shyam Dasa
Midrand
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Hare Krsna. Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to you.

THIS PAST YEAR HAS BEEN DIFFICULT to keep the preaching activities going, at least in the traditional

methods. The COVID-19 pandemic appears to have changed so much in society including the behavior of people. We must adjust to meet this new future. Programs have uncertain attendance and there is concern always over how service gets completed. The time spent with devotees has been good for the heart and mind. I do my best not to miss any opportunity to be with devotees.

Everything appears to be moving quickly including time. People close to me are leaving their bodies. There is so many compelling reasons for me to get more serious in my Krsna consciousness. Alas, my lack of conviction is real and my struggle with bhakti continues. My obstinacy with my wondering mind is a genuine problem and needs urgent attention. The health concerns of our spiritual leaders, including my dearest spiritual master, add anxiety to my already struggling effort to be more Krsna conscious. The unthinkable future appears to be closer than we thought. The impact of HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami and HH Kadamba Kanana Swami to our yatra, to me, is beyond measure. Without their physical association and other devotees, especially your disciples - life is truly painful. The pain for the loss HH Bhakti Charu Swami has not even started to wane yet. Now we are thrust into further anxiety. We can learn a lot from studying your past times on how you dealt with separation. You put all your

energy into carrying out the instructions of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswathi Thakura, whilst fully relying on Sri Krsna. This was your purpose and mission using a process tested and propagated by the sages. No time was wasted. You were not distracted by anything. That focus was strong and unwavering. I certainly don't have such intensity, but I commit to never giving up on trying my best to carry out the instructions of your son - my spiritual Master, your other sons and daughters - my siksa-gurus, and the devotees, especially those intimately involved in propagating Krsna conscious.

I am grateful to you Srila Prabhupada, our saviour, for you have provided us security and confidence by establishing ISKCON. I am grateful to your sons and daughters for all they have done and continue to do to take your movement forward. I am grateful to your grandchildren and their children for they provide us the hope for the future.

*vāñchā-kalpatarubhyaś ca
kṛpā-sindhubhya eva ca
patitānām pāvanebhyo
vaiṣṇavebhyo namo namaḥ*

*Your servant always,
Radhe Shyam Dasa*



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



Radhika Kripa Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

MANY TIMES, when listening and reading about your disciples interactions and encounters with you they mention how loving and caring you were towards them. Many of them have said that the first time they truly experienced the feeling of being loved was by you. You took every opportunity to gently guide and encourage your disciples to serve Krishna in any way they could, especially by using

their talents like cooking or painting and many others. At times I wish that I had the opportunity to meet you and experience this warmth of a spiritual master's love and guidance. Then I think of a very pertinent point made by Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur where he says "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” Through this statement I can understand that even though you are physically not present you are here in the form of your books and your instructions.

Many times, you also said that “I will never die. I will live forever in my books” Whenever I feel a sense of sadness and require some guidance, I know I am able to connect with you through reading your books. In this way I can get your association, for the consciousness of the author is portrayed in their writing. Srila Bhakti Tirtha Swami has also written saying that “Prayer is extremely important. We should constantly pray to our spiritual masters and to the great acaryas in our line. After all, they are working as a team and they are all concerned about our success. As we pray to our acaryas and mentors, we connect with them in a deep part of our psyche. This way we do not only get their blessings, but also their guidance and protection. One common difficulty is how we allow time and space to be a source of interference. Time and space in the material world have a powerful way of producing separation and fragmentation, but we have to remind ourselves that these great personalities love and guidance is not limited or restricted by the material phenomena. They are always sending guidance, love and protection”.

I have many times missed this point of connecting through prayer as I limit myself to that

which I can immediately perceive. When I took the time to connect with you through prayer and reading your books, I have found a deeper sense of meaning and purpose in my Krishna consciousness. The importance of serving with a loving co-operative mood, being introspective and tough with myself but compassionate and understanding with others and trying to find ways to please you by sharing Krishna consciousness with others through distributing your books. Your books are like instruction manuals on how to practice bhakti. The practice of bhakti is always about going deeper and always analysing the answers to the existential questions of life like “who am I” and “what is the purpose of life”. Through reading these books that you so kindly laboured very hard to translate and provide a commentary for our better understanding, and application we have an opportunity to go deeper and get more substantial answers to who am I and the purpose of life. Through life’s journey I have felt and always feel a deep sense of gratitude for this gift of Krishna consciousness.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for sharing this gift of Krishna consciousness with the whole world. I pray that I may be able to always be engaged in service to please you.

*Your servant,
Radhika Kripa Devi Dasi*



Radhika Priya Dasi 🌸
Sharisha
Gopika Manjari
and Alanath Dasa
Montford, Chatsworth, Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our respectful obeisance’s. All glories to you dear Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to the Guru Parampara.

MY DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA, thank you for starting this ISKCON movement and for brining my guru maharaja and your wonderful disciples into my life. I am eternally indebted onto you for this kindness, compassion and good fortune that you have brought to this material world and to me. Thank you for your many wonderful temples around the world. Thank

you for brining Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu’s mercy to the entire world and most importantly thank you for your wonderful books.

Srila Prabhupada we enjoy distributing your books on Harinama sankirtana and we try our best to go out on book distribution as often as we can. Many people have purchased your books and

many of them have expressed their gratitude to us for bringing these books to them. Thank you for the BBT Trust that manages the publication of your books and for keeping us inspired to read, study, distribute and share your mercy with others. At present I am witnessing how some very young and devoted devotees are coming to live in our local ISKCON temple and render devotional service. This is very inspiring and encouraging. At our Nama-hatta we have devotees that vary in ages from very young to old - and all them are very happy when we have an opportunity to render devotional service, go out on Harinama, or assist at our local ISKCON temple. Please bless us so that we can continue with this same enthusiasm for many years to come.

Our dear Srila Prabhupada, please protect your ISKCON society, all your disciples, grand disciples, great grand disciples and the future generations of ISKCON devotees to come. We benefit so much from being in the association of your disciples, hearing from them, serving them, taking inspiration

from them and being guided by them. We have so much more to learn from them, please bless them so that we can have their association for many years to come. They give us what we missed by being in your presence. We know we can find you in your books but hearing from them about you gives us hope and inspiration.

Kindly also give us your blessings to remain on this path of Krishna consciousness, and serve within your ISKCON movement. There is so much that needs to be done, and we want to be engaged in this service so that we can do something meaningful in this lifetime by remaining as the servant of the servant. Please bless us to give out the knowledge we receive from your books to others. Thank you Dear Srila Prabhupada for everything.

*We remain the servant of the servant of the devotees,
Radhika Priya Dasi, Sharisha, Gopika Manjari and
Alanath Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

“VAIJAYANTIM MALAM” - THE GARLAND OF VICTORY. On this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, I offer the exotic Vijayanthi malam to you. This theological flower was offered to Lord Krishna in worship as a garland called Vijayanthi malam. It literally means the “garland of victory” and it is also mentioned in the Mahabharata (1.57.15-16) as made of “never-wilting lotuses”. With about 600 temples around the world, half a billion of books distributed and millions of devotees globally, I humbly adorn this flawless garland of victory around your neck.

Today, on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I offer homage to the Vijayanthi malam in the form of compelling biographies and testimonies of your disciples. Daily, I follow the scent of devotion

of the ever-fresh Vijayanthi, as I sink my heart and mind into their books. It is said that there are 36 different types of lotus flowers and for me each written biography of Your Divine Grace represents one of these lotuses. Each never-wilting lotus unfolds its delicate perfume, endearing me to you again and again. I know that with your mercy and grace, the fragrance will live in my heart enduringly, and carry me beyond the threshold of birth and death.

In my spiritual journey, I have engaged with several of these lotuses on this garland of victory, and the fragrance emanating from each lotus has enabled me to appreciate Your Divine Grace. I list a few biographies from the inexhaustible

 Raghava Pandit Dasa
Durban
South Africa

list that have been chronicled and those that continue to inspire me in my daily meditation. This nexus between the lotus-type and biographical texts may not necessarily be an even fit, however, for me each is a stark reminder of how these open and bloom at the break of day and impacts my sullied soul.

The first is the Angel Wings - this lotus has unusually large leaves that can get up to two feet in diameter. Having read, I'll Build You a Temple - The Juhu Story, by Giriraj Swami, I am mesmerized at the attention to detail about the founding years of ISKCON in India. I am now truly appreciative of the unflinching faith and unyielding courage Your Divine Grace possessed in your quest to fulfil your promise to their Lordships to build them a temple.

The second is the Carolina Queen Lotus that looks similar to a tulip and has petals that are rose pink in colour. I link this exotic lotus to the book Ocean of Mercy by His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami Maharaj. The delicate petals symbolize how Maharaj gently takes me by the hand as he recounts his journey with you, Srila Prabhupada, and his most inspiring description of your iconic final hours.

The third lotus is called the Blue Star Lotus because of its violet-blue and reddish colour. My Prabhupada comes to mind. His Holiness Lokanath Swami Maharaj describes how he established his connection with you because everyone in ISKCON has a connection with Srila Prabhupada. This statement made me realize that you are indeed also my Prabhupada!

The fourth lotus on this Vaijyanthi malam is the distinctive and visually striking American Lotus. Srila Prabhupada Lilamrta by His Holiness Satsvarupa das Goswami Maharaj, is an ever-fresh read and chronicles the toughest struggles you went through to establish ISKCON world-wide. Like the American Lotus, which has the ability to flourish anywhere, this book captures your remarkable achievement in successfully bringing a timeless spiritual culture from primordial India to twentieth-century America.

There are several other lotuses that I note, and

each blossoms in ethereal beauty, each relishing their spiritual master, and saluting your magnanimous gesture in making us Krishna Conscious:

1. Chawan (Nelumbo, the petals are ivory white with veins that are deep pink) Transcendental Diary by Hari Sauri das.
2. Celestial Lotus - Servant of the Servant by Tamal Krishna Goswami
3. Chinese Double Rose - My Glorious Master by Bhurijan das.
4. Green Maiden Lotus - Miracle on 2nd Avenue by Mukunda Goswami.
5. Little Green House Lotus - What is the Difficulty? by Sruta Kirti das.
6. Lotus of Golden Wheel - The Great Transcendental Adventure by Kurma das.
7. Lotus of Absolute Reality - By His Example by Guru das
8. Lotus of the Clear Moon - Chasing Rhinos with the Swami by Shyamsundar das
9. Lotus of the Wisteria Court - A Life of Unalloyed Devotion by Yamuna dasi
10. Red Lotus at Yohzan - My Revered Spiritual Master by Gaur Govinda Swami
11. Rosea Plena - My Journey Home by Radhanath Swami.
12. Sacred Pink - Black Lotus by Bhaktitirtha Swami by Steven Rosen.
13. Sunflower Lotus - Five Years, Eleven Months and a Lifetime of Unexpected Love by Visakha dasi.
14. White Lotus - The Hare Krishna Explosion by Hayagriva das.
15. White Lotus of Bowl - By His Example by Gurudas.
16. Yellow Lotus of the Shine - Swamiji (Memories by Brahmananda) by S. Rosen

Closer to home, my final lotus on this Vaijyanthi malam is the Red Lotus. Destination South Africa by Riddha das leaps out at me as I think about the harsh apartheid regime and the intrigue

before your 1975 visit to South Africa. Like the Red Lotus' rhizome root functions below the mud, ISKCON South Africa was able to grow under extreme circumstances.

Your glories have been an endless recitation, and to this day, the unravelling of your amazing past times continue unabated. The eternal garland of victory now encircles the entire planet Srila Prabhupada!

On this auspicious day, I humbly pray to you to allow me to follow the scent of divination of these ever-flourishing lotuses. I pray that I will continue to be inspired by your divine qualities and pastimes as inscribed by your loving disciples. It is the eternal nourishment that I require for my threadbare soul.

*Your servant,
Raghava Pandit Dasa*



Hare Krsna, dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet. All glories to their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Radhanath, Sri Sri Jagganath, Baladeva and Subhadra Maharani and Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Sundara.

HERE'S WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY VYASA-PUJA. As always, the material energy of the Lord is always posing some challenge so we may realize our relationship with Him. This year was no less; I found myself in this position. The situation required that I shift out of my comfort zone and accept a position for a greater reason in your ISKCON. My spiritual master acting on your behalf, His Holiness Lokanath Swami Maharaj, has been really kind in reciprocating with me and guiding me through every step.

I had to leave my beloved Sri Sri Radha Radhanath back in Durban, which broke my heart along with everything else I left behind. Yet, you, Srila Prabhupada, taught us not to be attached. Although I had to move out from one mandira, I find myself at the Lotus feet of Sri Sri

Nitai Gaurasundara and Srila Jagganath, Baladeva and Subhadra Maharani.

I wish to serve you here even better, for however long I stay here. It is entirely by your mercy that I am here. Please bless me so I may be engaged as a little instrument in your ISKCON. I pray for your mercy so I can serve you till the very last. Please protect the spiritual lives of the entire ISKCON Society, including mine.

Thank you sincerely for everything you have awarded us through your hard work. Kindly enable us to work in your shadow. With much love to you, Srila Prabhupada, a very happy Vyasa-puja mahotsava to you.

*Your insignificant servant,
Raghukula Tilaka Dasa*



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

TODAY, I THOUGHT OF YOUR DEALINGS WITH PEOPLE that you met whilst you were present on the planet. You showed so much warmth, love, and compassion.

You are such an amazing acarya that you made adjustments without compromising the principles. These are some of the qualities that have attracted



Raghukula Tilaka Dasa
Port Elizabeth
South Africa



Raghunath Bhatta Dasa
Durban
South Africa

many people from various backgrounds to you.

Despite the many challenges that ISKCON faces currently, we still find many people surrendering to you and following the process of Krishna consciousness. All this is happening due to your presence, like the thread on a string of pearls.

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I

pray that you shower your blessings upon us so that we may spread the message of Krishna consciousness as you desired.

Hare Krishna.

Your servant,

Raghunath Bhatta Dasa



Raksha Gosai 🙏
Soho, London
England



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

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

MY DEAREST SRILA PRABHUPADA, I cannot thank you enough for your mercy, utmost dedication, and resilience in spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness throughout the world. I recently moved from South Africa to London - by Kṛṣṇa's mercy I have found a new home in London. I have met the most amazing devotees who have inspired me to surrender even more, to trust Kṛṣṇa, and to be of service to other

devotees. Please bless me so that I can continue to serve by becoming the servant of those who are serving you so sincerely.

Aspiring to remain at your lotus feet forever,

Your humble servant,

Raksha Gosai



Ram Avatar Dasa 🙏
Newcastle
South Africa



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

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namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvīśesa-sunyavadi-pascatyā-ḍesa-tarīne*

THANK YOU FOR THIS WONDERFUL ISKCON. We are so fortunate and grateful to you for bringing ISKCON into our lives. This is truly your blessings to save us fallen souls from this nescience of material

existence and go home back to Godhead.

Please bless me to always remain attached to your lotus feet. Please bless me that at the end of my life I go back to my eternal father Krishna. Thank

you for coming into my dream and instructing me to accept His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami Maharaj as my spiritual master.

Thank you for everything that you have done.

*Your servant,
Ram Avatar Dasa*



 Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

PLEASE ACCEPT MY HUMBLE OBEISANCE'S Srila Prabhupada. With Covid-19 being around now for just over 2 years by your grace and mercy Srila Prabhupada we have been able to continue with our association with devotees and learn more about the past times of our wonderful Lord through your amazing books. I as a fallen servant was not in the best of knowledge when it came to our scriptures

but by your mercy and grace, I now have better understanding. By the chanting of the Hare Krsna maha-mantra I feel more at ease than I was before coming to the ISKCON Society.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your fallen servant,
Rama Gopal Dasa*

 Rama Gopal Dasa
Durban
South Africa


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

IT IS WITH GREAT HUMILITY that we have taken the task of distributing your transcendental books from door to door to the conditioned souls. Having joined the monthly sankirtan festival has given us tremendous confidence and motivation towards our approach to the conditioned souls. We embrace this book distribution to be our topmost service. In this way, we

hope to please you and our guru maharaja.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for this wonderful movement. We take this great opportunity in wishing you a happy Vyasa-puja.

*Your grand disciples,
Ramatirtha Dasa and Rasavalli Dasi*

 Ramatirtha Dasa
and Rasavalli Dasi
Queensburgh
South Africa



Ramkinkar Dasa 🌸
Vaidarbhi Devi Dasi
Dr. Krishna Prasad Rambarran
Professor Vamsidhar Das Ramsuran
Sri Radhika Preethi Devi Dasi
Sri Naradi Gopi
Vibhav Dasa
Damodara Dasa
and Family
Phoenix
South Africa



Hare Krishna Dearest Śrīla Prabhupāda,
Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

ŚRĪLA PRABHUPĀDA THANK YOU for giving us Lord Nityananda Prabhu, Lord Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, Lord Krishna and your ISKCON, the perfect platform/vehicle to spread Kṛishna consciousness in every country, town and village. Your mercy is unlimited and Your Divine Grace at a very advanced age crossed the mighty Atlantic Ocean, aboard the steam ship Jaladuta to spread Kṛishna consciousness to the Western world single handed.

With your guidance, vision and desire a beautiful Centre, Śrīla Prabhupāda Temple of Devotion is being constructed at the River Range Ranch by HG Vick Panday and Mother Helena Panday on their family property for your pleasure. They have already established a Food for Life Africa Kitchen that fed

over 4.6 million plates of Krishna Prasadam. Also, on the property is a beautiful River Range Ranch Goshala, where Radhe and Shiv reside giving joy to the guests that visit and those that attends the monthly Go-puja and Go-dhaan Festivals on the first Sunday of each month.

Thank you for blessing the projects and its successful outreach programmes. All glories to Your Divine Grace, Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Your Servants,

Ramkinkar Dasa, Vaidarbhi Devi Dasi, Dr. Krishna Prasad Rambarran, Professor Vamsidhar Das Ramsuran, Sri Radhika Preethi Devi Dasi, Sri Naradi Gopi, Vibhav Dasa, Damodara Dasa and Family



Ramnadan Padayachy 🌸
Laudium, Tshwane
South Africa



Dear A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble and sincere pranams and obeisances at your lotus feet.

THANK YOU for coming into my life and changing it through your eternal books, teachings, preaching, and presentations of the ancient Vedic literature to us, given by you, your spiritual masters, disciples, devotees, and bhaktas around the world, and which has continued from the past to the present, and into the future. In this age of ignorance and darkness we live in, you are our fire and light that always shines, showing us the way to a more peaceful, pure, and transcendental life.

Through the great encouragement and inspiration received from your parampara, you have, in turn, sacrificed so much, and through your dedication, bhakti, and mercy, you have left behind a treasure of immortal spiritual teachings and preaching, especially through your priceless books given to us

with so much love and devotion, giving us this great opportunity to seek and find the supreme absolute truth.

Thank you and all the great souls in ISKCON for continuing with this great unstoppable mission. All glories to the maha-mantra, the books, translations, transliterations, purports, literature, commentaries, hymns, songs, poems, festivals, the holy names, maha-prasad, and so much more.

All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada, with the deepest gratitude from your low and fallen servant.

*I will always chant and continue to serve the devotees that serve you,
Ramnadan Padayachy*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your glorious feet.

 Ramphul Devakinandana
ISCKON Vedic Farm, Bon Accueil
Mauritius

Nama Om Visnu Padaya Krsna Preshtaya Bhutale Srimate Bhaktivedanta Swamin Iti Namine

ON THIS OCCASION OF YOUR GLORIOUS VYASA-PUJA, I
would like to offer this humble poem to you.

In the vast ocean like the material world,
You have given us shelter in your ship like ISCKON,
O Srila Prabhupada.

Hard as stone, dull as an ass, condemned to be drowned forever in this dark ocean,
Yet you have accepted me through your pearls like devotees,
O Srila Prabhupada.

Nectar are your books, camphor are your words.
How can I not find solace in them?
O, Srila Prabhupada.


For Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's prediction, you have turned it into a reality.
In every town and village, the holy name will be spread everywhere,
O Srila Prabhupada.

O rising sun of Lord Mahaprabhu's sky.
O son of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur, O Master of the three worlds,
Please be merciful unto me. Give me the shade of your lotus feet,
Your fame will be spread all over the three worlds.

*Your fallen grandson,
Bhakta Ramphul Devakinandana*



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

 Ramvijay Dasa
Durban
South Africa

I AM SO HAPPY to be associated with your movement, Srila Prabhupada. I have had the best experiences of my life within your movement. I have also come across the most phenomenal people within your

movement. I feel truly blessed for being allowed to be part of and remain within your glorious movement.

Over the last two years I made a concerted

effort to listen to more of your lectures and systematically study your books. The wisdom you gave us is just so profound. You have given us such comprehensive guidance on practicing spiritual lives in the modern context. I am appreciating, more and more, your amazing ability to transplant this Kṛṣṇa consciousness in the west, by being very liberal while ensuring that the message and purity remain intact.

I am also appreciating your highly advanced disciples and grand disciples who have taken on the responsibility of pushing on this movement. Seeing how they are thriving in their spiritual lives and selflessly serving your mission, is just so inspiring. Our heart sinks as many of your stalwarts have already left the planet and with the passing of time, we expect that more of those gems will leave

this world. I do feel regretful that I have not taken full advantage of their association. I hope to become more serious in this regard, going forward.

I have also learned so much in your movement. I have been offered services way beyond any of my abilities, skills or spiritual maturity. I am doing my best to offer these services to you, because I have been requested to. Please shower me with your mercy that I may not let you down in the execution of these services. Please bless me with the spiritual insight, purity and maturity to properly execute these services, as you would desire.

Begging to always remain part of your mission.

*Your servant,
Ramvijay Dasa*



Ranga Devi Dasi 🌸
Durban
South Africa



My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyāsa-pūjā.

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS POEM OF GLORIFICATION.

Your teachings are relevant for all times
As you are saving this world even in your absence
Orthodox it may be but the timeless wisdom is the essence
For man who has degraded beyond animalism
No amount of material knowledge can rescue him nor any amount of
humanitarianism
Founder acarya you are
The world's most renowned teacher by far
You are truly Jagat Guru
That can be recognised by the chosen few
As times evolves and preaching takes on a new resolve
Your message penetrates the hearts
Through the wisdom that you impart
To join you in the spiritual world
Where every word is a song, every step a dance, and a festival everyday
This is my prayer to my beloved grandfather.

*Your granddaughter,
Ranga Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisance's. All glories to you Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. All glories to your ISKCON. All glories to all the assembled Vaishnavas. All glories to my initiating spiritual master HH Partha Sarathi Das Goswami.



Rasaraj Dasa
Cape Town /Durban
South Africa

THE YEAR IS 2022 I am wondering this body now at fifty-two,
What efforts in your sankirtan mission did it do?
Seemingly I have wasted my life,
Married an unchaste wife,

Serving so many wicked and miserly masters,
Basically, I feel my life has been a disaster,
These wounds are the results of my past karma,
One who dies is sure to take birth,

May 2019 getting shot just for hooting,
March 2021 rioting and looting,
April 2022 floods has much destruction on the Durban earth,
Destructive sands, washed away houses, Umgeni river,

Outside sleeps Alan Prabhu - cold and in shiver,
Your mercy found him as I chanted each morning at Blue Lagoon,
He started his service,
Inspired by the late Vrajamouri Mathaji -Riet River Goshala,

Daily we listen to your chanting the Hare Krsna tune,
Engaged I gave most of my time,
For that my soul exchanged cents, rands and many a dime,
Woman's rights, divorce, children, brother and mother,

And who is wrong or who is right,
Three attempted hijackings outside the gate,
Saved by grace of maha-mantra song,
Dear Lord Nrisimha - what a fright,

Please bless me dear Srila Prabhupada,
I want to make rapid spiritual progress before it's too late,
My realization is bhakti-yoga is about love,
And not hate but it's certainly involves the mercy of krsna-prasada on a plate,

Whatever Sri Krsna decides will be my fate,
Until then I am a struggling grand disciple your mercy do I await,
This my offering is a poem,
I know if I may you will guide me back home,

Somewhere between Cape Town and Durban,
Planting my bananas and papaya,
Much Love from Radhanath and Krsna Karuna also,
Whatever I am reaping in my past life I did sow.

Rasaraj Dasa



Raseshvari Dasi 🙏
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your lotus feet.

EVEN THOUGH I never got to meet you in person, my parents have told me you are my guru and I should love you with all my heart for if it wasn't for you, I wouldn't have Krishna. Thank you for showing me how to love Krishna.

I love you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servant,
Raseshvari Dasi*



Rasika Chandra Dasi 🙏
Lavature
Mauritius



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

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

TODAY IS INDEED A MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY as on this day Lord Krsna sent to this miserable world, his dear most servant to deliver the fallen souls like us. At the age of seventy when everyone enjoys a peaceful retirement, you left your beloved Sri Sri Radha Damodar temple in Vrindavana where you were residing and took the painful journey to America aboard a cargo ship, the Jaladuta. On the way you suffered sea sickness and two heart attacks. The reason for you to go to America was not for your own comforts but to fulfil the instruction of your spiritual master and to fulfil the prediction of Lord Caitanya, that His name will be chanted in all towns

and villages of the world. Another reason was your compassionate nature of para dukha dukhi, feeling pain for the pain of others. You could not tolerate the miserable conditions of the unfortunate souls, like me and was eager to spread Krsna consciousness for the benefit of the whole world. You built a house in the name of ISKCON wherein everyone can take shelter of and attain the highest perfection of human life which is Krsna prema.

By Your Divine Grace we have taken the path of Krsna consciousness. The destination is still very, very far away but we are surely on the right path and one day we will be able to attain that goal.

You have taken so many troubles, waking up in the middle of the nights and despite having very busy preaching schedules and ill health, to write books and provide guidelines for us to follow in our spiritual quest. You have provided us with everything to attain that goal.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, we are indeed very indebted and grateful to you. Our prayers to you are that you always shower your mercy on us so that

we can continue to follow and advance on the path of Krsna consciousness and extend your mercy to other souls.

We wish you a very happy Vyasa-puja, Srila Prabhupada!

Your servant,
Rasika Chandra Dasa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Rathnaleka Gopi Devi Dasi
Sandton, Johannesburg
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA, you are the brown man far the best,
In this ugly, old haystack nest. On the order of your master,
You are healing the world with your spiritual plaster.

'Preach and print,' said he,
Pint sized, yet so beautiful and so bold,
Perfect traits for your mission to unfold.

'Use your good English,' said he,
And you sowed the spiritual seed in the West,
To those whose minds were so - so messed.

'Every town and village' said he,
Mature trees of conscious men now, we see,
From Singapore to Tennessee

'Devotional service,' said he
Chant, dance, eat prasaad, be engaged,
Set yourself free, don't be encaged.

'Krishna is the goal,' said he,
Krishna consciousness beat in your blood,
It blew and still is blowing our minds like a flood.

'Distribute books,' said he.
And 'brihad mrdanga' rolled out your books,
That exploded our dull and crooked outlooks.

I salute him,
Your guru for his trust in you.
We now know Krishna, the Superman with a blue hue.

*Your grand servant,
Ratnalekha Gopi Devi Dasi*



Remuna-priya Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa



Hare Krsna dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

SOMETHING THAT IS HARDLY A SURPRISE is that this material world remains in turmoil. If having to suffer through a pandemic was not sufficient, there is also a war currently raging in Europe. There is untold misery being experienced globally with no respite in sight. The only constant remains the refuge we seek in the Holy Name.

The year since my last offering has not seen many changes in my sadhana. Every day remains a struggle - whether it is with chanting, reading, or getting the right association. But I remain committed to trying as much as I can, because all your sacrifices and efforts cannot go in vain. It is up to each one of us, who considers themselves to be a part of ISKCON, to remain dedicated to your vision, to immerse themselves in the beautiful philosophy of Krsna Consciousness and ultimately gain Krsna prema. Srila Prabhupada, we can only do this

through your mercy. Hearing your nectarian voice through the myriad of lectures available inspires me do better every day. Reading the volumes of book available motivates us to stay the course. Listening to your honeylike voice in the many kirtans and bhajans available reignites the dormant love of Krsna in me. But Srila Prabhupada, this is all because of your mercy.

Please continue to be our guiding light in this dark world, please continue to be merciful to all of us who aspire to become representatives of your ISKCON and please continue to be merciful to us all who remain downtrodden in our spiritual journeys.

*I shall always remain,
Your servant,
Remuna-priya Devi Dasi*



Reshika
Gauteng
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Hare Krishna.

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE to you for everything that you have established to remind me of my soul's constitutional position and revive my dormant Krishna consciousness. Thank you for sacrificing your sleep to translate, word for word, the

Bhagavad-gita As It Is and Srimad-Bhagavatam for my benefit. Thank you for writing books to impart spiritual knowledge and remove ignorance.

Reshika



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

MY DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA there are many sincere people - but completely ignorant of the truth. Their minds have been hardened by the poison of the so-called Hindu sects or by orthodoxy. They are enchanted by philosophical religious deceit, which aims to show off a facade of holiness through colourful rituals. They take every opportunity to use laypeople. Some of them show greater strength thus they draw the world's attention, thus leading astray those who are interested in Krishna. My dear Srila Prabhupada due to the influence of these kind of leaders it is not easy to preserve an ancient culture in a quickly changing world - but my dear Srila Prabhupada you boldly announced that if we, as devotees of Krishna, can properly maintain the Lord's teachings through writings and spoken word, any sincere seeker of truth can have the opportunity to revive his dormant love for Krishna, even in the advanced stages of Kali-yuga.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, Your Grace has taught us that obeying all the regulative principles is the perfection of all religions. Yes, dear Srila

Prabhupada we your servants can proudly say that your ISKCON is the perfection of all religions. My dear Srila Prabhupada when you spoke to and taught your dear most disciples, it was to encourage us all to take the greatest care of our innermost selves, so that we can outwardly reveal the fullness of the presence of Krishna. Yes, my dear Srila Prabhupada it would be wrong of us to announce the word of Krishna to the world in theory only and to live, lives that are not in agreement with what we preach.

My dear Srila Prabhupada on this most auspicious day we pray for your continued blessing here in Ladysmith, South Africa and to help us always remain chaste and loyal to your ISKCON and your instructions.

*Your eternally grateful servants,
Rocana Das, Prabhavatie Devi Dasi, Kirti Devi Dasi,
Kavi Das, Leesha, Adinath, Vivaah, Myhur and
Kerusha.*



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

YOU ARE ETERNAL. Deathless. I have never met you, but I have given my life in an attempt to follow you. I have never met you but how could I say that I don't know you? The raw red bricks of your room in Radha Damodar is the space where all the fluff falls away. You take me to the raw truth. So how can I not believe that spiritual relationships are eternal? Now I must do more than believe it, I must live it. I'm in the eye of a storm that keeps raging. I know there's

lessons to be learned. I am afraid. It rages to make me serious. And as all things slip out of my control, let my hands clutch on to your feet and all that you have given me. Let me embrace the circumstance with love as well. I can only try to hold on. And I pray that will be enough.

*Your servants servant,
Rukmini Devi Dasi*



Rocana Das
Prabhavatie Devi Dasi
Kirti Devi Dasi
Kavi Das
Leesha, Adinath
Vivaah, Myhur
and Kerusha
Ladysmith
South Africa



Rukmini Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

Rupa Cintamani Devi Dasi 🙏
Cape Town
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.

WITH THE GREATEST GRATITUDE, Srila Prabhupada I thank you for saving me in this material world that we are living in. It is full of demonic activities. By your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, you are saving our minds and making us focus on the Supreme Lord through your books and knowledge. Thank you so much for all your disciples who are keeping us

focused through their preaching. I am so grateful. Please attach me to your lotus feet so I may never leave.

*Your eternal grateful servant,
Rupa Cintamani Devi Dasi*



Rupa Goswami Dasa 🙏
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you on this auspicious day.

YEAR ON YEAR, as I am getting older my gratitude and appreciation for you deepens dearest Srila Prabhupada. My life experiences in the last year with various aspects further makes me realise how real your Krishna consciousness movement (ISKCON) is and how fortunate I am to be a part of it.

Our Sastra Dana team has grown and there are many great plans that needs to unfold in the African continent by distributing your message through your books and Back to Godhead

magazines. There are also other discussions that are currently occurring to grow your mission.

I beg for your mercy to empower us with the intelligence to spread your message and thus help to grow your mission.

Thank you.
Happy Vyasa Puja.

*Your humble servant,
Rupa Goswami Dasa*



Ryan Mark Naidoo 🙏
Durban
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-pascadya-desa-tarine*

YOUR MERCY UPON THE GREATLY FALLEN SOULS like myself is boundless, how else could someone such as me living in the darkest regions of ignorance ever,

even hear the greatest benediction in the universe that is to hear and chant the holy names of the Lord. Had it not been for your mercy I know I would be

paving my way straight to the hellish worlds. Your mercy has saved me and saved this entire universe.

Please Srila Prabhupada, on this auspicious day of your appearance, please bless me so that I would always be your servant and that I will always remember your instructions and have the strength to always follow them. Please bless me so that I may always think of Krishna and at the same time carry out my prescribed duties, so that I can serve you and Krishna always.

tasmāt sarveṣu kāleṣu
mām anusmara yudhya ca

mayy arpita-mano-buddhir
mām evaiṣyasy asaṁśayaḥ

Translation “Therefore, Arjuna, you should always think of Me in the form of Kṛṣṇa and at the same time carry out your prescribed duty of fighting. With your activities dedicated to Me and your mind and intelligence fixed on Me, you will attain Me without doubt.” - Bg. 8.7

*Your great foolish, hopeful servant,
Ryan Mark Naidoo*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet. All glories to Jagannatha, Baladeva and Subhadra Maharani. All glories to you on the most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, the events of the past year has been a solid reminder of the miseries of this material world, suffering at every corner. And a much needed wakeup call that I have to do everything I can to get out and not take birth again. Thank you for giving me the formula of chanting the maha-mantra, association of devotees and rendering service. Thank you for showing me how to use the formula and thank you for continuously being present in every life event to remind me of the formula. Through

Your wonderful son HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami, you have allowed me to hold onto your dhoti. Thank you Srila Prabhupada you have given me everything. I cannot fathom living another lifestyle. I pray to always be an instrument in propagating Krishna consciousness in your most precious ISKCON.

*Your granddaughter,
Saci Devi Dasi*



Our most beloved Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

KRISHNAM VANDE JAGAT-GURUM. But how do we know this? Srila Prabhupada told us. How did he know that, from his guru. His guru received it from his

guru and so on. Our guru parampara has existed since creation and will exist until the material world expires. Without guru parampara we cannot know

 Saci Devi Dasi
Midrand South
Africa

 Saci Suta Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa

Krishna. The Acintya bheda bheda in simplicity, Krishna, previous Acaryas, all the Vedas are in your divine books.

You are the greatest Acarya of all time. Dearest

Srila Prabhupada, I take shelter of your lotus feet.

Saci Suta Dasa



Sadhu Dasa
Pretoriuspark
South Africa



**Dear Srila Prabhupada and dear grand-father,
Please accept my most humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace.**

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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, servant of Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Goswami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

This last year of serving Your Divine Grace at the Midrand temple has been so blissful dear Prabhupada, especially as I have been listening to the classes on your Lilamrita by His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami Maharaj. I feel as though I have gotten to know you so much better and that our relationship has deepened.

What you had to go through dear Prabhupada in order to make it to the West to bring us the glorious message of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu is beyond my understanding. The absolute trust in Radha-Krishna and the instruction of your spiritual master is something that is so amazing and inspiring. You have taught me that all that one needs in life is guru and Krishna. And, if I only try to serve and to love Krishna and guru and follow their instructions nicely, I too can perfect my life.

This is my prayer this coming year dear Prabhupada: that my faith is strengthened and deepened, and that, I be given the courage and intelligence to carry out the order of my spiritual master nicely.

Thank you so much for your translations of Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam that I have been able to delve into this last year. Everything that I need to know about how to grow spiritually in my Krishna Consciousness are provided in your writings. It is so very complete. Thank you dear Prabhupada for leaving us with so many beautiful, sincere and intelligent disciples and disciples of disciples that can lead me in my spiritual life.

Thank you Prabhupada for blessing my marriage to Sivashne, for I know for certain, that without your blessing, we would not be able to make it. She is such a blessing to me and it has become such a sublime and beautiful experience serving with her at the temple and at home. Serving Sri Jagganath, Sri Baladeva and Srimati Subhadra at home has become the highlight of our gr̥hastha life and again this would not be possible without your blessings and your teachings.

Thank you dear Srila Prabhupada for bringing me through another year in my home that is ISKCON. I pray that my family and myself never

leave this beautiful home that you have created for us.

Happy 126th Vyasa Puja dear Jagat Guru, Srila Prabhupada. All glories to you.

*Your lowly, fallen servant and grandson,
Sadhu Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.

 Sarat Bihari Dasa
Blantyre
Malawi

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY, please accept my humble obeisances and kindly forgive my offenses.

Although I am an insignificant disciple of His Divine Grace Bhakti Vikash Maharaj and full of faults, still I am constantly awaiting your causeless mercy to be bestowed upon me. I have never given up my faith nor the hope that someday I may be a worthy disciple. On this auspicious day, I have come with this offering just to worship you, remembering your lotus feet all the time.

You have always resided in my heart and will remain a constant companion throughout my life.

You are present in your vani, your books and instructions. You have touched us all so deeply. We cannot help but remember you. Indeed, I am just like a dwarf who wants to capture the moon. Although I am completely unfit, I still strongly desire to receive your mercy. I have no good qualities. I am a fallen soul, desiring only your causeless mercy to be bestowed upon me.

*Begging to remain forever in your divine service,
Sarat Bihari Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

 Sarena Bishoon
Randburg
South Africa

HOW WONDERFUL THE LORD IS to give us His mercy and forgiveness, His strength and courage and knowledge of the greatest Truth there is.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada for educating us

and preventing us from falling.

*Your servant,
Sarena Bishoon*



Hare Krishna,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Sri Gurudev.

 Śārīdiyā Rasa Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

SOMEDAYS I LIVE WITH SUCH PURPOSE and promenade,
Only to realise it's all a complex façade.

Somedays I love to conquer the subconscious design,
Only to realise myriads of limitations exist in every timeline.

Somedays I see ahead as the egotistical futurist,
Only to realise living in the now makes me the happiest.

Somedays I feel vivid waves of DNA surge,
Only to realise lessons of divine evolution merge.

Somedays I speak with vigour and intention,
Only to realise that silence expands true vision.

Somedays I act with familiarity in this multiverse,
Only to realise detachment alleviates the prophetic curse.

Somedays I travel freely in an energetic fusion,
Only to realise the cynical trappings of this earthly constitution.

Somedays I see my singularity in unspoken harmony,
Only to realise the coded responsibility to my genealogy.

Somedays I feel the yielding power of manifestation,
Only to realise it's just levers of karmic continuation.

Somedays I understand the conflicting role of priestess and warrior,
Only to realise peace is with you, Radha, and Krishna in Vaikuntha.

*Your servant and granddaughter,
Śāridiyā Rasa Dasi*



Sarvanga Sundri Devi Dasi 🌸
Durban
South Africa



Hare Krsna dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath. All glories to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.
All glories to Your Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be a part of your movement. Thank you for engaging me in some service. Recently I started hosting Bhagavad Gita reading and discussion on a weekly

basis in line with instructions received from HG Laxminath Prabhu. I pray that you kindly forgive me for any offenses that I may cause in trying to execute this service and other services. Please bless

me to continue to remain fixed in all my service and to always remain at your divine lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

*Your unworthy servant,
Sarvanga Sundri Devi Dasi*



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to you, the saving grace of this materiel world filled with suffering.

 Sattvatanu Das
Phoenix
South Africa

AS I PEN MY OFFERING, I am overwhelmed to say the least. Yet another year in your most glorious ISKCON, what have I done to assist you? With my head bowed in submission, I cannot think of anything tangible to offer to you. For now, all I can offer is my words, please accept this humble offering.

Recently by the mercy of the devotees, I was able to accompany you in your murti form, from the Ratha-yatra procession back to the New Jagannath Puri Temple in Phoenix, South Africa. As we drove, sitting in the backseat, I was overwhelmed, wondering what it must have felt like when your disciples had the chance to serve you directly, to be in your intimate association and experience your causeless mercy, to appreciate your every word, to take your instruction and make it their very life. Although I have very little surrender, you have allowed me a glimpse of those very pastimes, Srila Prabhupada.

I pray that my mind, body and words are always connected to you. I often question myself and ponder, why would such an exalted personality sacrifice his entire life for the benefit of others. Upon reading a lecture, I found my answers. In a lecture you had given on SB 1.5.23 in Vrndavana on August 4, 1974, you mentioned “That was the decision of Nityānanda Prabhu, that “Why not deliver these fallen souls first?” Because Caitanya Mahāprabhu’s incarnation

is to deliver the fallen souls. And in... And there is no scarcity of fallen souls in this age.

patita-pāvana-hetu tava avatāra,
mo sama patita prabhu nā pāibe āra

Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura is placing himself to the lotus feet of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, that “My dear Lord, Your incarnation is to reclaim all these fallen souls. But I am the lowest of the fallen souls, so my claim is first. Kindly deliver me.” Mo sama patita prabhu nā pāibe āra. “You are..., Your determination is to deliver the fallen.”

Srila Prabhupada, your lotus feet is my refuge - I am the first-class fallen. Please shelter me. Your love has turned so many “fallen souls”, into first class devotees, I beg that one day, I may offer myself as a first-class devotee in your service. Thank you for having mercy on this “first-class fallen soul”. Though I take your presence in my life for granted, I pray that you always shower your love and compassion on me. I am dependent on you.

I Love you very much Srila Prabhupada!

*Your lowly servant,
Sattvatanu das*



Satyarani Dasi 
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please kindly accept my most respectful obeisances.
This day is auspicious because of you. All glories to you, again and again.

FOR MANY, the foremost inspiration to make a connection with Kṛṣṇa has been you, and it continues to be you because your spiritual urgency captures the heart and mind. Whatever apparent external challenge we encounter, our hearts are reined in by your unfailing love, which is manifested in creating spiritual opportunity. It is love – because only such a thing could flourish through time and beyond the external limitations of this world.

The magnitude of shelter you have created through so many avenues seems immeasurable. To be without these would pale our lives into mere existence. You gave my life value by blessing me with the shelter of those who are purely dedicated to your vision. They have carried the very essence of your heart through their realizations and expressions of gratitude. This is your potency – to have inspired generations of teachers who, in turn, inspire their disciples. They have enriched my life, and, because of you, they have shown me, by their character, what devotion is and what it means to be a Vaiṣṇava. Because of you, they have been inspired, dedicated, and have the kindness to extend themselves.

By your example, by your life, by your devotion, by your generosity, so many beautiful Vaiṣṇavas have grown, and, in turn, they've shared the urgency of your message with vitality and devotion. True kindness inspires change, and you have transformed the lives of so many who now

carry that same spirit of enriching others.

We are always brought back to you because, by you, we have been inspired to make a connection with Kṛṣṇa. You have created a beautiful life, full of opportunity, which becomes more visible to the degree that we are able to appreciate beyond minor inconveniences.

My earnest prayer is that I beg to not be parted from the service of your servants who are so affectionately dedicated to you. Through them, I would learn how to serve you. My wish is to have the honesty to become receptive to grace, to change my own heart. Only then would it be full – by purity, we could see how Kṛṣṇa and his devotees are always manifesting grace in our lives. Only then will there be unity despite externalities. You've brought wisdom and clarity to my life, and I've been able to appreciate and relate to it through your servants.

Please let my heart never stray from their service because they are dedicated in service to you. I offer my obeisances to you again and again, to a personality who has transformed the lives of countless people, and who continues to transform lives. I offer my obeisances to you again and again because you allow us to be ourselves and leave behind superficiality.

*Your aspiring servant,
Satyarani Dasi*



Senthamarai Govender 
Lenasia South
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your divine lotus feet.

I WANT TO THANK YOU for helping me grow spiritually. The chanting of the Mahamantra gives me a

calmness and peace of mind. It helps me in dealing with ups and downs in my daily life. I am able to

think more positively and I try not to judge others but rather to be more compassionate.

Reading the Bhagavad-gita helps me understand the purpose of life. I try working hard in keeping my mind with good thoughts. Attending the Sunday Love Feast at ISKCON Lenasia and listening, together with understanding

spiritual talks and the pastimes of the Supreme Lord Sri Krsna, has been invaluable to my spiritual life.

By your mercy, I try and help in any capacity for which I am able.

*Your humble servant seeking your constant mercy,
Senthamarai Govender*



Dear 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*

I AM NOT SURE WHERE TO BEGIN. This last year has been crazy. There is a war that's currently taking place between Russia and Ukraine. It has been a few months now. When I was little, and we studied about the world wars, I used to wonder how come the rest of the countries allowed it to happen. Why didn't anyone do anything? Well, of course I do understand that it's all Lord Krishna's arrangement since not even a blade of grass moves without His sanction.

I have also realized over the years that you can't teach people something if they are not prepared to learn. I do empathise with all the people on the receiving end of all this though, especially the devotees there. I can't imagine what it must be like. It makes our difficulties of no electricity and water for three weeks seem so minute. I did feel very grateful once we received electricity and water again. It really puts things into perspective. I try to not take all these things for granted and be grateful for all that is provided to us by Lord Krishna.

We recently heard some very sad news regarding His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami. Maharaj is not well and the doctors have said that this is the

beginning of the end of his body. I am not sure what Lord Krishna's plan is for us all in the Durban yatra. It would be good if He would let us in on it from time to time.

Maharaj has been so inspiring to everyone here over the years with his kirtans and lectures. I am still trying to digest this news of his health. So many devotees have already left this world in the last few years. What are we going to do without their association? I remember that time, at the beginning of this pandemic and lockdown when we were blessed with His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami at Sri Sri Radha Radhanatha mandir. Every few days, it would be Maharaja's turn to give the morning Srimad Bhagvatam lecture. I would tune in via Mayapur tv. There were a lot of other classes too in the evenings, on Caitanya Caritamrta. We were really spoilt. I can't imagine what Maharaja's disciples must be going through. It must be the most difficult time of their spiritual lives. I know Lord Krishna always thinks of what is best for us. I am just praying for the strength for us to get through it all.

Regarding your little soldiers, I have seen some online quizzes and some classes. I have shared that

 Shanth-Roop Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

on my broadcast. I am hoping that one of the spiritual games that was made years ago would get re-launched soon. I know that my siblings and I really enjoyed it. It had questions and answers of Lord Krishnas', Lord Ramas', Lord Caitanyas' and your pastimes. Back then I did not know much about you. I do hope the young generation gets absorbed in the game as soon as it is out.


Recently I started taking some online classes

on Bhagavad Gita as It Is. However, that, and a lot of our regular spiritual routine was quite disrupted during the floods and when there was no electricity and water. I am getting back into it now.

Once again praying at your lotus feet for your guidance and strength.

*Your granddaughter,
Shanth-Roop Devi Dasi*

Shobhamayi 🌸
Fourways
South Africa

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

OUR MOST HUMBLE OBEISANCES AND PRANAMS to you our dearest grandfather. Every day when I take your darshan, I am reminded of all the struggles you went through to give us a glimpse of a treasure chest, a hidden world. You saw it all and you are inspiring us every day to take this journey with you, so that we to, can taste the nectar for which we are always hankering for.


We are lost and forgotten souls. Try as we might, we are always falling down. The material energy grips at us, and in a battle, we struggle. Please give

us your mercy dearest father. We are lost and forgotten souls - we have rebelled, and therefore, we are here. We are at your mercy. Please help us focus so that we may please guru and Krishna.

Please help us to share your glories, please help us to share the glories of Krishna. It is our only hope. It is our only hope.

*Your fallen and struggling servant,
Shobhamayi*

Shridhar 🌸
and Sonal Ramlall
Sandton
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances at your glorious lotus feet.
All glories to your beloved Krishna!

THANK YOU, SRILA PRABHUPADA, for giving us knowledge about Krishna and helping us to go back to Godhead. Without you, we would be completely in maya. You have given us an opportunity to chant the holy names of the Lord – and without chanting, there is no chance of experiencing any lasting happiness in this world.

Every time we offer flowers at your lotus feet during guru-puja, we hope that our services please

you. For over a year, we have been distributing flyers, books, and mantra cards during Harinam Sankirtan, in the Johannesburg area, in the hopes that we can assist you in your mission to spread Krishna consciousness. We hope to distribute your message in every town and village, in every country and continent, and throughout the entire world! When we are distributing your books, we feel the greatest happiness and the greatest inspiration to get better

and better at distributing your message.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada! We hope to continue pleasing you with our services.

*Your servants,
Shridhar and Sonal Ramlall (ages 14 and 11)*



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.

 Shukadev Dasa
Durban
South Africa

*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*

AS I WRITE THIS OFFERING DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA, many statements I've encountered in your purports to the rich spiritual texts come to mind. Significantly, what stands out, is the many times you've mentioned from the teachings of the Lord himself that "We are not this body, but an eternal spiritual soul". The minute jiva who is ultimately part and parcel of the all-powerful original soul. It's a hopeful truth that needs taking cognizance of in our daily sadhana. The material energy is a strong force that keeps bewildering the mind and I see that effect in my daily living. To this I've found the grounding nature of chanting the prescribed maha mantra Hare Krsna, Hare Krsna, Krsna Krsna, Hare Hare, Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare to be the saving remedy of love and hope that the Lord has been so kind to allow us into, only by your mercy Srila Prabhupada.

I try my best to approach this service with submission and surrender and I've got so much to learn as to how to adequately appreciate this line of hope. Looking at Krsna Consciousness as a means to establish our constitutional position as "I am the servant of the servant of the servant, who is trying to bring some small pleasure in service to the Lord" is by no means an easy task as we are trying to please the creator of all that exists. Yet, your teachings have

given us the blueprint of how we can accomplish that and make it an easy and accessible duty to all that exist without bias and marginalisation. What you have given the world Srila Prabhupada, no other could have, and this chosen hopeful destiny has improved our thousands of lives out here. I cannot be more thankful to having been exposed to your books, my Guru maharaj, the vaishnava community and the various temples of the Lord. These are the beacons of hope in a rampant world of dismay. Yet, we must struggle along in this planet, whilst these islands of hope in a sea of disaster gives us facility to save ourselves.

Please accept my deepest gratitude unto your most divine lotus feet for all that I am privileged with by having the availability of your nectarian teachings manifest into my life. I will try always to share what you have blessed us with as this is what you instructed us to do. Everything that is worth learning whilst our time on this planet - is in your Books. Please bless this poor ignorant fool, who is trying to be proper and yet fails. Give me the intelligence to surrender truly to the Holy Name.

*Your ever-loving servant and grandson,
Shukadev Dasa*

Shyama Gali Devi Dasi 🍁
Johannesburg
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine feet on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja. All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath and Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari.

I AM GLAD THAT I GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO WRITE an offering to you, because the path that I am following, is one of the greatest paths. It is all because of your teachings. Thank you for being my saviour, for teaching me a life that's meaningful and has a purpose to go forward. There is nothing more any person should desire but to be a servant of the servant of Krsna's devotees. Every day, my meditation reminds me of all the great sacrifices you made for the fallen

souls. I pray to Your Divine Grace to bless me and to taste the nectar of the holy names of the Lord and serve your ISKCON mission, guru and the devotees sincerely. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for saving me from this material world. Please forgive me for my countless offences. My deepest appreciation.

*Your servant and granddaughter,
Shyama Gali Devi Dasi*



Shyamananda Krishna Dasa 🍁
Yadu Kisori Dasi
Rishikumar
Bhagyashree
and Prahlad Makan
Pretoria
South Africa



Our Dearest, His Majesty, His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada,

AROUND 47 BC, when the Latin phrase of one of the world's greatest military legends of his times, was coined by Julius Caesar, who said: 'veni, vidi, vici,' which means "I came; I saw; I conquered," after he had achieved a quick victory in his short war against Pharnaces II of Pontus at the Battle of Zela. The phrase is used to refer to a swift conclusive victory.

Your Divine Grace in your case, veni, vidi, vici, refers to you being Lord Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu's-Military Commander-Devotee, His 'mora senapati-bhakta,' which refers to your swift and conclusive victory to the onslaughts or battle with Kali-yuga's two most powerful and deadly warrior witches of bhukti and mukti.

You came to the West to broadcast, preach and educate the world, and give real freedom and liberty to all of humanity, from the cycle of repeated birth and death, transmigrating fruitlessly through 8,400,000 species of life, by preaching the transcendental and eternal science of Sri Krsna Bhakti on command of your spiritual master, His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Goswami Maharaja

about the ultimate perfection of human life.

You saw how humanity has become degraded, continuously from time immemorial, being tossed in the material ocean of nescience or ignorance by the two eternal witches called bhukti and mukti, whilst humanity suffers the threefold distresses infinitely, trying to satisfy 'bhukti'- their material desire to enjoy the material world or trying to become liberated from material bondage-mukti; and out of your compassion and magnanimity, to stop mankind from spiritual suicide and to attain eternal bliss of devotional service. You founded the Worldwide Hare Krishna Movement or ISKCON, of which you're its preeminent founder acarya of all time, you actually established the link and via medium of a direct communication channel between the highest planet of Vaikuntha in the spiritual sky, being Sri Vrndavana dham to planet Earth and to us earthlings.

You conquered, as Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu's 'mora senapati-bhakta-military commander,' of all time, especially for the next ten

thousand years, far outwitting, outsmarting and out manoeuvring Julius Caesar's limited and forgotten military achievements of 47 BC, as follows:

ebe nama sankirtana tikshna khadaga laiya
antara asura jivera phelibe katiya

“Taking the sharp sword of the congregational chanting of the Hare Krsna mantra, (nama-sankirtana) I will root out and destroy the demoniac mentality in the hearts of all the conditioned souls.”

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

“If some sinful people escape and giving up religious principles and go to far off countries, then my senapati-bhakta (military commander) will come at that time to give them Krishna consciousness.” – Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu in Sri Caitanya Mangala, Sutra-khanda, by Locana das Thakura

You conquered maya (illusion) in the face of encroaching allurements of material life and in a culture steeped in sense gratification, by planting the seeds of devotional service and establishing the real and only yuga-dharma of this Age, in the congregational chanting of the holy names; or sankirtana-yajna as the only sacrifice needed for real liberation and God realisation for this Age.

You are eradicating people's suffering exponentially with transcendental and eternal bliss of Krishna consciousness. Your spiritual master, says, that it's most important to save a single jiva from spiritual damnation versus building numerous hospitals and or doing other welfare work; and you made this your life's mission, as the highest course of welfare to human society, that is giving us Krishna consciousness.

You're killing the dark knights of Kali-yuga, by printing millions of books in dozens of languages, preaching the love of God, by your personal institution called BBT, which stands for The

Bhaktivedanta Book Trust.

You're freeing the souls from the repeated cycle of birth and death by feeding one body at a time, with maha-prasada, or with remnants of food-stuffs, first offered to the Lord, and then offered to humanity through your 'Sunday Love Feasts', your Food for Life Centres, etc. and your Govinda's Restaurants and devotee homes, Temples, festivals, etc. throughout the globe.

You've created a true united nations, with your invaluable world headquarters and sky-rising Temple in West Bengal Mayapur, where people of all races, colours, castes, creeds and nationalities have joined together to raise their hands and chant the holy names of the Lord in unison in eternal bliss.

You're the empowered modern-day saint or saktavesa avatara, the military commander to give Krishna consciousness to planet earth, and you're the saviour of the whole world plummeting into the fires of hell.

Your glory of uniting the world is unmatched, where you gave us everything; and to share the goal of loving service to the Supreme Lord, Sri Radha Ramana; and consequently all of us, the devotees of ISKCON owe you an unrepayable debt of loving devotion in gratitude and thanks, especially on the most auspicious day of all time, that is your Vyasa-puja day, when we honour and worship you, your 26 qualities of a pure devotee of the Lord, coming down and appearing to us, on this day, in a genuine guru parampara system, aka GPS - without it, we are lost souls, recycling, recycling.

We like to honour Your Divine Grace accordingly, our most magnanimous spiritual father, for the exceptional good fortune you have bestowed upon us, resulting in an amazing unrepayable eternal debt we owe you, by glorifying you, your activities and your Hare Krishna Movement, by serving your devotees' devotee, following the regulative principles and chanting the holy names in pure consciousness and trying to spread your glories and teachings throughout the plane,

especially on your Vyasa-puja or appearance day and everyday thereafter, eternally.

All glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda.

*With love, devotion, gratitude and appreciation,
Your grand Disciples,
Shyamananda Krishna Dasa (Dasanudasah), Yadu
Kisori Dasi, Rishikumar, Bhagyashree and Prahlad
Makan*



Sitala Devi Dasi 🙏
Roodepoort
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace, who has innumerable divine qualities!

DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA, thank you for all that you have given us. This material world is getting harder and harder to bear. There is so much death and hardship all around us. The struggle for existence is severe. The shelter of the spiritual life you have shown us is the only way to cope and one day be free of this world.

Srila Prabhupada, I am like a lizard stuck in the bottom of a well that has no way out despite all my efforts. Only by the mercy of Krishna and His devotees can I be saved. Dear Srila Prabhupada, I am a wretched soul devoid of stability, strength and any real use.

Please have mercy on me that I may somehow be uplifted from this well of Maya and be placed under the divine shelter of your lotus feet. Please

may my heart become a soft and gentle place for the Lord to reside?

Please may my life be filled with hari-nama-sankirtana and service to the devotees? Srila Prabhupada, there is no one more compassionate than you. Your books, instructions, personal example, and character captivate fallen souls.

Thank you so much for your protection and guidance throughout my life. I thank you for bringing me to the shelter of my spiritual master, your son, His Holiness Partha Sarathi das Goswami.

*Your struggling servant,
disciple of His Holiness Partha Sarathi das
Goswami,
Sitala Devi Dasi*



Siva Sankara Dasa 🙏
and Guna Manjari Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories unto you, our dear most grandfather, well-wisher, and spiritual preceptor.

EACH YEAR, THIS OCCASION AFFORDS US the opportunity to reflect on our immense and inconceivable good fortune, on your glorious life and to critically evaluate our service and efforts dedicated to your mission over the past year. Without you, we would have been embroiled in various Hindu practices. Satisfied with ignorance of the unknown, the pre-eminent process and principles of bhakti

would have eluded us.

Our efforts would have been scattered and the principle of utility most likely ignored. Because of you, our vision has become clearer. This has transformed our lives and shaped our future. Although not qualified, we have some hope that by simply following your teaching and instructions, we will gain some favour and good fortune.

You have given us the knowledge, faith, and strength we need to take the next steps towards the ultimate goal of perfecting our existence. Your words of positivity and encouragement have brightened our days and provided solace during gloomy times.

Thank you for emboldening us. We are so grateful that you are our master.

*Your insignificant servants,
Siva Sankara Dasa and Guna Manjari Dasi*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

I HAVE OFTEN REFLECTED ON THE MEANING of “causeless mercy” a term I only encountered through your teachings.

Recently I was part of a wonderful event that gave me direct perception of this.

My mother, a widow, after a period of being wonderfully sheltered at the home of my younger brother, Krsna Charan Dasa, came to live with me at my small apartment. She was a magnanimous soul, full of love for all the living entities. She came to know more people in my apartment complex than I did, as she met them on a stroll to the bin or the little shop on the premises. Even the birds knew her and kept cawing until she appeared on the balcony to feed them. When she was in hospital, they kept coming to look for her.

She was the first person to read to me the lilas of Krsna when I was a young boy. She loved Krsna and therefore it was natural for her to support our involvement in Krsna consciousness. She came with us to all the festivals, Temple programmers, was chanting and offering her food, listening to lectures, and getting the association of several spiritual masters as they visited my brother’s home, the Temple and the nama-hatta coordinated by him. Mom read all your books that I have on my bookshelves. She was an avid reader and completed one every few days. She absorbed your astute teachings and intently listened to your lectures, marveling at your “wit” and analysis of the material world and

being fascinated at the descriptions of the spiritual world. She was proud of our involvement in being devotees, and sometimes chastised us too...that we should be careful to represent you properly.

At the beginning of 2020 she developed Parkinson’s disease and though we tried medical specialists, the deterioration had taken hold. However, during the Covid-19 ‘lockdown’ period she sat in every one of my online Bhagavad-gita and Srimad Bhagavatam classes and attended the online nama-hatta classes - so she could also see and greet her grandchildren.

The ravaging disease continued to attack her mobility, and eventually her memory, causing her severe disorientation and loss of balance.

She had to be hospitalized where she suffered another serious setback of epileptic seizures that eventually left her unable to eat or move. Hence for the last six months of her life she had to be in a nursing care home, fed through a “peg” feed....a tube inserted directly into her belly. A small electronic box with you chanting japa accompanied her through her stay in hospital and at the nursing home. She heard your japa day and night. In the last two weeks she had to be again admitted to hospital with respiratory distress where it became obvious that she may leave her body.

When she was well, we had asked her to approach your disciples, a spiritual master for initiation, but she always felt she was unqualified.

 Smita Krsna Dasa
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa

As it became obvious to us that the time was drawing near for her to leave her body, my sister-in-law Nirupama Radhika Devi Dasi asked her husband Krsna Charan Dasa to call HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami to request his awarding of diksha to our mom. He was so merciful that he agreed. Thus, it came to pass that in the hospital ward an IPAD arrangement was made where HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami on a video call awarded my mom the name Padma Manjari Devi Dasi and prayed for her.

Almost 12 hours after that she left her body. She had Vrindavan dust and maha water on her body, and you were chanting in her ear, with photos of Lord Nrisimhadeva and Sri Sri Radha Damodara at her head.

Who can understand this unfathomable mercy? It became even more astonishing when my cousin Haridev, in retrospective reflection,

related how on a visit to my mom a many years ago, she had stated to him that she liked the “nice swami” HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami and if she were to be initiated she would take shelter from him.

Now I understand what your causeless mercy is. Your words, your mission, your vision, your desire for all the jivas entangled in this world is the epitome of compassion.

I offer my deepest appreciation for your causeless mercy upon all of us, and that you have given us the ultimate shelter and hope.

On this most auspicious day of your Sri Vyasa-puja I re-dedicate myself to you and your mission.

*Your eternally grateful servant,
Smita Krsna Dasa*



Soimone Govender 🙏
Lenasia South
South Africa



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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY OF YOUR VYASA-PUJA, please accept my humble obeisances and kindly forgive my offences. You have truly changed my life by becoming a constant, bright light that is always guiding me and mercifully helping me in my life’s journey.

As time goes by, I grow more and more spiritually and your books provide the perfect knowledge

that educates me. I have progressed more intently in my chanting. And I am constantly endeavouring to chant more attentively and without offence. I thank you most sincerely for your divine mercy.

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



Sovina Deepalal 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
I offer my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

WHERE DO I EVEN BEGIN? How can one possibly put into words their gratitude for all that you have done? Although no words could ever be enough, I shall

certainly try my best.

I wholeheartedly thank you for all of the sacrifices that you have made so that you could

spread the message of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Hearing of all the difficulties you endured during this time fills my eyes with tears and my heart with love. I often find myself wondering if I will ever succeed, and what helps me every day are your books. I am so grateful for them. They really are an ocean of knowledge.

Although I am still a work in progress, I will persevere to better myself each day. All glory and thanks to you, and your beautiful books that you

have so kindly given to us. These will help me to be a better version of myself each day.

I humbly ask that you may bless me so that I remain forever in your service and the association of your devotees.

With sincerest gratitude.

*Your servant,
Sovina Deeplall*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU for presenting us with a positive alternative. You gave us a different kind of civilization, one which is based on knowing our real identity. Out of your causeless mercy you travelled the globe many times in your old age. You wrote many books, gave hundreds of discourses, and spoke to numerous groups and individuals. You tirelessly explained that we are not our material bodies, but that we are all spiritual, indestructible and eternal servants of the Almighty Absolute. Because we have foolishly chosen to identify ourselves with our present material existence, we are suffering various miseries. As matter and spirit are completely different, no amount of material happiness can mitigate our suffering. It is just as if you took a fish out of water and gave it all kinds of pleasure on the land, the fish will never be satisfied until it is returned to its natural habitat. Similarly, as spiritual beings we cannot find real happiness by any amount of meddling in the mundane world. We can have perfect happiness only when we return to our natural state of spiritual existence. This is your message to the whole world. It

is the same message as the Vedas, the message of the Bhagavad-gita and the message of the Puranas. The message is so important that you suffered all kinds of trials and tribulations to bring it to us. This is your causeless mercy, dearest Srila Prabhupada. I pray for your mercy. I want to hear from you constantly and submissively. I bow down to your lotus feet. I want to be released from my unwillingness to serve you.

Despite many years since I have had the good fortune of coming in contact with your message, I have remained foolish in identifying the material cage with myself. I have spent my time for the upkeep of the material cage while neglecting myself within. I have to realise that I am not meant for the upkeep of the cage, but that the cage is meant for my liberation. Your message is for me to stop all my wrong doings and give food to myself, the soul which is distinct from my body and mind. I bow down to you, Srila Prabhupada, for the mercy and kindness you have bestowed upon me.

*Your insignificant servant,
Sri Hari Dasa*



 Sri Hari Dasa
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Sri Kalindi Devi Dasi 🙏
ISKCON Lenasia
South Africa



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet, on this most auspicious day of your appearance.

AS THE YEARS PASS and I find myself writing these offerings to you, I realize truly how grateful we all are to be part of your family. ISKCON is your home and you gladly and selflessly shared it to this material world. Thank you for your mercy. It is by that mercy that I am surviving on. Serving you at Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari is always such a blissful experience. It is really so wonderful that even though I may have not met you personally, when I serve you, there is a strong feeling of your presence. That very same presence gives me courage to continue my service.

I know I may not be so dedicated but as the years go, please bless me to have an increased dedication towards you Srila Prabhupada and towards your legacy that you have kindly left us with.

All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to you my dearest spiritual grandfather.
Happy Vyasa-puja my dearest Srila Prabhupada.

Your Servant,
Sri Kalindi Devi Dasi



Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Devi Dasi 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to you on this special day of your Sri Vyasa-puja.

A FEW MONTHS AGO, I read an article written by His Holiness Sacinandana Swami, wherein Maharaja quoted Raghunatha dasa Gosvami from Mukta-carita (The Pearl Story), Verse 4:

*nama-srestham manum api saci-putram atra svarupam rupam
tasyagrajam uru-purim mathurim gosthavatim radha-kundam
giri-varam ahoradhika-adhavasam
prapto yasya prathita-krpaya sri-gurum tam nato'smi*

“I bow down to the beautiful lotus feet of my spiritual master by whose causeless mercy I have received the supreme holy name, the divine mantra, the service of the son of Sacimata, the association of Svarupa Damodara, Rupa Gosvami, and his older brother Sanatana Gosvami, the supreme abode of Mathura, the blissful abode of Vrndavana, the

divine Radha Kunda and Govardhana Hill and the desire within my heart for the loving service of Sri Radhika and Madhava in Vrndavana.”

As explained by Sacinandana Maharaja, this verse expresses that when the guru feels pleased by the sincere attitude of his disciples, the guru opens his treasure box and gives them seeds (the seven gifts listed in the verse above). It is then up to the disciple to accept these seeds, protect them, and nurture them. This means that the disciple needs to cultivate the seeds received in his spiritual life in order for him to grow to his full potential.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, of the seven gifts of the spiritual master listed in this verse, I have fortunately received the holy name, but I am still working to be eligible to receive most of the other seeds or gifts of the spiritual master. The gifts offered by the spiritual master are not cheaply obtained by a false show of sincerity, just as the process of bhakti-yoga and learning to develop one's relationship with Krishna is also not a journey with

any shortcuts. The entire process of bhakti-yoga, from the beginning stages of sraddha to prema-bhakti, thus often seems like an impossible task to me. There are so many material stumbling blocks in my life and new challenges that constantly emerge. But, in the quiet moments of reflection, it is easy to see that these challenges are all simply synonymous with the symptoms of material life, namely birth, death, old age, and disease. On that premise, when I recognise that I am suffering in the material world, I also have the opportunity to recognise that 'it is a material world'. If not suffering, then what else should I expect to happen here?

Srila Prabhupada, by the grace of your books, when you help me understand the temporary and frivolous reality of my material existence, it is not to depress me or make me feel like the world is full of doom and gloom – instead, you help me understand the gifts that I am eligible to receive if I choose a spiritual path, a path of eternity, joy, and illumination.

Over this past year, it became painfully obvious to me that material challenges will always be there, but regardless of circumstance, I should do my level best to cultivate the seed of the holy name given to me by my own spiritual master. I should work to overcome my anarthas so that I may be qualified to receive more spiritual gifts, which will further my spiritual progress, allow me to develop my relationship with the Supreme Lord, and eventually allow me to develop prema-bhakti. The other

point of what I should be doing, and which became obvious to me over this past year, is that the spiritual nourishment I need to advance not only comes from my personal sadhana (although this is foundational) but also comes from my ability to give Krishna consciousness to others; or assist others in advancing spiritually in whatever way I can.

Even when I know what I should be doing, the execution is not so easy. There are many inclinations that I have in this material existence, but by the grace of a great soul like you, Srila Prabhupada, and the entire ISKCON institution and family you have created, I can keep trying to practice devotional service under your guidance and shelter. And each time I seem to fail in devotional service, I can keep trying to get up, keep trying to move in the direction of the Supreme Lord Krishna, and keep trying to remain in the current of all the wonderful devotees in your family who are also trying their best to do the same.

Thank you for all the gifts that you have in readiness for me to receive, Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for patiently waiting for me each year as I slowly keep trying to move towards you. I pray that I can bend my mind, words and actions to be more aligned with your desires and those of my own dearest guru maharaja.

*Your aspiring servant and granddaughter,
Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Devi Dasi*



Hare Krishna my dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your Divine Grace.

ON THIS MOST BLESSED DAY OF YOUR VYASA-PUJA I wish to thank you for giving us shelter at your lotus feet and in ISKCON. Srila Prabhupada as you say, I quote: "in this age of Kali-yuga, you cannot find a pious man or a saintly person. Everyone is addicted to sinful activities. But simply by distributing the chanting

of Hare Krsna, Lord Caitanya saved everyone, however fallen he might have been. "Come on!" He said. "Chant Hare Krsna and be delivered".

Srila Prabhupada this is my only hope in my life's journey. I am in need of your blessings and your mercy so that I can continue to serve you, ISKCON's

 Sri Mukunda Dasa
Durban
South Africa

activities and try to spread the holy name to everyone I meet.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for all your wonderful teachings. I am for ever indebted to Your

Divine Grace.

*Your most unworthy servant of servants,
Sri Mukunda Dasa*



Sri-Govinda Dasa
Gauteng
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada

Please Accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your divine lotus feet.

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

AS TIME RELENTLESSLY MARCHES ON, I have come to realise that I have wasted a significant amount of my valuable time in the pursuit of flickering happiness.

The only solace that I have for this wasted time is that I have come in contact with your books. I am deeply grateful to you for sharing this now - open secret - with me.

Always remember Kṛṣṇa and never forget Him.

Srila Prabhupada kindly allow me to be of some service to your mission. I recognise that I am a difficult individual, but by your books, maybe my cactus-like behaviour will improve.

*Aspiring to serve your mission,
Sri-Govinda Dasa*



Srimati Devi Dasi
and Subadra
Phoenix
Mauritius



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our humble obeisances.

All glories to Your Divine Grace.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, we recently read a letter from World War 1. It was written by a 19-year-old Irish boy to his family. The letter was a heart rendering account of the hardships and suffering he endured while serving on the front line. He described how there was constant shelling all around him while he trudged through the trenches to no man's land. There was also scarcity of food, and the stench of death filled the air. However, what was most touching, was hearing him express what his heart longed for the most and that was to receive the news of ordinary, everyday, life! There are many such

letters that have been preserved throughout history, having stood the test of time. By preserving and reading them, it is the hope, that we, along with future generations, will learn from the past and not repeat the same mistakes which have caused immense human suffering! Therefore, such letters, often being first-hand accounts, carry valuable lessons. Srila Prabhupada, imagine the great loss if such letters had been adulterated or intercepted by the enemy! Srila Prabhupada, while contemplating on this, we thought of how you have preserved Gods letters to us, God's love letters to all His children,

to all of mankind, wherein He describes who He is, who we are, our relationship with Him, the purpose of human life, and how we can navigate through the muddy trenches of this material world to find our way back to Him.

The Brahma-Samhita states that in Vrindavan every word is a song, and every gait is a dance. So, God sings His message to us, and it is filled with meter and rhyme. In the purport of the Bhagavad Gita As It Is, you explain how you have maintained the integrity of Krishna's message. You have taken great care to keep every word and meaning true to

His intent. Hence, you are a genuine conservator, restorer, and reporter, for you have preserved the message of our father without adulteration or interception. You have made it possible for this message of immense love and emotion to be passed down through generations, and therefore stand the test of time. For this we are truly grateful. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada!

*Your most fallen servants,
Srimati Devi Dasi and Subadra*



Hare Krishna dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance.
All glories to you and the wonderful devotees who continue to serve you.

IN PREPARATION FOR PENNING DOWN a culmination of perpetual appreciation, it behoves a person to reflect on what they have learned and applied in the duration this planet's approximate 365.25 rotations. This age of kaliyuga does not give us much facility to remember events beyond a few days, yet when it comes to spiritual subjects and emotions, we tend to easily recall the experiences, which never leave us.

Today I sit in front of a digital device translating the experiences that continue to resonate in my life, all because you have been so kind to remove the darkness of ignorance that covered my life. With each passing year, as I learn more about you and your mood of service, I know that I can never fathom reaching such a level of consciousness. However, the little that I have managed to experience of the bliss in serving your mission and your disciples has


made me wonder what more of that would feel like. Maybe one day I may have earned enough of your blessings to experience that state.

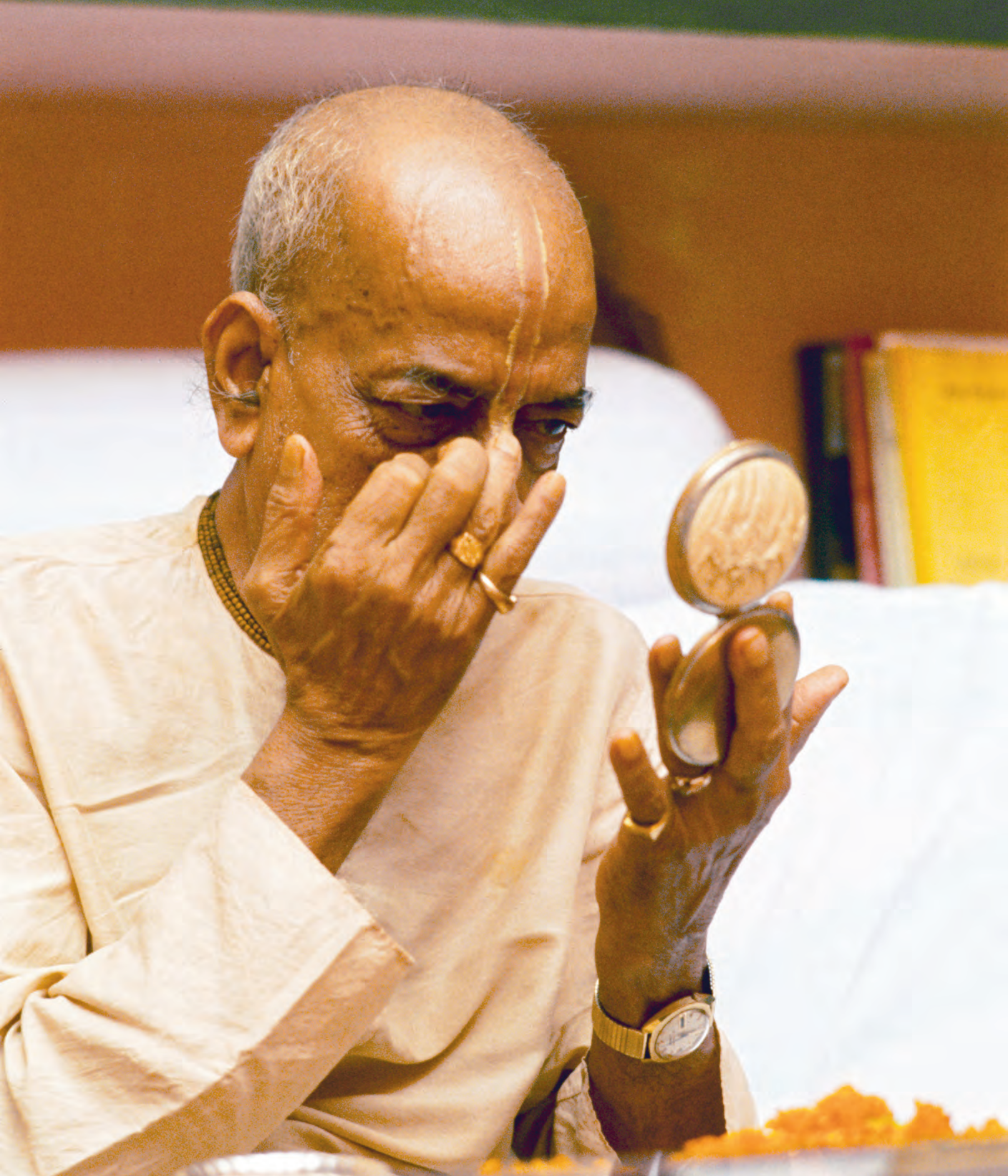
To conclude, I need to thank you for sacrificing your comfort and health for the benefit of souls that you may have not even physically met, like me. I try to live without debt in my life, but when I think about the debt I have to repay to you, I am happy that this repayment will take many lifetimes so that I may continue to always think of Krishna and His wonderful devotees like you, and never forget you all.

On this day, your Vyasa-puja, I beg for your continued blessing upon us and may you constantly guide us from within our consciousness.

*Your eternal servants,
Srivasa Pandit Dasa, Sevita Dasi and Hrishikesh*



 Srivas Pandit Dasa
Sevita Dasi
and Hrishikesh
Centurion
South Africa





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Subal Sakha Dasa
Newcastle
South Africa

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

IT IS AN HONOUR TO WRITE something for your Vyasa-puja. While writing may not be easy, in an effort to write something we reference and meditate on your pastimes. This meditation is pleasing. Defective vision or a diseased heart is no hindrance either.

There is so much a conditioned soul may say about you. If I think carefully about the only saving grace in this wasted life of mine, it is that I was drawn to the astonishing love shared between you and your disciples.

How you loved your disciples and how they loved you. Real love is mesmerizing. What was achieved by this loving exchange between spiritual master and sons and daughters, is a grand tale; a tale worthy of being sung for all time. And for those who choose to listen, a tale that could open the doors of liberation.

We are indebted to your servants for recording your pastimes through tape recordings, other audio-visual media and by their documented remembrances - all with much detail, capturing the nuances and subtleties of your personality.

How much we are indebted to you for setting foot on the Jaladutta. Thank you. You were a "Calcutta boy" who could easily handle the colossus of New York City.

Then there was the sordid, ungovernable ways of young hippies. Such behaviour was sure to startle the heart of any cultured elderly gentleman. Miraculously, teaching truths that made light of mundane political correctness and morality, you made deep meaningful connections with many of these young boys and girls, much like a father

reviving a relationship with his long lost children.

It is striking how hard you worked to preach in New York. Like a mother, you cooked and cleaned and nourished your students on food, affection and personal care. Like a caring father, you did not hesitate to educate and to chastise. You were ever protective of your students to any and all outsider negativity. You worked tirelessly, sacrificed everything and basked in the glory of connecting to an amazing grace way beyond your own. You shared the gift of this experience with all your representatives who preach Krishna consciousness in new places all over the world.

You spent a mere twelve years with your students. Who can say what will manifest from the seed of these 12 compact years. The results are already astounding.

You were so focused and determined in your mission; never once were you distracted by self-pity or self-righteousness, or assailed by doubt or depression. Fame, opulence and receiving worship were your dutiful - but neglected - servants kept in the background.

Your people skills and humour were legendary. Your emotional intelligence was as vast as the ocean. Your personality, lovable. Your character, impeccable. Your leadership and behaviour, worthy of study. And your faith in the holy name, never seen before.

Hearing you glorify the qualities of a Vaishnava throughout the purports of Srimad Bhagavatam gives a glimpse into your own heart and the qualities of a Vaishnava sings of your own glories. You hardly ever mention the inconveniences of the body that you endured, what to speak of the 'trauma' of

managing an international society. In the midst of a relentless flow of managerial challenges, from petty personal squabbles to disturbing national political conspiracies, you were like the immovable Himalayas - mostly cool and sometimes like fire.

In September 1977, when you visited London for the very last time, surrounded by a sea of devotees, tears constantly flowed from your eyes. Many devotees were distraught seeing your emaciated state. I want to believe that your heart was singing a love song in great joy to your masters. These lyrics

come to mind, "I would take the stars out of the sky for you. Stop the rain from falling if you asked me to. I'd do anything for you, your wish is my command, I could move a mountain when your hand is in my hand ..."

I conclude this offering with this wonderful thought of Lord Krishna's hand in yours.

Thinking of you,

*Your wayward grandson,
Subal Sakha Dasa*

Subhaluksmi Devi Dasi 🙏
Durban
South Africa



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

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER IN REMEMBRANCE of you throughout my life. Many years have gone by, and you still remain the personality who transformed the world with his purity and faith in Krishna. Strong faith in Krishna in our devotional service is such an important ingredient, and you demonstrated that faith in an amazing way in the beginning of your mission. We miss you so much and the world badly needs an authentic and bona fide saintly personality like your holiness. You always

told your disciples that they should not miss you and you will always be here through your books. Lastly, I would like to say thank you dearest Srila Prabhupada for building a home for the whole world to live in. Because of your teachings we got to know how to love God and to go back home, back to godhead and we shall be forever grateful to you.

*Your eternal grand disciple,
Subhaluksmi Devi Dasi*

Sudama Dasa 🙏
Mount Edgecombe
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to your divine grace.

ON RAMA-NAVAMI THIS YEAR (10 April 2022), I met three people during the course of the day, and because of your mercy, I was inspired to speak to them about Krishna consciousness and give them your books. The first, was a pious Indian gentleman at a parking lot, outside a medical center. Parked next to me and seated in his vehicle, he was listening to some traditional Ram bhajans and enthusiastically

singing along. Seeing his enthusiasm, I decided to approach him and compliment him for chanting the holy names of Lord Rama so nicely. I thought of giving him a book. I had a Ramayana, which I was reading, and a copy of your Bhagavad-gita As It Is, which was lying in the car for a few years. Although it was Rama Navami, I decided to give him the Bhagavad-gita As It Is instead of the Ramayana,

because I considered that he would get your association and mercy through it. After some friendly talk, I gave him the book, which he gladly accepted. Although he did not have any cash, he wanted to pay something, so I told him that he could give some donation at any of our temples. After attending the Sunday program, I went to the local supermarket. Still dressed in my devotional attire, a Africa lady security guard greeted and approached me. Seeing my dress, she asked if I was some kind of healer. Thinking on the spot, I replied that I was, because I knew that you gave us the holy name, which is the solution to all our problems. I told her that I was a “Hare Krishna”. Her name was Deli and she wanted a “healer” to pray for her mentally ill brother who was undergoing some tribulations. I told her that I will pray for him, but also taught her the maha-mantra, one word at a time - Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare/ Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare. I told her to chant it, and this will help her brother. I took down her cell phone number and texted her the mantra.

Some weeks later, I went to the same store. I thought of your words: “What will your three minutes preaching do? But if they buy one book, it may turn their life.” - Letter to Bhagavan Dasa (5 November 1972). So, I decided to give her a small book, translated in Zulu, but forgot to take it. However, by your mercy I was able to find the most appropriate book “Chant and Be Happy” in the car

again. I gave it to her and showed her the page where the maha mantra was written. With a smile she accepted it and also told me that her brother was now doing well. I encouraged her to read the book and to continue chanting. Back at home that day, a plumber came along from the eThekweni Metro water department to fix a leaking meter. He was expert at his trade and very humble and polite. Again, I felt inspired by you, to give him one of your books to thank him for his superb work, despite the muddy conditions. This time, it was the Introduction to Bhagavad-gita As It Is, translated in Zulu. I showed him the book and asked him if he would read it and he firmly said, “yes”, he would read it. As his hands were unclean, out of respect, he asked me to place it in his pocket and off he went.

These encounters simply reminded me of your unlimited mercy. The mercy that flows from Lord Nityananda, eternally resides in your books - in your ecstatic purports. So, on this day, I simply offer these experiences to you in the hope that it pleases you. I have many shortcomings and are lacking in so many ways. But I pray to you for your mercy so that I may get some taste in reading your books, appreciating them, and assisting your devotees, in some way or the other, in this lifetime, with the preaching mission of your beautiful society - ISKCON.

*Your most grateful servant of your servants,
Sudama Dasa*



Hare Krishna dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.
All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga. All glories to your loving divine grace.

 Sudarsini Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

I'M ONCE AGAIN HUMBLED to be able to write a few lines. You have mentioned Srila Prabhupada, that God realisation begins with the tongue. By constantly vibrating the maha-mantra and eating bhagavat-prasāda we can control all other senses. However, often while chanting I tend to stray

so easily as my mind is so hard to control. The problem in this material world is not the hunger of the stomach but the hunger of the soul and the solution is, true love of the Supreme Lord (Krishna Prema) that gives true happiness. Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu so kindly came down five hundred

years ago to freely distribute the treasure of true love which is simply chanting the maha-mantra in this Age of Kali. We fools would have never known this, had you not come to this material world, dear Srila Prabhupada. When others are ready to retire at your age, you left the comfort of the East and went to the West to follow the order of your spiritual master. Hence through your mercy, the names of Hari went to every town and village and is still rapidly growing. Where would we have been without your mercy and love? You said that the Lord is like an affectionate father who is anxious to take his children back home as soon as they completely surrender. So I beg for your mercy Srila Prabhupada, to please help me by kicking the obstacles on my path of devotional service, to stay focused and humble, to chant with conviction and be obedient to my spiritual master and to serve the wonderful devotees whenever I get

an opportunity.

I wish I had done more service in this lifetime. I've started my journey in 1978 during the tent campaigns. Facing many challenges since I managed to cling to the Lord and keep my sanity. The worst being the loss of my three sons in the last 25 years. Just when life becomes unbearable, I think about Kunti-devi and all her challenges she faced, even when the Lord was on earth at that time. My fervent prayer is that no one takes birth again in this dukkhalayam. This is not our real home. I'm forever indebted to you dear Srila Prabhupada, for being part of the wonderful ISKCON family, in the home that you have built for all of us.

*Your very unworthy servant of the servants,
Sudarsini Dasi*



Sudevi Dasi 🙏
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisance's. All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.
All glories to Guru Maharaja.

THIS YEAR FEELS A LITTLE DIFFERENT - I say that because the COVID-19 pandemic seems to be stabilising after more than 2 years. This means that in that time, life stood still, and although our sadhana continued in the comfort of our homes or online, our Temple Deity services stood still. The ad hoc festivals permitted us to render some services, but all in all, I was secretly yearning to do more. . . In January of this year, I picked up the phone, called a devotee and asked if I could join and assist to do some Deity service with them. Moments later, I received a message from another close friend to come and assist to do some garland service for our beloved Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari which I accepted immediately! I paused for a moment and thought about my good fortune - my heart was secretly celebrating. This is mercy! Mercy coming from our Parampara, from you Srila Prabhupada and from our gurudeva. How

merciful and kind the Lord is! I've read and heard this journey metaphor many times, when we take one step towards Lord Krsna, He takes ten steps towards us. At that exact moment, this felt so real to me. Prabhupada. You were offering arati to the Deities, I'm unclear on which Deities, but it felt like it could have been the famous picture of you offering arati at the installation ceremony of Krsna Balaram in Vrndavan during the Rama-navami celebrations (20th April 1975). While you were offering the arati to the Deities, I was secretly offering a ghee lamp to you whilst offering obeisances (sometimes it's hard to make sense of sequential events and what goes on in one's dreams), but at the end of the arati ceremony after you offered the flowers to the Deities, you were sharing the offered lavender rose with the devotees. Everyone had their hands up to grab it, but you gave me a little smile and a

gentle nod and gestured the lavender rose into my hand. I enthusiastically grabbed the lavender rose and I really cannot explain the feeling thereafter. I was completely undeserving of your mercy, but there it was . . . more of your mercy. How fortunate could I have been to receive this? Words can't do justice to an indescribable feeling because it's truly a heart connection. All I can say is, Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for everything that you have done to boldly push this Krsna consciousness to every part of the globe. I'm so grateful for all these

opportunities to render some form of devotional service to our beloved Lordships because this pleases our spiritual masters and in turn pleases you, Srila Prabhupada. I know that it is impossible to pay the debt to one's spiritual master, but I beg that you please continue to shower your mercy on all of us and bless us to please continue to enthusiastically serve your ISKCON and to never leave your shelter.

*Your most insignificant granddaughter,
Sudevi Dasi*



Hare Krishna Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to you, Your Divine Grace.

YOU SIMPLY FOLLOWED the divine instructions of your spiritual master, Srila Bhaktisidhanta Sarasvati Thakur Prabhupada, which was to spread the teachings of Krishna consciousness in the English language to the Western world. It was also a very difficult instruction to carry out because of the many hurdles that you had to overcome while endeavouring to follow the instructions of your spiritual master. Despite all the difficulties that you underwent, you still managed to fulfil the desires of your spiritual master. This was only because of your implicit faith and determination in pleasing your Guru Maharaj. We wish that you bless us with that same firm faith and conviction so that we may also try and fulfil your desire in the mission of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

Your Divine Grace's teachings have awakened our dormant Krishna consciousness and brought

life to our existence here in this miserable material world. Had you not created this fortune for us, we would have been doomed to transmigrate from this body-to-body cycle of birth and death. You have given us the chance to at least evolve in the progressive stages of love of Krishna and make advancement in that way.

We are forever indebted to you Srila Prabhupada. Srila Prabhupada, we cannot thank you enough for your ever merciful and compassionate nature for all of us fallen souls.

We remain at your lotus feet and pray to be the sincere and dedicated servants of your mission. We pray that we please you in some way.

*Your servants
Sudhir Nimai Dasa, Sarika Priya Devi Dasi, and
Vrindavani Radhika Jaikarrum*



 Sudhir Nimai Dasa
Sarika Priya Devi Dasi
and Vrindavani Radhika Jaikarrum
Durban
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Sukadev Goswami Dasa 
and Family
Chatsworth
South Africa




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

WHEN IT COMES TO WRITING AN OFFERING, I am always lost for words, yet you are always speaking through your books, lectures, and instructions. Srila Prabhupada, please be kind to me and give me a drop of your mercy to distribute your books. Your books

have changed so many lives. May your glories be sung throughout.

*Your fallen servant of the servant,
Sukadev Goswami Dasa and Family*



Sukumari Dasi 
Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple
Durban
South Africa



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

WEDNESDAYS HAVE BECOME MY FAVOURITE DAY-it's a day when much more mercy from your divine grace is bestowed upon me. It's a day when I get to perform puja and bathe your deity form on the altar. How kind are the Vaisnavas for facilitating me in this special service? I am grateful for this opportunity.

As I daily recite this wonderful prayer of glorification to your divine grace, "O beloved spiritual master, you are always in the presence of the cowherd girl Radha, the daughter of King Vrsabhanu. Please award me service at your lotus feet, which are the proprietors of devotional service.

Please place me in the ocean of joy by bestowing upon me happiness in the mellows of service at the lotus feet of Sri Radha in the groves of Vraja-dhama", a tiny understanding that you are a special assistant of Srimati Radharani is entering my heart. I pray that you help me become a better grand disciple by cleansing my heart of deep rooted anarthas, pride, anger, greed and envy and let my endeavours be pleasing to you.

*Your grateful and dependent granddaughter,
Sukumari Dasi*



Su-shitala Radha Devi Dasi 
Midrand
South Africa



My dear eternal Spiritual Grandfather,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.

THIS YEAR 2022, MARKED A VERY IMPORTANT and crucial stage in my life. By your causeless mercy, and the mercy of your dearest son, His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami, this insignificant fallen soul, was given harinam initiation.

In a world where everyone is hankering for material wealth and material pleasure, my guru

maharaja has given me this most priceless and precious gift, a gift of an eternal bond with you, Srila Prabhupada. I consider this to be my great fortune.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for dragging me out of the darkest of ignorance through your transcendental books of pure knowledge of the absolute truth. Thank you for being "the small man

with a big message” for the world. I pray to help spread this mission with your mercy.

*Your insignificant granddaughter,
Su-shitala Radha Devi Dasi*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada, on your most auspicious day.

 Suyesha Choubae
Alberton
South Africa

DEAREST SRILA PRABHUPADA, another year went by with Covid-19 but yet this year, I do not feel this separation from you since serving at Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari; I get to see you and take your darshan.

I came across this poem, A Grandfather Just Like You, which reminded me of you, Srila Prabhupada.

I just want to let you know
you mean the world to me
only a heart as dear as yours
would give so unselfishly

The many things you’ve done
All the times that you were there
Help me know deep down inside
How much you really care.

Even though I might not say
I appreciate all you do
Richly blessed is how I fell
Having a grandfather just like you.

*Your Granddaughter,
Suyesha Choubae*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

 Sveta-Manjari Devi Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa

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

WITHOUT YOUR TEACHINGS and my minor attempts to follow your guidance on living a Krishna Conscious life I would be lost, depressed and extremely unhappy. So right now, life makes more sense only due to your mercy, life is possible to tolerate only because of your mercy, life has joyful moments and natural highs because your mercy and presence is felt. I pray for your continued blessing so that I may continue in this way. The guidance you have provided is so simple. In a Back to Godhead Magazine, an article titled, Knowing and Serving the Original Person, you said that without God consciousness, or without Krsna consciousness, there cannot be any peace. Everyone is hankering after peace, but no one knows how to achieve it. Therefore, this Krsna consciousness movement is promoting the greatest welfare work in the world.

The process of understanding this science of Krsna is made very easy in this age by Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu through the chanting of the holy names of God, Hare Krsna, Hare Krsna, Krsna Krsna, Hare Hare. Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare. You also emphasized therefore all the energy that God has is also there in His holy name. Now on the absolute platform there is no difference between the word and its referent; therefore, there is no difference between the holy name of God and God Himself. Please help me to continue and to increase my devotion as life's challenges often come in the way. Hare Krishna

*Your servant,
Sveta-Manjari Devi Dasi*



Swarup Damodar Dasa 
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisances in the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace!

OVER THE PAST YEAR, my dependence on your mercy seems to have become more pronounced. It seems that I have become more obliged to find shelter at your lotus feet. Why this has developed, I'm not certain. Still, I am very grateful for that dependence manifesting. One may develop dependence on another person for many reasons. The person may be recognized, capable, trustworthy, influential, unflinching, etc. All your followers have developed a high degree of confidence that all these qualities are present in you, Srila Prabhupada. So much so that even after over forty years after your disappearance pastime, you are still the most unwavering, steady, dependable rock in all of their lives.

For your faithful followers, your promise to take them back to the Lord's lotus feet has never gone in vain. I have read of and witnessed so many devotees gloriously passing their tests at the time of their deaths - all because of the shelter and assurance you

covered them with.

Recently your beloved disciple, Ksudhi prabhu, experienced your divine presence in a dream, which I would like to share. This dream gave me immense hope and confidence that if I remain faithful to your lotus feet, I will also be ushered, by your divine grace, back to the eternal shelter at the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radhe Shyam in Vrindavan. Not only did I develop confidence in going back home, but I also developed more yearning to appeal to you to be more present in my life now. Ksudhi Prabhu: [Start] I had a wonderful dream. In the dream, I saw my spiritual master, guide, and teacher, Srila A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. He was talking with some important people. When he saw me, he came over to me. He took hold of both my hands. He looked right into my eyes like he used to do and said, "Do not worry. I am here for you. I will provide all the support and inspiration you need, just as I always

have.” He touched my head and said, “I will stay in your mind.” Then he touched my heart and said, “I will stay in your heart.” Last he said, “When you die, I will come to get you and take you back to the spiritual world to be with me and Krishna.” Yes, I had the most wonderful, vivid dream. [End]

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Krishna.

*A humble and dependent servant of your eternal servants,
Swarup Damodar Dasa*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble and respectful obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet on this most auspicious day of your appearance.

All glories to you.

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

I SINCERELY PRAY TO YOU TODAY, on this most glorious day, to never to be separated from ISKCON, my Gurudev and the devotees. Please bless me, so that I become a worthy disciple. I place myself at your lotus feet and beg for your mercy. Please deliver this

fallen soul.

*Your humble servant always,
Syama Dasi*



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada, on your Vyasa puja, 2022.

AS I MATURE IN THIS LIFETIME, I have come to realise on my own terms, through my own experiences and realisations, just how difficult and challenging this life can be. Of course, you said it all along, that this material world is not befitting, like a fish out of water. Yet, despite knowing this, we continue to search for that elusive mirage called happiness. Where it not for my Krishna consciousness, like almost everyone else, I would be living a life of absurd and ignorant bewilderment. This is where you come in Srila Prabhupada. You have indeed opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge having been born in the darkest ignorance.

Where would I be, trying to figure out the purpose and meaning of life. After countless of births and deaths, through your mercy, I have found the secret to life and life’s purpose. While it is almost impossible to fight off Maya’s prowess, you have provided us with the mystic map to navigate her. Literally, how to make the best of a bad situation.

Where it not for you, I would never have come to meet my spiritual master who lives his life in sheer service to you. Where it not for you, I would never have got to understand and experience the joyfulness and satisfaction of sadhu-sanga. Where it not for you, I would never have got to know about



Syama Dasi
Pretoria
South Africa



Syama Mohan Dasa
Gauteng
South Africa

the previous Acaryas in the line of disciplic succession, nor the six Gosvamis of Vrindhavan. What to speak of Lord Caitanya Maharaprahu and His associates, and Lord Nrsimhadeva, and of course Radha and Krsna, our absolute saviour. Through your selfless and dedicated service to your guru maharaja, you have saved countless souls and defeated my ignorance.

You are on top of mind each day, every day, for me. I will never cease to be in wonderment of your glories and mercy Srila Prabhupada. You represent

everything righteous and perfect in this world. You are the personification of compassion, mercy, and truthfulness.

On this auspicious day, I renew my vow to you Srila Prabhupada to be faithful to your ISKCON and to always remember Krishna and never forget Him.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada!

Your grand disciple,
Syama Mohan Dasa

Syamakanta Dasi 🙏
Durban
South Africa



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

HAPPY VYASA-PUJA SRILA PRABHUPADA. As I have done in my previous offerings to you, I would like to give thanks. It was due to the sacrifices you made and the difficulties you tolerated that your guru maharaja's instruction could be fulfilled.

As a result, all of us are benefitting from the knowledge that you have shared in your books; from the opportunity to clean our heart by chanting the holy name; from the purifying association and deep realizations of the sincere devotees; and from being part of a spiritually nurturing ISKCON family.

It is my prayer to you on this blessed day that in this journey towards the Lord's lotus feet, that I may be graced with spiritual strength to be steadfast; have purity in my intentions and desires; and receive the blessings and be a blessing in the lives of others who are also traveling their own journey back home.

Your servant,
Syamakanta Dasi

Syamalata Devi Dasi 🙏
Phoenix
South Africa



Hare Krishna Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Sri Sri Jagannath, Baldev and Subhadra Maharani. All glories to Nitai Gaurasundar.
Please accept my humble obeisance at your divine lotus feet. All glories to you Srila Prabhupada.

HAPPY, HAPPY VYASA-PUJA dear lord and saviour of our souls. Millions of words cannot express my gratitude to you, Your Divine Grace for founding The International Society for Krishna Consciousnesses. The same goes to your disciples for intelligently taking to the movement. My sincere obeisances especially to those souls that helped you initially.

Everything you did is a marvel to me. No ordinary person could have done all that you have done in a few years of old age. Including preaching to the locals in foreign countries. This proves that you are an exemplary servant of Lord Krsna. No ordinary person could write that many books as you did, about great details of every subject in the

three worlds. You also admit that when you read your books that you did not write it, it was Lord Krishna. You built many temples throughout the world. The three major temple projects in Juhu, Mayapur and Vrindavan was started in just 2 months. Just amazing. The funds was raised and projects competed. Your disciples were instructed carefully by you on how to approach the public when asking for donations. You answered all their questions only from sastras never deviating. Today we still try to live and follow all that you taught. Your teachings are the only way in this material world

because maya is getting so strong presenting material entanglement. May I not deviate from this path of Krishna consciousness.

Srila Prabhupada. All I ask is that I may also be an instrument to spread the teaching of Guru and Gauranga. My gurudeva, His Holiness Bhakti Chaitanya Swami Maharaja is unflinching in his vows of being in your service Srila Prabhupada. Please bless him to continue for the many years ahead.

*Still your unworthy servant,
Syamalata Devi Dasi*



Hare Krsna, dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances,
All glories unto you.

 Syamananda Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-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 Saraswati Goswami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Chaitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

THANK YOU for getting us through another year and allowing us more opportunities to serve your mission. You once said that instead of eulogising and glorifying the spiritual master, carrying out his instructions is more important. So, instead of writing a long piece, our offering is simply the little preaching we are doing on our side for your pleasure.

In the last week, despite many challenges and difficulties, we were able to distribute some

prasadam to your devotees, a Srimad-Bhagavatam set, some boxes of Bhagavad-gita, many other books, and more prasadam, even while attending two family funerals. All of this is by your arrangement. We are simply your messengers and lowly servants, and we thank you for engaging us in this way.

We humbly pray to you to keep us engaged in your missionary work, for your pleasure and that of your guru maharaja.

Thank you for everything, Srila Prabhupada. We are eternally indebted to you. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

*Hare Krsna.
Your struggling servant,
Syamananda Dasa*



Sybil Dantu 🙏
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances and devotion on this auspicious day of your appearance!

WE WILL ALWAYS APPRECIATE YOUR COURAGE that it took to spread the holy name to all over the world. I listen to your talks every day, including your chanting. Also fast on Ekadasi most times and read the pastime to observe it which inspired me very much. I have learnt so much from hearing your talks. Especially when you explained humility, to trust exclusively that nothing can save you except the mercy of Krishna. When we are convinced like this, then we are humble. Reading Bhagavad-gita

helps me a lot. The book, Perfect Questions Perfect Answers was very good for inspiring me to hear more about the Vedas. The knowledge made me spiritually stronger.

Srila Prabhupada thank you for your help and compassion to us all and sharing the Absolute Truth.

*Your devoted servant of the servant of the servant,
Sybil Dantu*



Tamohara Dasa 🙏
Merumala Devi Dasi
and Tarini
Cape Town
South Africa



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

THE PAST YEAR SEEMS TO HAVE SPED BY IN A BLUR of raising our family during a pandemic while trying to maintain our spiritual practices. We have failed you miserably with our limited practices and dwindling faith. Our only solace is that we are somehow raising our child to remember Krishna. She really enjoys dancing to kirtan, hearing us chant your glories and the obvious one - krishna-prasāda.

I am amazed that children at a young age can relate to you and chant your name. So, we humbly ask that you continue to bless our family and allow us to help in some way so that they always remember Krishna and never to forget Him.

Tamohara Dasa, Merumala Devi Dasi and Tarini



Tanuja Hira 🙏
Pretoria
South Africa



Dearest spiritual grandfather, Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble and respectful dandavat pranams at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories unto you.

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

IT IS WITH THE GREATEST OF LOVE that I express my humble gratitude to you for building a home for us fallen souls of this material world, i.e., The International Society for Krishna Consciousness. You have so mercifully spread the mission of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu to save us, no matter how unworthy and degraded we are.

It was by divine intervention that I was guided to your sacred movement. It is here that I found the strength and courage to face life's challenges and

rekindle my relationship with my sweet Lordships, Sri Sri Radha Krishna. The wonderful association of the devotees is my beacon of hope.

Thank you for your sacrifice, mercy, and love. I pray to you to please keep me in the service of your lotus feet and keep your kind blessings upon me.

*Aspiring to be the servant of the servant,
Your insignificant granddaughter,
Tanuja Hira*




 Dear Srila Prabhupada,


THANK YOU SO MUCH for the Bhagavad-gita As It Is and all the exciting stories. You have taught us so much about Kṛṣṇa and for that I am so grateful, and because of you I am a devotee. Thank you for teaching us how to make delicious meals for the Lord.

Thank you so much for everything you have done for us.

*Your Servant,
Tara Kṛṣṇa Narain Singh*

 Tara Kṛṣṇa Narain Singh
Gauteng
South Africa




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

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namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyā-desā-tarine*

THE MESSAGES OF GODHEAD, which you have broadcast all over the world, are filled with spiritual power pouring nectar upon the suffering souls in this material existence. You are truly most

munificent.

You have bestowed upon us all the greatest boon of the goal of life. In order to deliver the poor conditioned souls, you created a spiritual


 Taralaksi Dasi
Narada Rsi Dasa
Vasudhama Dasa
and Rasika Mohan Dasa
Durban
South Africa

atmosphere, preaching endlessly and purifying the living entities.

Knowledge of Krsna is such a great gift that it is impossible to repay the benefactor. We therefore pray to gain the shade of your divine lotus feet, so that we may become worthy to enter the marketplace of the holy name. We simply beg for

your mercy and can only pray that “may we always remain in your shelter.”

*Trying to be the servant of your servants,
Taralaksi Dasi, Narada Rsi Dasa, Vasudhama Dasa
and Rasika Mohan Dasa*

Terishka Ramsoorooj 
Ballito
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

HAPPY VYASA-PUJA SRILA PRABHUPADA. My name is Terishka, but I am pretty sure you know my name. I am very grateful to Krishna for keeping us safe, giving us running water and lights and for giving us food to eat especially during the recent floods. My link to Krishna is through you.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving me a devotee mother who teaches me all these things

and who cooks yummy prasada. I hope and pray that you bless me in my future endeavours in Krishna consciousness, so that I can become a better devotee.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your great granddaughter,
Terishka Ramsoorooj*

Thilakini Devi Dasi 
Durban
South Africa



Hare Krishna
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada

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

ON THIS VERY AUSPICIOUS VYASA-PUJA I bow down to your lotus feet again and again. I have done an introspection of myself, and I have realised that I have committed so many sinful reactions lifetime after lifetime. I yearn for forgiveness so that I can advance in spiritual life. Despite your beautiful writings and music, I tend to still fall prey in the lap of maya. Srila Prabhupada, thank you for allowing such a fallen soul to be part of your beautiful ISKCON and your lineage. I often ask myself, why me? Thank you for always directing me in my life.

Please give me the intelligence to study your books and to assist you in your mission to spread Krishna Consciousness. Today, I beg for your mercy to fulfill these desires.

Thanks for bringing these wonderful devotees in my life and allowing me to do service at Sri Sri Radhanath temple. If only all these anarthas can be destroyed, I would be closer to you and my Lordships. Dear Srila Prabhupada, I will always be indebted to you. I placed requests at your lotus feet but how would you like me to serve you? I humbly

beg you to allow me to be in the mood of serving. When I look at the world today, it's exactly what you have described in your books. Srila Prabhupada, please accept me always and don't let go of my hand even if I want to. Don't ever allow me to forget

you and your mission. Hare Krishna.

*Your most fallen servant,
Thilakini Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.
All glories unto Your Divine Grace.

O SRILA PRABHUPADA, you brought an indescribable treasure into my life and the lives of so many conditioned souls. Every shower of mercy that comes my way is due to the sacrifice that you made in bringing Krishna consciousness to the West. You have given us the shelter of many great Vaisnavas in what would otherwise be a dark and scary world. I am

praying for the mercy to have the strength and courage to be your instrument in sharing the causeless mercy I have received. I remain forever in your debt.

*Your servant,
Tirumala Devi Dasi*



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

DEAREST SRILA PRABHUPADA, so much has happened and so much is happening all over the material world that it has just become more and more mind boggling. From world wars to natural calamities to a gradual worsening of the human condition, this material world has proven to be everything that you have described in your books. Every day we are experiencing firsthand how the words of the previous acharyas have come to pass as this Age of Kali is progressing and becoming more and more degraded and difficult to deal with. Our only saving grace amidst all of this great misery that is increasing and snowballing out of control to eventually unleash an avalanche of misfortune and degradation - is that we have received the highest benediction of being

taken under the shelter of your lotus feet.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, it is having the good fortune of taking shelter of your lotus feet that has given us some consolation and some sobriety to understand that we are part and parcel of the Supreme Whole Krsna and that the goal of life is to go back to Krsna and to stop wandering around in the material creation.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, an eternal lifetime will not be enough to express my heartfelt gratitude for saving us and for sacrificing your life for us. Thank you for your treasure house of books and manuscripts and for your disciples, especially my guru maharaja His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami and thank you for your temples and farming

 Tirumala Devi Dasi
Fourways
South Africa

 Tulasi Devi Dasi
Tongaat
South Africa

communities and for every single devotee in your ISKCON movement. Srila Prabhupada, thank you for saving us and thank you for your love.

*Begging to remain at the dust of your lotus feet
always,
Tulasi Devi Dasi*



Ujjvala Prema Devi Dasi
Midrand
South Africa



To my eternal and dear most jagad-guru, Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.

AKIŅCANA means one who has nothing to give materially, without possessions. Srila Prabhupada, while still living with your family, you always engaged in preaching, not caring for the pleasures of family life. Rather, you wanted only to satisfy the desire of your guru maharaj. After leaving your family, you accepted the most austere conditions. After taking sannyasa and going to Vrindavana, you stayed in simple rooms, first at the Vamsi-gopalaji temple and later Radha-Damodara temple. Tolerating the onslaught of extreme heat and cold, you worked tirelessly with no facility. Leaving Vrindavana Dham, you came to

America, suffering two heart-attacks and again with virtually nothing but your books, which of course were a great treasure - a treasure you would give to all of us. Your possession is Krishna, and you freely offering Him to the world. You have taught us to see everything as Krishna's property. Srila Prabhupada, please give me the ability to see that I don't need anything in this world except devotional service to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga.

*Your insignificant granddaughter,
Ujjvala Prema Devi Dasi*



Ujjvala Rasa Dasi
Durban
South Africa



My dearest grandfather Srila Prabhupada,
I offer my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

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srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvivesa-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-tarine*

YOU ARE THE FOUNDER-ACARYA of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness and you have given us the most widely read edition of the Gita in the world, titled "Bhagavad-gita As It Is." A book containing seven hundred verses spoken by Lord Sri Krsna to His dearest friend and most intimate devotee Arjuna. By studying this sacred book under the guidance of your illustrious disciples, we come to learn of the nature of the soul and its relationship

with God, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Sri Krsna, and to always remember Krsna and never forget Him! Thank you for everything that you have given us, books, devotional songs, prasada, devotee association, devotional service and most especially for your ISKCON, a home in which the whole world can live in as one big family!

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. In the purport you have written, “The most confidential part of knowledge is that one should become a pure devotee of Kṛṣṇa and always think of Him and act for Him...Life should be so molded that one will always have the chance to think of Kṛṣṇa. One should always act in such a way that all his daily activities are in connection with Kṛṣṇa. He should arrange his life in such a way that throughout the

twenty-four hours he cannot but think of Kṛṣṇa...” I am useless and insignificant and most unworthy, yet I am a beggar at your divine lotus feet dear Srila Prabhupada, begging for your mercy and shelter in your ISKCON ashram, in the association of your pure devotees. Please kindly give me shelter at your lotus feet eternally.

*Your servant of your servant,
Ujjvala Rasa Dasi*



My Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisance's at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to your divine grace.
All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

 Vaishnav Pran Dasa
Pietermaritzburg
South Africa

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY OF YOUR VYASA-PUJA, I feel very blissful. This last year has been a rollercoaster. Suddenly I am being drowned in devotional service. I do not have a minute to contemplate anything out of Krishna consciousness. As my mind is continuously contemplating how to serve you better. The trials and challenges of my numerous services, at times, I feel are burdensome, but when I think of all that you have tolerated it gives me added impetus to go on serving you.

Whenever I am in a dilemma wondering what I should do, I just offer my obeisances to you, requesting you to guide me to take the correct decision and by your mercy, I survive to go on serving you Srila Prabhupada.

I remember this verse from SB 1.2.19

*tadā rajas-tamo-bhāvāḥ
kāma-lobhādayaś ca ye
ceta etair anāviddham
sthitam sattve prasīdati*

“As soon as irrevocable loving service is established in the heart, the effects of nature’s

modes of passion and ignorance, such as lust, desire and hankering, disappear from the heart. Then the devotee is established in goodness, and he becomes completely happy.”

Just by rendering devotional service is what keeps me focused and enthused in my spiritual life.

*naṣṭa-prāyeṣv abhadreṣu
nityam bhāgavata-sevayā
bhagavatya uttama-śloke
bhaktir bhavati naiṣṭhikī*

“By regular attendance in classes on the Bhāgavatam and by rendering of service to the pure devotee, all that is troublesome to the heart is almost completely destroyed, and loving service unto the Personality of Godhead, who is praised with transcendental songs, is established as an irrevocable fact.” (SB 1.2.18)

One of the gems which you have given us is devotional service for which I am forever grateful.

There is so much to be done for ISKCON and I feel there is not enough time in this lifetime.

I beg to go on serving you Srila Prabhupada.
Please grant me the ability and intelligence to go
on serving you till my last breath leaves me.

*Your loving Grandson,
Vaishnav Pran Dasa*



Vaisnava Priya Dasi 
Pinetown
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

HOW CAN WE EVER THANK YOU?

On a cargo ship armed with the most valuable gift
Confused minds you came to uplift
The message of Lord Caithanya is the best
Go and preach this knowledge to the West
Was the instructions of your guru
And only the most fortunate will listen to your cue
Srila Prabhupada how can we ever thank you?

Like the dear devotee Hanuman, so very brave
Who crossed the ocean so that Mother Sita he could save,
Similarly, from Calcutta to New York you set sail
A Hare Krishna explosion about to unveil
As millions of souls from hellish conditions are saved
With the nectar that you so profusely gave
Srila Prabhupada how can we ever thank you?

At an elderly age, you compassion abound
Making the entire world your preaching ground
Spreading this knowledge far and wide,
in service, you continue to guide
The spiritual world in great detail, faith in the holy name
Back home 'Back to Godhead' reminding the living entity of his rightful claim.
Srila Prabhupada, how can we ever thank you?

*Your insignificant servant,
Vaisnava Priya Dasi*





Vaisnavi Mistry 🙏
Midrand
South Africa



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

IT IS YOUR VYASA-PUJA DAY and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for this society. Without Krsna consciousness I don't know where I would be in life. On social media we always see that many children are depressed and it's normally because of school. I think that without Krsna consciousness I would also probably be depressed and miserable.

The chanting of the holy name keeps us alive and protects us from the misery of this material world.

*From your dearest great granddaughter and servant always,
Vaisnavi Mistry*



Vanamali Das 🙏
Ananda Chandrika Devi Dasi
Pranoyini Radhika Dasi
and Radhe Radhe Dasi
Verulam
South Africa



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

LIFE PRESENTS PEOPLE WITH SO MANY CHALLENGES, it did, does and will continue to do so. The important point is to remain fixed in our devotional Service in order to sail through life's many challenges. You have given us the solution to cope in this day and age. Sankirtan Harinama is also so rejuvenating to our daily lives. There is such a positive energy generated from the chanting of the holy name and distribution of BBT books that the people we meet are so grateful for. Our Harinama Sankirtan devotees are so enthusiastic to spread the holy name and reach out to many people. This, in itself, is so powerful to help struggling souls in this Kali-yuga. This Harinama Sankirtan is like the breath of life for the starving souls in Kali-yuga. We see the effect of this street chanting on the many grateful souls that we meet.

In today's society, people move in search of greener pastures...they leave their place of birth to different towns and countries in search of greener pastures. In your purport to Srimad-Bhagavatam verse 4.25.5 you mention that a human beings only business is inquiring from a bona fide spiritual master about extrication from the

entanglement of karma - bandha - phansa, fruitive activities. But our judgement is so clouded to believe that if we extricate ourselves from our current situation physically, we will be better off; this is so premature thinking; the miseries of the material world will still follow us even if we move countries etc. Our consciousness needs to migrate - from a place of negativity to one of positivity - from starvation without Krishna consciousness to a life abundant with Krishna consciousness. The mindset of the present-day society needs to be injected with the glories of chanting the holy name.

This year, we resumed our local nama-hatta programs. We pray that with your mercy we will be able to continue in this service for years to come. We sincerely pray that we may be more determined in our Sankirtan movement. On this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, we appeal to you to bestow your mercy on us unqualified souls to persevere forward with determination in our Krishna consciousness.

*We remain your eternally grateful souls,
Vanamali Das, Ananda Chandrika Devi Dasi,
Pranoyini Radhika Dasi and Radhe Radhe Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
I offer my obeisances to your lotus feet.

THANK YOU for bringing Krishna consciousness here and building temples where we can dance, sing, listen to classes and eat krsna-prasada.

Thank you for sharing wonderful pastimes for us to listen to. My favourite story to listen to is Govardhan Hill and my favourite song to sing is Jaya Radha Madhava.

I love to dance in the kirtan in my gopi suit. I like to help my mum when we are worshipping our deities at home. I like to make garlands and jewellery for the Lord. And I like to help in our

cooking turn at the temple.

I would not have experienced all these wonderful things if you did not spread Krishna consciousness. I am so grateful, Srila Prabhupada. Thank you so much.

I love you, Srila Prabhupada, and I hope I can meet you in person one day.

Your servant,
Varshana Misra (8 years old)



Varshana Misra
Roodepoort
South Africa



Dear jagad guru Srila Prabhupada,
All glories unto thee.

I AM INDEBTED TO YOU for giving us the jewel of Krishna consciousness. You are right when you said chanting the Hare Krishna maha-mantra is the medicine for the Age of Kali. Yes, to the fortunate soul who sincerely chants without offence and without asking for material gain but only pure devotional service to Lord Krishna, the maha-mantra is like a wish fulfilling tree. You and your sincere disciples and followers that are preaching Krishna

consciousness are the only hope for salvation in this human form of life. On this Vyasa-puja day I reconfirm my allegiance to ISKCON and to serve you and also my spiritual master, all Vaishnavas and all living entities without discrimination.

Your humble servant,
Vasu Ghosh Dasa



Vasu Ghosh Dasa
Lenasia
South Africa



Our dear beloved Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
śrimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvīśesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-śeṣa-tarine



Vasudev Dasa
and Devaki Devi Dasi
Pretoria
South Africa

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

THANK YOU for establishing the Hare Krishna movement. Thank you for coming to this material world to save us despite the tremendous difficulties and obstacles you had to face alone. You depended solely on the mercy of Lord Krsna and your eternal spiritual master, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura.

We are presently reading your Lilamrta by His Holiness Satsvarupa Dasa Gosvami Maharaj. We are really appreciating what and how he has written about you. We now have a deeper understanding of what you had to endure just so that you could give us Krishna. We feel closer and more appreciative of

you. Thank you very much.

Kindly bless us and shower your causeless mercy upon us so that we may never ever leave your Krishna consciousness movement. We humbly pray at your lotus feet to kindly enter our hearts and inspire us to find the ways and means of fulfilling your beautiful transcendental vision in a way that is pleasing to you.

Thank you very much, Srila Prabhupada. All glories to your lotus feet.

Your servants,

Vasudev Dasa and Devaki Devi Dasi



Veenesh Dhayalam 🍷
Edenvale
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada, All glories to Lord Krishna.

THANK YOU for giving us hope by showing us the way to salvation. In this era of demise, we are truly grateful for your enlightenment. You have made it possible for us to taste the sweetness of the Lord's activities and to be able to hear His name. We are indebted to you for showing us the way to the Lord. Fallen souls can pick themselves up knowing that

there is a way to the Lord, through you. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for your generosity in sharing this most treasured knowledge of reaching the Lord.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Lord Krishna.

Veenesh Dhayalam



Veronica Panday 🍷
Durban
South Africa



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

HARE KRSNA my dear most jagat guru Srila Prabhupada. Dandavat koti koti pranams. What can I say, so much has happened - things that I never dreamt will ever happen.

You were there in all glory and you are our survival kit, my hope and peace. I will never be able to

repay you Srila Prabhupada. Thank you from the deepest core of my heart. Haribol.

Your Servant,

Veronica Panday



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet on this most blessed and auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

 Vilasa Manjari Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

THANK YOU for coming to this world to distribute the most precious gift, Love for Krishna. Thank you for translating the most important books, such as the Bhagavat Gita and dozens of other books. Over the years, my appreciation for your teachings has increased, and I have successfully completed the Bhakti Shastri course. Bhagavad Gita 4.34 says a tattva-darsinah, “the self-realised souls can impart knowledge unto you because they have seen the truth”. You certainly are the tattva-darsinah.

I have listened to many of your lila-mrta lectures, and I am in awe of how you carried on spreading

the love of God despite your many challenges. You pursued just to save us, fallen souls. You have made us understand what is harer namaiva kevalam; our only saviour in the age of kali is the chanting of the holy names of the Lord.

I am begging for your mercy so that I remain under your shelter. I bow down at your divine lotus feet, again and again, praying that I may never forget you.

*Your insignificant eternal servant,
Vilasa Manjari Devi Dasi*



To our most beloved jagat guru Srila Prabhupada,

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

 Virabhadra Das
and Mani Manjari Devi Dasi
Phoenix
South Africa

IT IS SO DIFFICULT FOR US TO FIND WORDS to describe you, such a great personality on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja. This is certainly a great event that we have to glorify such an exalted personality. Thank you for bringing Krsna consciousness to the West and for giving us such wonderful gurus. Our most dearest Srila Prabhupada please forgive your foolish grandchildren, we are constantly looking for short cuts back to Godhead, there is none. You have given us the path to Godhead but in our child-like mind we try and manufacture something stupid. You have constantly reminded us do not add or

subtract anything from my teachings because all other parts will lead to disaster. Your books have changed our lives and we are sure many others. Yet after following for many years we are not so compassionate. Please help us.

To our most dearest grandfather, we plead to you for your mercy on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, some day we will be able to join you in the spiritual world. Please forgive us for all the offenses we have committed.

Virabhadra Das and Mani Manjari Devi Dasi



Virachandra Das
Keli-Kunja Dasi
and Subhadra
Phoenix
South Africa



My Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Grace

THIS HUMAN FORM OF LIFE is extremely precious because it gives us the opportunity to free ourselves from all sufferings and most importantly provides us the opportunity to return home, back to Godhead. It is because of your selfless love and genuine desire that you have been able to transform the lives of thousands of people all over the world.

Your most valuable guidance through the scriptures has given us great courage and enthusiasm to manage our spiritual life by devotional service and to serve the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu

by spreading the holy name and message of the Supreme Lord. Your humility, simplicity, desire to serve selflessly and deep compassion for all living beings has attracted the hearts of so many people.

Our sincere gratitude for the invaluable gift of Krsna consciousness that you have magnanimously disseminated. Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your insignificant servants,
Virachandra Das, Keli-Kunja Dasi and Subhadra*



Vishaka Devi Dasi
Lenasia
South Africa



Dear dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari of our Lenasia Temple in Johannesburg, South Africa.
Hare Krishna.

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY OF YOUR VYASA-PUJA, I thank Krishna for bringing my five children and me to your divine lotus feet. Additionally, I thank my sattvic parents, originally from India, who instilled good values of Hindu culture in me. Srila Prabhupada, we faced many problems as a family which we could not adequately solve. I can see how your teachings, with your personal divine ecstasies, give guidance and solves all kinds of difficulties in this world.

It is widely known, Srila Prabhupada, that you are Jagad Guru. A devotee, Govinda dasi, found a newspaper article from 1970. An astrologer writes about you, Srila Prabhupada, "Nobody can read this chart. If they say they can, they are simply lying. This personality comes and goes at his own sweet will; he is not bound by anything and anybody. The stars are lined up perfectly - there is no question of karma. He is working directly under the will of God.

And when he writes, his pen does not have in it ink. His pen has in it fire which will burn the ignorance of the whole world."

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. Everybody is so blessed in this world with your presence, especially your divine books. I am one such blessed soul as well, Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for sending my spiritual master, His Holiness Partha Sarathi das Goswami, your dedicated disciple and son.

Please, Srila Prabhupada, I pray on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja to remain at your lotus feet eternally so that one day I can serve the gopis in Vraja eternally.

*Your servant,
disciple of His Holiness Partha Sarathi das
Goswami
Vishaka Devi Dasi*



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

🙏 Vishek Deeplal
Durban
South Africa

THERE IS A QUOTE from the Science of Self Realization by Dr.H.B.Kulkarni - “I have read Sri Bhaktivedanta Swami’s books with great care, attention, and profound interest, and have found them to be of incalculable value to anyone who is curious about India’s spiritual and cultural heritage.” As I begin to read through your books, I see how many great authorities have taken such deep interest and admiration to your ISKCON books that you have published for the world in need. I begin to relate to such persons, and I feel your books are a means of having a somewhat direct association with you, and you certainly speak to us through these books.

Thank for Srila Prabhupada for never leaving us.

As you have said “I shall never die” “I shall live forever in my books” and although there are so many of us coming from materialistic backgrounds, we have become captivated by these wonderful books, and they are our reinforcements in our spiritual lives. Thank you for this magnificent contribution to society. May your astonishing books continue to be widely read, studied and distributed all across the world so that you may continue to save us all from the fallen world. All glories to you!

*Your fallen servant,
Vishek Deeplal*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace.
All glories to the Divine Couple, Sri Sri Radha-Govinda.

🙏 Visvambhara Dasa
Cape Town
South Africa

RECENTLY OUR SOCIETY has been afflicted by so many difficulties, in the form of your sincere followers undergoing serious health challenges or departing from this world, in quick succession. HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami and HH Kandamba Kanana Swami are some of the most recent of your disciples that we know who have been affected. One has to only watch the posts of social media to hear of various devotees from various parts of the globe leaving us. Fortunately for us, HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami Maharaja has made significant progress in recovery, yet the condition of HH Kadamba Kanana Swami does not seem very good for now. These great souls have been offering us shelter, so their difficult condition naturally affects us. We do understand that these sincere followers will join you and your Lord and Master in the eternal abode, as this is their right claim *tat te 'nukampāṁ su-samīkṣamāṇo*

bhuñjāna evātma-kṛtaṁ vipākam hṛd-vāg-vapurahir vidadhan namas te jīveta yo mukti-pade sa dāya-bhāk (SB 10.14.8). Yet for us insignificant, unqualified and incompetent (in so many ways) souls we feel bereft of their association when these wonderful souls leave us. It is the association of these wonderful Vaishnavas that keep us grounded in Krishna consciousness. In spite of what we feel, we know we need to accept the temporary nature of this world. Bhagavad Gita 2.14 reminds us what our mindset needs to be in these situations.

We pray to you for strength to deal with these difficult times we are going through, and we also pray to you for strength to deal with the difficult times when we also have to make that transition out of these mortal and painful bodies. Hopefully we will also make it to your ISKCON in the spiritual world, just as we’ve taken shelter of your ISKCON in

this mortal world.

Seeking to always remain steadfast at the dust
of your lotus feet.

*Your struggling servant,
Visvambhara Dasa*



Vraja Priya Devi Dasi
and Revati Devi Dasi
Tongaat
South Africa



Dear 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 Sri Vyasa-puja.

*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*

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

WE FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO GLORIFY YOU because we are still so fallen. By the mercy of our dearest spiritual father, Bhakti Caitanya Swami, we can say a few words of love even though these could never measure the magnitude of our love and devotion to Your Divine Grace. Your activities and work in this material world are outstanding, and we really appreciate all you have done. It astounds the world for one like you to do so much in such a short space of time. We sincerely follow in your footsteps by following your instructions. Thank You, Srila Prabhupada, for accepting us in the care of your beloved son, our dearest Bhakti Caitanya Swami, who always told us to render service to your devotees and serve your

mission faithfully, which we are endeavouring to do.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, you are a perfect spiritual master. We cannot offer you anything in return except our deepest love for you. Please shower your mercy and bless us so we can serve at your lotus feet and your mission without committing any offences.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, please help us advance in our spiritual lives and help us to serve Lord Krishna more gloriously. Please be merciful unto these fallen souls.

We love you, dear Srila Prabhupada.

*Your most fallen servants,
Vraja Priya Devi Dasi and Revati Devi Dasi*



Vraja Vilasini Devi Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa



Dearest 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.

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

“By the mercy of the guru, even a dumb man can become the greatest orator, and even a lame man can cross mountains.”

I THUS OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto my spiritual master.

With the passage of time, more and more of your disciples are leaving this world and others are preparing to depart. I can barely register all the incredible devotional service they have done and still do. All done out of love for you - just pure love! Srila Prabhupada, you conquered our hearts with your most magnanimous mood. You truly gave everything you had to make the whole world Krishna conscious or the whole universe - "ebe jaśa ghuṣuk tribhuvana" = "Your fame is spread all over the three worlds."

You are with us every day of our lives even though so many of us that never met you in person. You are the teacher by example – out perfect acharya! You have instilled faith in my hard-heart that I may attain love of God one day – you made it a possibility, if only stupid and stubborn me can just follow your simple instructions! You are kind and gentle, grandfather who is always there as my shelter. Yet at the same time you are the stern, lion-like acharya who can easily expose my false ego. But above all, I implicitly trust you and you are my saviour! I remember the numerous times I have turned to you revealing what is in my heart. Those things that which I have never revealed to anyone else – how for example, in 2020 when I listened to the Vyasa-puja offerings of my dearest godbrothers of their wonderful service to you and your dear son HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami; I lamented to you! How can I get to serve my guru maharaja closely? I lamented how unfortunate I was to not get that opportunity - forgetting that I was not qualified! And, then in 2021, I started to get more and more service, some super special service with my guru maharaja. This gave me further glimpses into his life and allowed me to learn more his surrender and service to you Srila Prabhupada! This was only by your mercy! Now I am getting more and more leadership responsibility, but I am but a dwarf amongst so many more qualified than me. How am I supposed to do this when I feel so inadequate? You provide the answers in Bhagavad-gita 11.33, where Krishna tells

Arjuna to "... be but an instrument in the fight." So that is what I am trying to do – just follow what you have left us and what which your beloved sons and daughters have done.

You are the perpetual reference point of purity, determination, fearlessness, and devotion to Krishna. History will inevitably show varieties of lesser persons claiming to know and embody 'the way.' It is you, Srila Prabhupada, that saves the innocent from such lesser leaders. Krishna says in the Bhagavad-gita 3.21, people in general follow 'sresthas' - the best, most excellent, most distinguished person among them. If Krishna had not sent and revealed you as truly the best person, many one-eyed gurus would have ruled the blind valley of the modern world! Only you, Srila Prabhupada, can bless me with the intelligence to properly balance preservation and adaptation. Only you can perfectly teach me to correctly distinguish the fundamentals or the unchangeable, from the variable and adaptable detail. As Krishna teaches us in the Bhagavad-gita and in the Bhagavatam; in a world full of conflicts and paradoxes, we must find reasonable balance in all things. Capable management means improvising without compromising; Srila Prabhupada, you wanted devotees to use their intelligence to apply themselves to spread Krishna consciousness... but whilst not compromising our principles. We should think deeply as to what the best way is to present Krishna consciousness to particular people at a particular time and place. Everything that needs to be done is given by you. I just need to read, listen and apply intelligently... With my head at your feet, I beg that you continue to grant your mercy upon this foolish granddaughter of yours so that she may be an instrument and of some service. More importantly, please bless me that I can grow my taste for the holy name and in so doing expand in my Krishna consciousness and become a serious devotee. Praying to remain always in your service eternally.

*Your servant and granddaughter,
Vraja Vilasini Devi Dasi (BCaiS)*

Vrajabasi Dasa 🙏
Sandton
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

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

PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE to you for giving the world your books. You have munificently given humanity access to the most confidential knowledge of the absolute truth, Sri Krishna. You have made possible the awakening of love for Krishna and pure devotional service to His lotus feet, the goal of human life, within the heart of anyone in any part of the world who simply agrees to hear your transcendental ecstasies submissively and faithfully, as you glorify the Lord and the process of pure devotional service in your ‘Bhaktivedanta Purports’.

As expected, the world has changed in leaps and bounds since you were physically present. Modern man has arrived at crossroads. Atheism, materialism, and vanity are on the increase. Even with all the comforts of modern life, people are still

confused, lonely, and looking for love. They are looking for Krishna. A big debate we are having here, in South Africa, is ‘what is the best way to give Krishna to the locals?’ – A big question with differing views and opinions. In spite of the differences, your devotees are achieving incredible results. The sankirtan torch continues to burn brightly.

Sometimes, it seems we are swimming against the ocean currents, but knowing your desires keeps us motivated. We have a golden opportunity to give this Krishna consciousness to a confused society, and we know you are always guiding us.

*The servant of your servant,
Vrajabasi Dasa*



Vrajavasini Devi Dasi 🙏
Sandton, Johannesburg
South Africa



Hare Krishna, my dearest jagad-guru, Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to you, my dear Srila Prabhupada.

ON THIS MOST SPECIAL DAY OF YOUR VYASA-PUJA, I am reflecting on the struggles you have been through in order to fulfil your spiritual master’s wish as well as to save the world.

I thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for all the sacrifices you have made. You arrived in America with nothing and not knowing which way to turn, yet you persevered and carried on with fulfilling your

spiritual master’s mission.

I thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for all the sacrifices you have made. Rather than spending your time in the holy dham, you sacrificed by living with meat-eaters, drunkards, and smokers, just to save the world.

I thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for all the sacrifices you have made. With tears rolling down

your cheek, you thanked the devotees so humbly for assisting you in fulfilling your guru maharaja's mission, and yet we should be the ones thanking you for all that you have sacrificed.

I thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for all the sacrifices you have made. You have shown us mercy in countless ways and gifted us with the most precious jewel.

With folded hands, on this special day of

your Vyasa-puja, I pray that you can bless us to continue serving you by spreading Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission, serving your wonderful devotees, and always being engaged in devotional service. I beg you to please allow me to remain under the shelter of your lotus feet.

*Always your humble servant and granddaughter,
Vrajavasini Devi Dasi*



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

YOU ONCE SAID, "So Krishna is so kind that He will always be with us as a friend. If we can learn to treat Him with our friendly love and affection, the reciprocation is permanent, and that is the highest form of success," (Letter, June 20, 1968).

But, we would not have even known Krishna, if it were not for you. So, you have actually provided us with the highest form of success. That is something which no ordinary man can give. I realise now what sacrifices you had to make, just so that you can deliver us, fallen conditioned souls. So, thank you for everything that you have done for us.

It is said that there are 8.4 million species of life forms, and only after going through all of those, will receive a human body. It is also said that humans, unlike other species, are responsible for the results of their actions and that human life is meant to realise the aim of existence in order to cross the ocean of material existence. How rare it is, to get the

opportunity to obtain a human body and find our way back home. This rare opportunity would have been squandered, had you [Srila Prabhupada] not spread the glories of Krishna Consciousness all over the world. We would have had to go through another 8.4 million species of life just to get the chance again to learn about Krishna. For that, I am grateful as I would have still been lost and confused.

I pray that one day I will be able to make you happy, by following in your footsteps and trying to spread Krishna Conscious to other lost and confused souls like myself. Please help me do so, for without your mercy, I will not stand a chance.


Thank you for all your efforts. May Sri Sri Radha and Krishna always shower their blessings upon you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your daughter always,
Vrinda Kund Devi Dasi*



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

 Vrinda Kund Devi Dasi
Equestria
South Africa

 Vrindavana Dasa
Thakura Dasa
and Caitanya Lila Dasi
Randburg
South Africa

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

THE LORD IS VERY FAVOURABLE to those who act according to the instructions of His pure devotee. Becoming a servant of the Lord directly is not as fruitful as becoming your servant. Please allow us into your service, allow us to become your servants. The more we become your servant, the more we will advance in our devotional service. Let us serve your lotus feet life after life. We aspire to be your dogs life after life; dogs to a Vaisnava, a pure devotee of the Lord. A pure devotee can deliver Kṛṣṇa without difficulty because He is your

property as a pure devotee. You carry Kṛṣṇa in your heart and can therefore deliver Him easily.

Srīla Prabhupāda, kindly give us your shelter so that we can engage in your service lifetime after lifetime, thus pleasing our Lord Kṛṣṇa.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa,
Your servants,
Vṛndāvana Dāsa Thākura Dāsa and
Caitanya Līla Dāsi*



Yashodarani Devi Dasi 🌸
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srīla Prabhupāda,
I offer my respectful obeisance unto to your lotus feet millions of times.

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

I DON'T HAVE ANY QUALIFICATIONS TO GLORIFY YOU. I am so fallen and degraded that I need more mercy from you to continue in Krishna Consciousness. I bow down at your lotus feet. I beg for your mercy and blessings so that I can be able to accomplish this great spiritual feast and keep me engaged in Krishna's service. Thank you for being my spiritual

grandfather and blessing me with your disciple with whom I have taken shelter so that I can stay connected to you through the parampara. Jagad Guru Srīla Prabhupād ki jai!

*Your endearing servant,
Yashodarani Devi Dasi*





My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Hare Krishna! Please accept my humble, yet meagre, obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you!

 Yavat Dasa
Centurion
South Africa

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED, and it was one filled with more hurt and pain than any prior year, yet it forced me closer to you, and Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, and for that I am most grateful. Despite being named, shamed, and ill-treated by many in our immediate vaisnava community, I did my best to reciprocate only with love and kindness toward those who constantly directed anger and hate toward me. Who can understand the ways of this material world? Yet, despite its inconveniences, anything that brings me closer to you, is something to be appreciated and relished! In the Bhagavad Gita, Lord Krishna speaks the following: People will always speak of your infamy, and for a respectable person, dishonor is worse than death. (Bhagavad Gita 2.34) I never noticed or took this statement seriously in the past, yet it would surface in my consciousness repeatedly during the last 12 months. I had surely made some mistakes in the year prior to the last, yet I sincerely felt great injustice as so many friends whom I considered close to me, now began to ignore me, and even share hateful untruths about me. After months of hurt and introspection, I tried to honestly reflect on my anarthas, and try to see the lesson that you and Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu were teaching me. Excessive pride. For so many years, I would indulge in the flattery and validation I would receive from my peers (and even seniors) within our community, yet all this had built up on a subtle level and had become a hindrance to sincerely practicing bhakti

with simplicity.

Thank you for revealing this to me, Srila Prabhupada. If this praise had gone on for too many years, I may have become completely intoxicated and bewildered. Irredeemable. As I sit here in the transcendently surcharged environment of Sridham Mayapur, I remember your authoritative words, Lord Krishna says that He takes everything away from the devotee whom He especially favors when that devotee is overly attached to material possessions. When everything is taken away, the devotee feels helpless and frustrated in society, friendship, and love. He feels that his family does not care for him any longer, and he therefore completely surrenders unto the lotus feet of the Supreme Lord. This is a special favor granted by the Lord to a devotee who cannot fully surrender to the Lord due to a strong bodily conception. (Srimad Bhagavatam 5.14.10 purport)

I may have very little to offer you dear Srila Prabhupada, yet whatever I have, I offer it with my whole heart. Every inattentive sentence. Every false stroke on my accordion. Every broken holy name. Please accept these trivial offerings from a restless soul. You know my heart, and you know my intentions. Please accept me.

With love, your servant,
Yavat Dasa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
I offer you my most respectful obeisances over and over again.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most blessed event of your Sri Vyasa-puja.

 Yogendra Dasa
Johannesburg
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 REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY to be honest, except that I'm so useless. Despite being so useless I am trying to serve you and your mission through the different service avenues that I am engaged in. I beg you to give me your mercy and blessings so that I can continue in my services, and hopefully one day, I'll be able to add value. So far this year, we have seen so many catastrophes around the world; South Africa is no exception. It is almost unreal as to what is going on, there are wars, pandemics and natural disasters. I have no doubt that nothing ever happens in isolation no matter where these catastrophes occur, there is a ripple effect that has far-reaching consequences that affects all of us. Yet, despite all of this, I still don't have any sense of urgency to improve my sadhana. I am lazy, and waste a lot of time on unnecessary, non-value adding activities. If I could get the urgency and improve my sadhana and do more service, then that would be worthwhile. Death can come at any moment, and we must be prepared.

In the purport of ŚB 7.2.57, it is mentioned:

“Yamarāja once asked Mahārāja Yudhiṣṭhira, “What is the most wonderful thing within this world?” Mahārāja Yudhiṣṭhira replied: Hundreds and thousands of living entities meet death at every moment, but a foolish living being nonetheless thinks himself deathless and does not prepare for death. This is the most wonderful thing in this world.” That being said, I need to do as much service as I can before my time is up. I have to get that sense of urgency now. Srila Prabhupada, please allow me to stay in the association of devotees and to never leave that association. I am only engaged in service due to the association of devotees. One day Srila Prabhupada, I promise you that I'll be useful and will do something valuable for ISKCON. I pray that that day comes during this lifetime. With my head perpetually stationed at your divine lotus feet and begging for your blessings and mercy. Hare Krishna.

*Your most useless, fallen grand disciple,
Yogendra Dasa (BCAIS)*



Yudishthir Ramanand 🍷
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING you have helped me with this year. I appreciate you for allowing me to stay focused during my time at university and staying motivated.

I pray that you help me improve my Krishna consciousness. Help me to always stay humble in times where I think too highly of myself.

I pray to Lord Krishna as well to help me

succeed with and accomplish highly in my academics, cricket, and Krishna consciousness. Thank you to Lord Krishna for keeping my family safe during the floods as well as keeping me safe in Pretoria.

*Your humble servant,
Yudishthir Ramanand*



Hare Krsna Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you, His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

ON YOUR VYASA-PUJA, I thank you for all the sacrifices you've made, the difficulties you've endured simply to follow your guru's instructions and spread the holy name of Krsna to every town and village. Without this, I would have been totally lost, blindly walking in darkness. I am still completely in darkness as I have so much to learn but I do see the glimpse of a light, all due to your mercy. For this, I thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Prabhupada, you've truly built a home in which the whole world can live in. I've found my home within the confines of ISKCON and I am always at peace there. I find that the Temple is a place of reset when the material world gets too much to bear; mangala-arati is a way to turn the page over and start again when things don't go to plan; chanting is solace and kirtan is my source of energy. Srila Prabhupada, none of that would exist without you, without your mercy.

Srila Prabhupada, the way in which you followed your guru's instructions is an inspiration to me. It's a guide as to how I must serve my guru.

You've always lead by example and I thank you for showing me the way.

Srila Prabhupada, you once said 'Our Vedic culture teaches that the culmination of education is to understand God.' I have managed to find my path into education within ISKCON. I find solace in studying your books. It keeps me grounded and keeps me honest. It has also opened the door for me to engage in services and serve my guru, His Holiness Bhakti Caintanya Swami. Without your guiding light this would never have been possible.

Srila Prabhupada, I selfishly pray that you continue to guide me, to help me remain steadfast on the path of Krsna consciousness despite the turmoils that life throws, to always have the desire to serve, to always remember Krsna and never forget Him. I bow down to your lotus feet and surrender unto you.

*Your most undeserving servant,
Yurisha Ramlakhan Gathiram*



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

I thank you for this wonderful Krsna consciousness movement and for leaving a well-established life and legacy in your home country that has traversed our beautiful Mother Earth. This has enabled us to endure all the challenging circumstances, and to make provision for the liberation of all of her [Mother Earth's] inhabitants.

By your action of carrying out the instruction of your spiritual master, you have done a great

service to human kind, as well as for all the biotic and abiotic life forms, with a lasting impact. Your intervention of introducing the Holy Name is much more effective than what the worldly institutional agencies are trying to realise.

I remain ever grateful for everyone and everything that you have put in place to see us through, as well as for the opportunity to serve accordingly, and to continue to make a contribution to the global



Yurisha Ramlakhan Gathiram
Watford
United Kingdom



Zane Silinda
Pretoria
South Africa

community which you have enabled to emerge – Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare
ISKCON – the International Society for Krishna
Consciousness. *Your servant,*
Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna *Bhakta Zane Silinda*
Hare Hare





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Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, last year we celebrated our twenty-sixth anniversary of the glorious opening of Krsna Balaram's Temple, in Gaborone. For some reason you decided to bestow your merciful glance in Gaborone, Botswana. With that mercy our beautiful Temple has manifested.

Over past two years we have dealt with many struggles due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but now with you leading us as our Sena-pati, we are ready to once again take on this fight against maya. Your beloved spiritual master predicted that there should be chanting in every town and village. For many years we have been chanting on the streets of Gaborone, holding our famous Ratha-yatra festival. This year we pray we can make an even bigger impact so the glories of the holy names can be spread across not only Gaborone but the whole of Botswana. With you guiding us we stand strong declaring war against maya, with the weapons of the holy names in our hands and mouths. These past years have brought many surprises that no materialist could have ever predicted, but you Srila Prabhupada through your teachings have taught us that this material world can be a harsh place. We don't know what successes, tests or even tribulations we may come across in

the years to come but under your shelter and humbly situated at the lotus feet of Sri Sri Krsna Balaram we have no doubts of our victory.

In your pray to Krsna on board the Jaladuta you say: "Somehow or other, O Lord, You have brought me here to speak about You. Now, my Lord, it is up to You to make me a success or failure, as You like. O spiritual master of all the worlds! I can simply repeat Your message, so if You like You can make my power of speaking suitable . . . Only by Your causeless mercy will my words become pure. . . . 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..."

In this same mood we humbly beg you. Srila Prabhupada you have established this beautiful Temple and home for your devotees here in Botswana. We are your puppets. Make us dance! Make us dance as you like and spread Krsna's glories!

We pray in the next year we can continue to serve your wonderful mission and make you proud.

*Your servants,
ISKCON Botswana*





LORD CAITANYA DESCENDED IN THE AGE OF KALI to bestow what no other incarnation had offered before - the resplendent mellow of pure love experienced in devotional service. It's really quite astonishing: innumerable incarnations before and yet only now - five hundred years ago - had this most elevated and sublime experience been made available and through the most undemanding process: the blissful singing of the Hare Krishna maha-mantra.

Taking it beyond the confines of Vedic and traditional India was the real challenge. Even the all-powerful Lord desired help:

*ekala malakara ami kahan kahan yaba
ekala va kata phala padiya vilaba*

I am the only gardener. How many places can I go?
How many fruits can I pick and distribute? (Cc. Adi 9:34)

To complete the endowment of krsna-prema into this world, the Lord arranged your appearance in this world, Srila Prabhupada. How else could love of Krishna, which the Lord so eagerly and anxiously desired to be spread far and wide and without discrimination, be taken beyond the shores of India? Who else could have done it? Who else has done it?

For us born in South Africa, this is of distinctive significance. Being so isolated and far off the beaten

track for centuries, we too have been touched by Your Divine Grace, touched by love of Krishna. We cannot separate love of Krishna from the foremost deliverer of that love - Your Divine Grace. It would be miserably incomplete.

In the spirit of nonsectarian interfacing between Gaudiya groups, which is important for developing camaraderie, sometimes your singular position as the foremost empowered deliverer of Lord Caitanya's mission is downplayed. This amounts to the greatest of tragedies! Separating the gift from the carrier. The Lord is undoubtedly saddened by this, for His greatest pleasure comes from the glorification of His intimate associates.

For the devotees who maintain, with objective enthusiasm, a sublime appreciation of your exceptional role in Lord Caitanya's sankirtana mission, the Lord blesses them with faith and determination to take up the special role as your assistants.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, we thank you unlimitedly for the opportunity to be counted as humble participants in your mission to serve Lord Caitanya. We feel blessed to have generations of your followers nurturing our appreciation of your special role in saving this world in its darkest hour.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

*Your servants at,
ISKCON Durban, South Africa*





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

ISKCON Flacq,
Mauritius

*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 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 Sarasvati Goswami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Chaitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.”

IN A MOMENT OF INTIMACY, you once shared with one of your disciples the reason for your appearance.

“I did not want to come to this nasty place,” you commented. I mean this material world. I did not want to come to this place. It is a horrible place. When Krsna asked me to come, I said, “I do not want to go.” But Krsna said, “No, please. Don’t worry. You go down and write books. I will take care of everything!”

We can just imagine what would have been our condition if you have had not come to save us from the darkest hour. This great ISKCON movement is non-different than you. You created an army of devotees who continue to hold back the advance of Kali-yuga even to this present day and it will continue to do so. You converted yagna wood into Sri-mad-Bhagavatam which will always glow in the heart of any person coming in contact with.

Srila Prabhupada, we feel your guidance in our life every day. The more we dedicate ourselves to your service and instructions, the closer we feel to you.

Golokera prema-dhana.... The wealth of Goloka that you brought all over the world is so extraordinary, we cannot imagine its greatness, but even with the little we know we are so satisfied, fulfilled and successful. Oh, our saviour, you gave us the sublime method of hari nama sankirtana, the process of pure devotional service.

Srila Prabhupada, you always saw the invisible presence of Krsna in all circumstances, you felt the intangible mission of Lord Chaitanya through the instructions of your guru maharaja and you achieved the impossible by saving countless souls from trading directly to hell. We hope and pray that this unique name A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada will be widely recognized for tens and thousands of years.

Thank you infinitively our Srila Prabhupada.

Your Humble Servants,
New Mayapur Dham Mauritius





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please may we offer our humble obeisances unto thee, on this auspicious day of your appearance.

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

YOUR APPEARANCE IN THIS WORLD was most auspicious, because by your strenuous efforts you have revealed the meaning and the importance of devotional service to the world, and now it is up to us, who claim to be your followers, to take advantage of your teachings, to make our lives perfect, and to please and show our gratitude to you by sharing your teachings with others.

We at Sri Sri Nitai Gaurahari face a number of challenges in creating a Temple environment that is inviting and inspiring to guests and devotees. Our focus remains the service of Sri Sri Nitai Gaurahari, and many devotees have been exemplary in their dedication and commitment to their services, coming in the early hours of the morning, or leaving late at night, and often travelling great distances.

Ultimately, our inspiration in Krsna consciousness depends on our association. It is only by favourable association in the society of devotees, under the auspices of your teachings, and your personality Srila Prabhupada, that we can come to the realisation of the blissful nature of Krsna consciousness. It is only when we are enlivened by our service and our association that we can be inspired and determined, as you were, to ensure that the great gift of

Krsna consciousness which you came to give is preserved and propagated.

It is up to each individual how they choose to associate, but it is our duty as your representatives in ISKCON Lenasia to ensure firstly that we are faithful to your teachings, and the process of Krsna consciousness which you came to give, and secondly, that the full blessings and mercy of Sri Sri Nitai Gaurahari is made available, and actively propagated and broadcast to everyone.

The sense of urgency which you exhibited in your bold and dynamic preaching was simultaneously blissful and inspiring Srila Prabhupada, and it can be seen in the transcendental effulgence and bright, enthusiastic smiles of your followers in your association. On this auspicious day of your appearance, we pray that we may be similarly enthused in the service of your great mission of spreading Krsna consciousness to every town and village by making our Temple of Sri Sri Nitai Gaurahari a significant and active presence in the community of Lenasia, and Johannesburg South.

*Praying to remain your faithful servants,
The devotees of Sri Sri Nitai Gaurahari*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our most humble offerings on the one hundred and twenty sixth anniversary of your auspicious appearance and Vyasa-puja celebration.

ISKCON Lusaka,
Zambia

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

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

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvivesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desā-tarine*

Our respectful obeisances to are unto you, O Srila Prabhupada, servant of Srila Saraswati Goswami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering the western countries which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

SRILA PRABHUPADA has given the whole world the taste of holy name and has transformed the lives and philosophy of millions of people throughout the globe. Srila Prabhupada has given us Krsna, His love, His devotion, His name, and enriched us with His beautiful form, His qualities, His pastimes, and His mercy. There is no day and moment of our lives when we do not remember you in our lives. We are indebted to you for bringing us Krsna consciousness and showing us the path of spiritual life taking us out of ignorance of this material existence. We are grateful to you for your constant compassion, guidance and protection. You are our savior and inspiration.

We could not conduct the Ratha-yatra festival in 2020 and 2021. With your mercy Srila Prabhupada and with the mercy of all Vaishnavas we are organizing the 6th Annual Ratha-yatra festival this month. With the assistance of a local contractor and fabrication engineer, we have built a new chariot for their Lordships.

Your childhood pastime of Ratha-yatra anticipated the day when you initiated Ratha-yatra festivals in numerous cities worldwide.

Books is the basis and preaching is the essence.

Without your hard work we cannot understand the Vedic literature though Vyasdeva wrote all Puranas and itihāsas. You are popularly known as Vyasdeva of 20th century because you translated many books of knowledge with detailed explanation of the texts. We look forward to the day when the whole world will read your books and sing your glories.

Srila Prabhupada, currently in ISKCON Lusaka you have given us a spiritual master who is our guide, kind friend and master and true and pure lover of Krsna. You have also bestowed on us the parampara system.

Srila Prabhupada please continue showering your mercy unto us so that our efforts to build a new ISKCON temple in Lusaka is successful.

Srila Prabhupada, please bless us so that we can continue to be part of your preaching mission to serve you, your movement and please you and Lord Caitanya.

*Your insignificant servants,
ISKCON Lusaka Zambia*

ISKCON Warri, 
Nigeria



Dear Srila prabhupada,
Please accept our obeisances at your exalted feet, All glories to you.

THANK YOU Srila Prabhupad for all your love, mercy kindness and guidance. Thank you for founding ISKCON, thank you for all your transcendental books, thank you for giving us krishna-prasada, thanks for giving us the Deities, the holy names of Lord Krishna etc. We do not even know how to appreciate you enough. Please forgive us for not

properly helping you to expand ISKCON enough. Please kindly bless us to always remain and tremendously expand our preaching activities.

*Your unworthy servants at,
Sri Sri Kathamrita Temple*





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Dearest Srila Prabhupada
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to your Divine Grace.

The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust Africa
Johannesburg, South Africa

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

PREPARING FOR THE LORD'S ARRIVAL IN AFRICA

THE CITIZENS OF DVARAKA SAID, “Oh, it is our good luck that we have come again today under Your protection by Your presence, for Your Lordship rarely visits even the denizens of heaven. Now it is possible for us to look into Your smiling face, which is full of affectionate glances. We can now see Your transcendental form, full of all auspiciousness.” Bhag. 1.11.8

When Lord Kṛṣṇa had finally returned to Dvaraka after a prolonged period away He announced His arrival by sounding His auspicious conchshell at the borders of the great city and thereby reinvigorating the citizens with His supreme love.

The citizens, old and young, rich and poor, abandoned all their activities and rushed towards the city gates with eagerness to see the merciful smile of their Lord. Others immediately set out to prepare the city to warmly welcome the Lord. The streets were cleansed with fragrant sandalwood water, the doors were decorated with festoons, the musicians prepared their instruments, the dancers dressed themselves in their best garbs and set afoot to move to the rhythmic and joyous arrival of the Lord in their city and their hearts.

This meditation of the Lord's arrival in Dvaraka is very much akin to devotional service in the BBT. Each book produced and distributed heralds the Lord's arrival in some town, village, bustling metropolis or rural community. But more importantly, each book that is produced and distributed marks the arrival of the Lord in someone's life.

The work of the BBT is nothing short of this

miraculous celebration. The deepest essence of service in the BBT, Srila Prabhupada, is that we are extending this glorious and magnanimous culture of the Bhagavatam to everyone. This “Bhagavatam culture” is nothing short of pure love of God. The meaning of serving in the BBT is that we help you Srila Prabhupada extend the direct mercy of the Lord to everyone who touches your books. Serving in the BBT means being deeply absorbed in tasting this love and distributing this love to everyone.

However, it is pivotal to acknowledge a special lesson with learn from the citizens of Dvaraka: If we are to serve in the same mood and spirit as the citizens of Dvaraka, we are then compelled to make every effort to prepare to welcome Lord just as they did. Therefore, Srila Prabhupada, when we go about the work of translating, editing, proofreading, managing finances, recoding distribution scores, planning events, etc., all such efforts are endeavours to welcome our beloved Lord into the hearts and homes of every citizen in Africa.

Just as the citizens of Dvaraka felt sheltered by the Lord's arrival, so too will every citizen of this vast and massive continent of Africa feel fulfilled, protected and liberated by looking upon the smiling face of the Lord, that is filled with affection for us all. This is what your books are, Srila Prabhupada – they are the Lord's arrival in our lives.

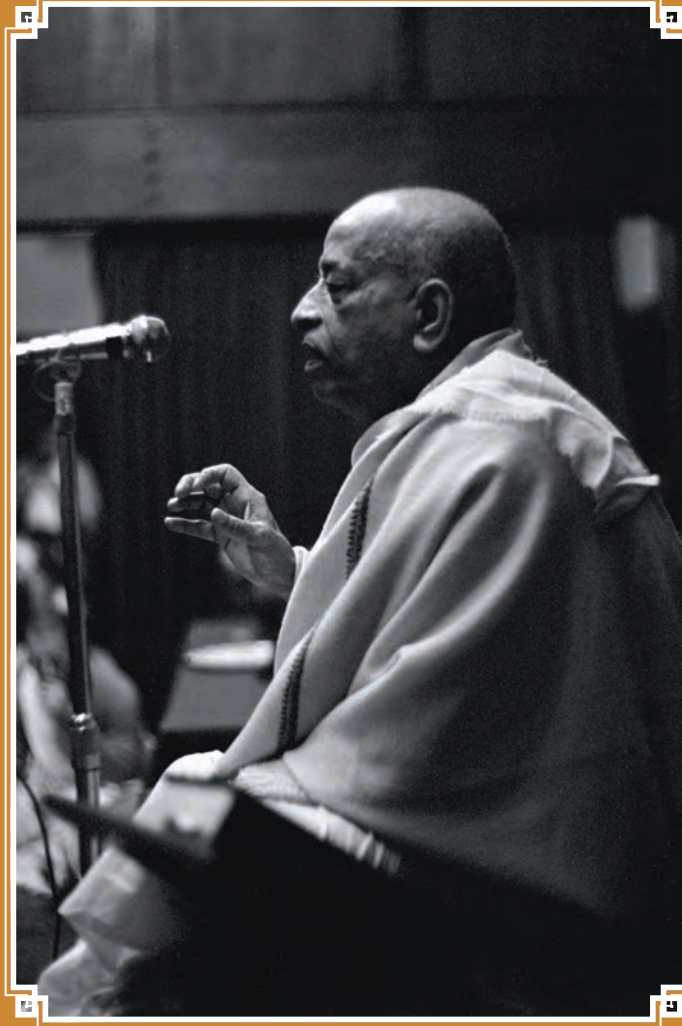
May the presence of the Lord in the form of transcendental literature grow evermore, in every language in Africa, Srila Prabhupada. May this

service in the BBT remind us of the sacred duty to simply be instruments of the mercy of your books. And may we continue humbly preparing for the Lord's arrival in Africa. This is our prayer.

*Your servants,
BBT Africa*



*naivopayanty apacitaṁ kavayas taveśa
brahmāyusāpi kṛtam ṛddha-mudaḥ smarantaḥ
yo 'ntar bahis tanu-bhṛtām aśubhaṁ vidhunvann
ācārya-caitya-vapuṣā sva-gatiṁ vyanakti*



“O my Lord! Transcendental poets and experts in spiritual science could not fully express their indebtedness to You, even if they were endowed with the prolonged lifetime of Brahmā, for You appear in two features-externally as the ācārya and internally as the Supersoul-to deliver the embodied living being by directing him how to come to You.” (*Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, 11.29.6)