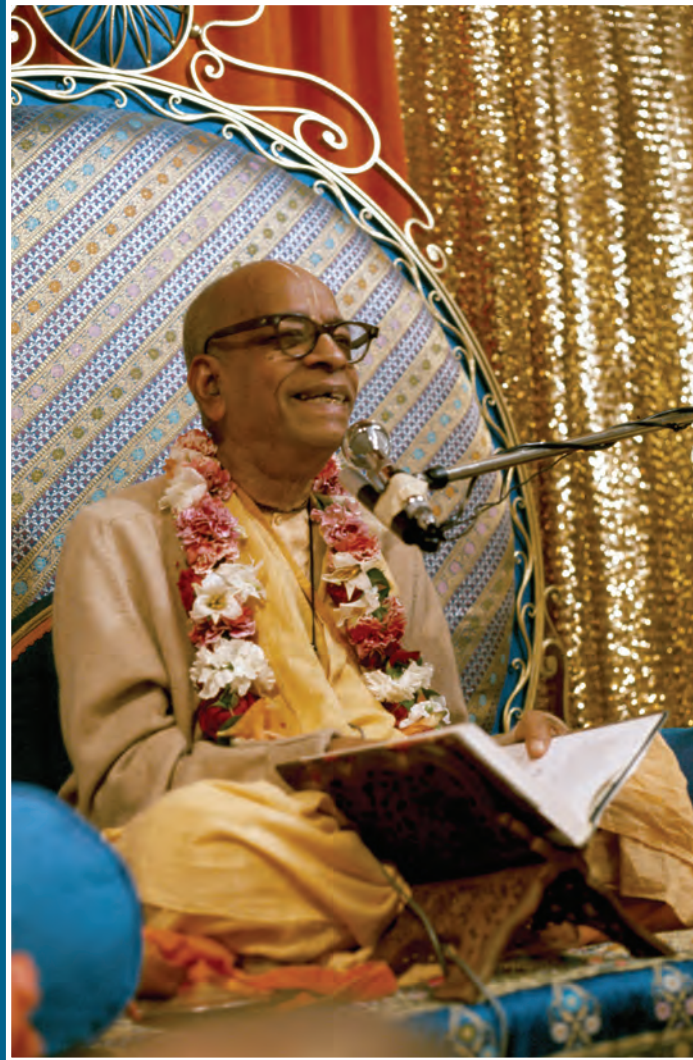


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# PREFACE

 TIRUMALA DEVI DASI



**THIS YEAR, WE'RE CELEBRATING** Śrīla Prabhupāda's 127<sup>th</sup> Vyāsa-pūjā. Although we can count those years, Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy remains utterly unquantifiable. Indeed, it is our immeasurable fortune to have been touched by his teachings, and Śrīla Prabhupāda's Vyāsa-pūjā is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on their profound impact on our lives. It is, of course, also an excellent time to reflect on how we can imbibe those teachings and act as instruments in sharing Prabhupāda's boundless mercy with others. In this way, the annual pan-African Vyāsa-pūjā book is a sincere expression of gratitude

to Śrīla Prabhupāda. This year's edition contains about 300 heartfelt offerings.

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've mostly published the offerings as we received them.

This publication is a humble attempt to glorify His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, Founder-Ācārya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness and The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust.

*Your servant*  
*Tirumala Devi Dasi*





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# THE MEANING OF VYĀSA-PŪJĀ

 BHAKTI CAITANYA SWAMI

 WE CELEBRATE ŚRĪLA PRABHUPĀDA'S Vyāsa-pūjā because of the connection between him and the great sage Śrīla Vyāsadeva. The idea is that Śrīla Prabhupāda is the representative of Vyāsa and the embodiment of his message, which is the essence of who and what Vyāsa is. We therefore celebrate the oneness there is between them and at the same time the special contributions Śrīla Prabhupāda made in his own way to Vyāsa's mission.

Śrīla Vyāsadeva is an extremely significant person. Even though there are many sages who have said many meaningful things on the basis of Vedic knowledge, Vyāsadeva is considered unique. In this regard the Padma Purāna states:

*dvaipāyanena yad buddhaṁ  
brahmādyais tan na budhyate  
sarva-buddhaṁ sa vai veda  
tad buddhaṁ nānyagocaram*

“Even Brahmā and other demigods do not know everything Dvaipāyana Vyāsa knows. He understands everything known to anyone else, but some things he knows no one else can comprehend.”

*vyāsa-citta-sthitākāsad avacchinnāni kānicit  
anye vyāvaharanty etāny urikṛtya grhād iva*

The Skanda Purāna says, “Other sages make use of small collections of ideas they have carved out from the infinite sky of Vyāsadeva's mind. They take advantage of these borrowed ideas like people who pick up things discarded from someone else's house.”

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In every age a different person incarnates as Śrīla Vyāsadeva to divide and organize the Vedic literatures, but among them our Vyāsa, who was present at the time of Lord Krishna 5,000 years ago, is considered special, because he is considered to be an incarnation of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Nārāyaṇa himself in person and not just an empowered jīva. In the Viṣṇu Purāṇa Parāśara Muni notes this, saying:

*kṛṣṇa-dvaipāyana vyāsam  
viddhi nārāyaṇam prabhum  
ko 'nyo hi bhuvī maitreya  
mahābhārata-kṛd bhavet*

“O best of *brāhmaṇas*, you can understand that thus in each of the rotations of the cycle of four ages a different Vyāsa organizes the branches of the Vedas. But know that Kṛṣṇa-dvaipāyana Vyāsa is the Supreme Lord Nārāyaṇa Himself. Who else on this earth, Maitreya, could be the author of the *Mahābhārata*?”

A particularly qualified Vyāsadeva had to appear at this time, as there was a crisis on earth because of a curse of the sage Gautama that all knowledge would be lost.

The Varāha Purāṇa explains that long ago the sage Gautama performed austerities in Daṇḍakāraṇya forest. As a result Lord Brahmā became pleased with him, and gave him some special rice seeds that could produce crops under any circumstances. Gautama then established an ashrama at Saptasṛṅga Mountain, sowed those seeds and, to his great satisfaction, rice plants immediately started growing there.

He lived there at Saptasṛṅga Mountain for some time, but then a great famine suddenly struck. No food was available anywhere, except the rice that was growing at his ashrama.

Despite the famine, the fame of his ashrama and the rice that was growing there had spread. In this way, most of the sages and saintly people in the universe assembled there, and they asked him if they could stay with him till the famine was over. He agreed, and for a long time they were there, discussing śāstra and the pastimes of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

However, after some time the famine finished, and the sages wanted to leave for their own places. It is a Vedic practice that if you are visiting someone and you want to leave, you have to get their permission, otherwise you cannot go. So the sages asked Gautama if they could leave. However, he had become very attached to their association and would not let them depart.

The Varāha Purāṇa further explains that the sages then decided to perform a mystical trick to get away from Gautama. They made a magical Maya cow and left her near Gautama's ashrama. Upon seeing the cow, Gautama sprinkled some sanctified water on her, but by the powers of those sages, she suddenly dropped dead. They then proclaimed that they could not stay with a cow-killer and that they would have to return to their own ashramas now.

Later, when Gautama saw that the cow had been an illusion created by those sages, he became extremely angry and pronounced a curse that all knowledge would be turned into ignorance. As a result, all the sages in the universe lost their understanding of the Vedic literatures.

Śrīla Baladeva Vidyābhūṣaṇa explains that this is how Vedic knowledge was lost at the end of Dvāpara-yuga, as Lord Kṛṣṇa says in *Bhagavad-gītā* 4.2:

*evam paramparā-prāptam  
imam rājarṣayo viduḥ  
sa kāleneha mahatā  
yogo naṣṭaḥ parantapa*

“This supreme science was thus received through the chain of disciplic succession, and the

saintly kings understood it in that way. But in course of time the succession was broken, and therefore the science as it is appears to be lost.”

So the situation was extreme when the time came for our Vyāsadeva to appear; an especially powerful Vyāsa was required to revive Vedic knowledge. Therefore, our Vyāsa is particularly important among other Vyāsadevas.

In a similar way, our Śrīla Prabhupāda is especially important among Vyāsa’s representatives. There are many devotees who have written commentaries on the *Bhagavad-gītā* and *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, but who has made the contribution he has made? He took Vyāsa’s message and presented it to huge numbers of people around the world in a way they can understand and apply in their lives.

To make something as profound as Vedic knowledge understandable and followable by residents of Kali-yuga takes a type of genius that is so rare that it is practically unheard of.

However, this does not mean that Śrīla Prabhupāda’s presentation is just for simple people. When we go through *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, we can see that there is such a depth of sagacity that in every purport we find new jewels of understanding that revolutionize our perspectives on Kṛṣṇa consciousness. It never fails to amaze us!

So on this day of Śrīla Prabhupāda’s divine appearance in this world, we worship him as the perfect representative of Śrīla Vyāsadeva. May his glories be spread throughout the three worlds!









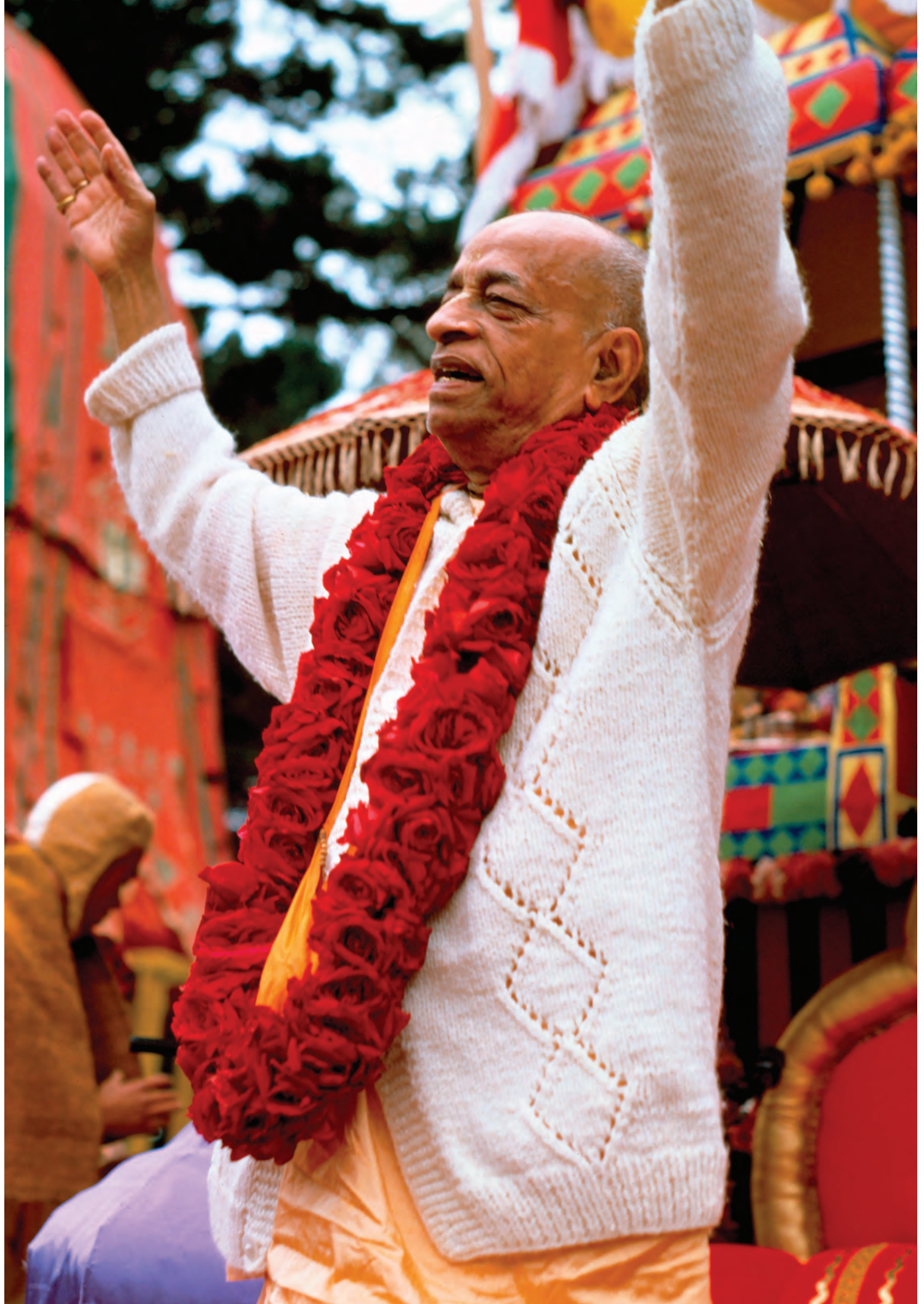


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**GURVASTAKAM**

*Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī  
Ṭhākura*





# 1

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

**T**HE 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*

**C**HANTING 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*

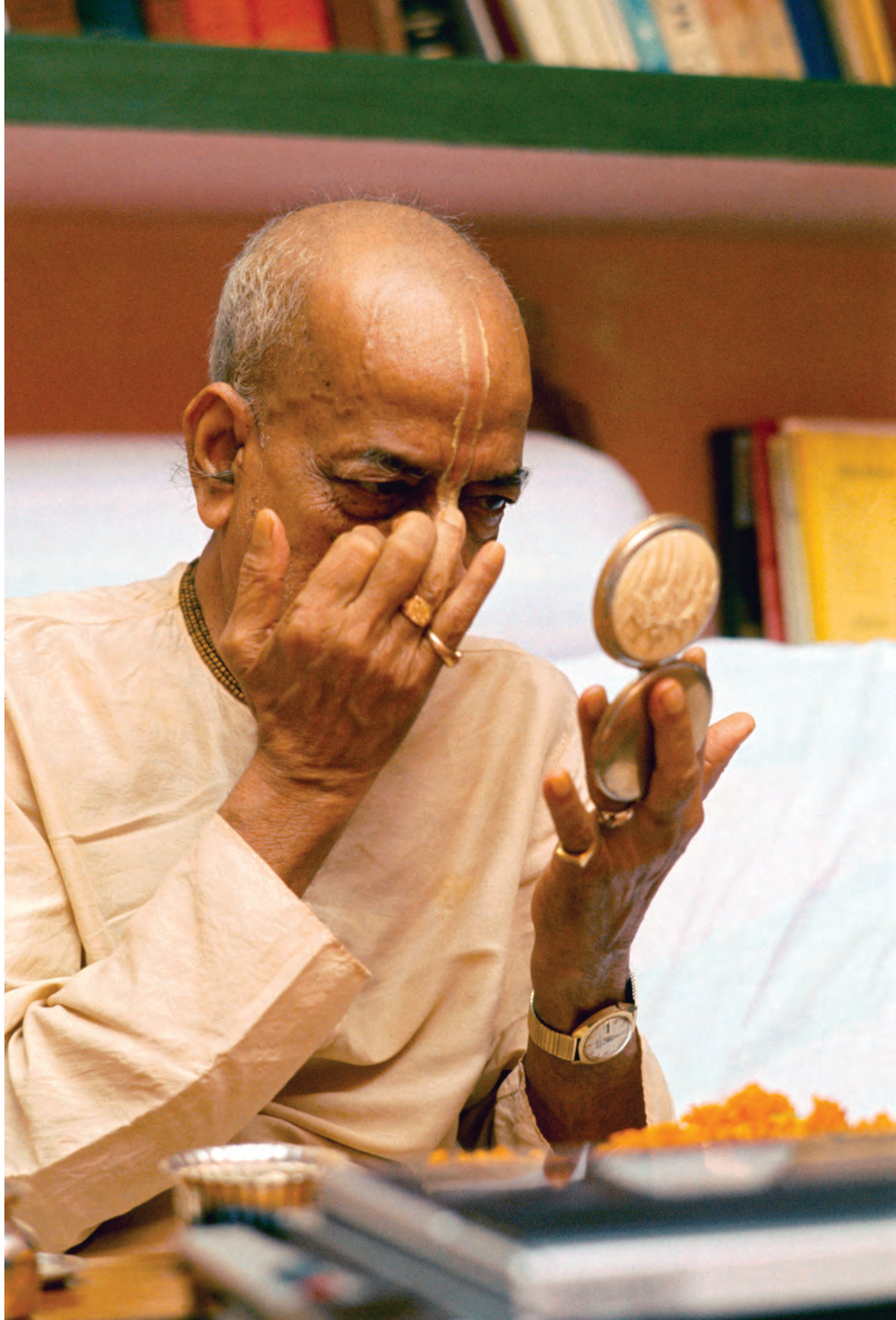
**T**HE spiritual master is always engaged in the temple worship of Śrī Śrī Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa. He also engages his disciples in such worship. They dress the Deities in beautiful clothes and ornaments, clean Their temple, and perform other similar worship of the Lord. I offer my respectful obeisances unto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

**T**HE 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*

**T**HE 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*

**T**HE 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*

**T**HE 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].



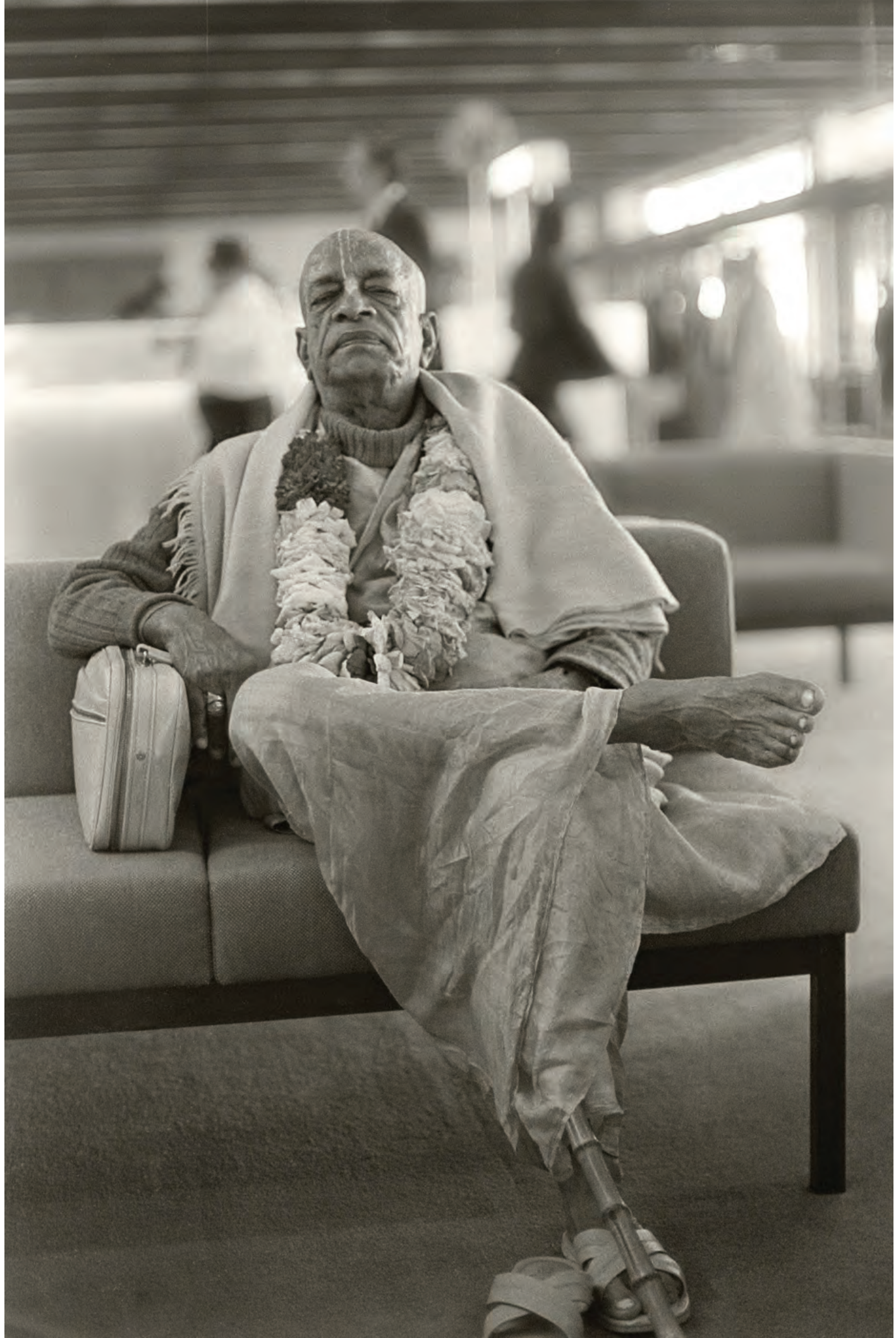
## 8

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

**B**Y 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 Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

 Bhakti Brhat Bhagavata Swami

IN A LETTER DATED ON 6TH OCTOBER, 1968, you wrote, “In the transcendental platform, actually separation is more relishable than meeting. But either separation or meeting, the state is always absolute. Actually in the spiritual platform, there is no separation, but it is a different stages of rasas.”

I miss you, Srila Prabhupada - however, I feel your presence in the favourable association and service to your followers in ISKCON.

In your purport to Sri Caitanya-caritamrta, Adi-lila 8.39 you write, “The secret in a devotee’s writing is that when he writes about the pastimes of the Lord, the Lord helps him; he does not write alone. As stated in the Bhagavad-gita (10.10), dadami buddhi-yogam tam yena mam upayanti te. Since a

devotee writes in service to the Lord, the Lord from within gives him so much intelligence that he sits down near the Lord and goes on writing books.”

How amazing and wonderful it is that Sri Krishna is personally dictating, and you are writing! Again I feel your continuous presence in your purports.

Thank you very, very much for mercifully allowing me (and millions of others) into the transcendental association of chanting the holy names, “Hare Krsna, Hare Krsna, Krsna Krsna, Hare Hare/ Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare.”

*Your servant of your servants,  
Bhakti Brhat Bhagavata Swami*



My dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to you, the savior of the world, and of me.

 Bhakti Caitanya Swami

TIME PASSES BY. It seems like not long ago that I moved into the temple in London at 7 Bury Place, near the British Museum and not far from Oxford St, the main street. Actually it was 50 years ago on January 7th this year.

You saved me from a fate worse than death. Locked into a way of life full of degradation and unhappiness, I didn’t know which way to turn, and all the ways I tried turning were dead ends, full of suffering and confusion.

I was frustrated with materialistic life, and as far as I was concerned I was now retired, albeit at the early age of 21 years. But it just didn’t seem worth it to persevere on in working life, so I was trying to find an alternative path, but it was so elusive.

Within about two weeks of moving into the temple I felt my life had become revolutionized. My

anxieties dissolved and I felt a sense of positiveness I had not known before. As you said, Srila Prabhupada, in your Vyasa-puja offering to Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati in 1935:

Message of service  
Thou has brought.  
A healthful life  
As Chaitanya wrought.  
Unknown to all  
It’s full of brace.  
That’s your gift  
Your Divine Grace.

Where would I be if I you had not entered my life, Srila Prabhupada? I hate to think, but there’s no doubt it would be far worse than where I am now.



Where would the world be if you had not come? Actually the world is in a disastrous condition, and it just shows what can go wrong if people do not follow your instructions. But even so, if you had not come, it would be far worse than it is.

So now I have to try to follow you and make your mission my mission in life. People can respond when Krishna consciousness is presented to them, and many have. We just have to keep on giving it to

them and praying for the potency to become worthy instruments in your hands.

By your mercy so much in my life has changed in these 50 years, but much more has to change. I pray at your divine lotus feet to help me remain in your service until this body drops.

*Your lowly servant,  
Bhakti Caitanya Swami*



Bhakti Carudesna Swami 



Dear Patita-pavana ISKCON founder Acharya Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.  
All glories to Your Holiness.

**IT'S SAID THAT GREAT SOULS** live a life of sacrifice and compassion for others. Similarly, by your compassion to the suffering living entities, your entire life was made of sacrifice to make others happy. The whole world would have been in deep and total darkness without you spending sleepless nights to translate and write timeless books to enlighten mankind.

Many people, many religions, many spiritual leaders talk about God but He always remain hidden according to Bhagavad Gita 7.25:

naham prakasah sarvasya  
yoga-maya-samavrtah  
mudho yam nabhijanati  
logo macadam avyayam

“I am never manifest to the foolish and unintelligent. For them I am covered by My internal potency“.

He remains hidden for the simple fact that non devotees don't know His name, form, activities, abode etc. You dared to tell the whole world that Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead because you confidently know Him.

You practically got no assistance even from your godbrothers in the beginning of your mission, but you succeeded beyond imagination despite your advanced age and no financial resources.

Your life is a clear message to us your grand disciples and great grand disciples, the new generation that we can become serious devotees no matter what the situation is.

*Your insignificant grand disciple,  
Bhakti Carudesna Swami*





My dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my prostrated obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

All glories to Your Divine Grace and to your unparalleled service and mercy.

 Giriraj Swami

**WHEN I JOINED THE BOSTON TEMPLE** in 1969, Satsvarupa Dasa was the temple president and also the editor of BTG, and he always wanted articles for the magazine. So I wrote one, entitled “The Genuine Spiritual Master” and by the time the issue with my article reached you, in February of 1971, I was with you in Gorakhpur, India.

After reading my article, you called for me. The temple room was dimly - only some narrow shafts of light pierced through the slim openings in the wooden shutters along the side. Sitting alone on your raised cushion at the far end of the room, you were the very image of the eternal spiritual master, and your voice resonated with the truth of eternal time. I sat at your feet, eyes and ears wide open.

“I saw your article in Back to Godhead” you said. “It was very nice. You should write. This is your first business. Go on writing. We require many, many such articles about Krishna consciousness. So you should devote yourself to writing.”

“I will try,” I said. “But why are you asking me? I have no special qualification.”

“We require many to do this work, and we need you also. So, you travel with me, and I will guide you. You come and stay with me.”

I felt thrilled and honored. You had never before given me a direct instruction. In fact, we had hardly ever spoken, and now you were inviting me to stay with you. I felt a little intimidated and wondered how it would work. Also, I had always worked under my authorities. Who would tell them about your proposal? So, I asked, “How will we decide whether I should travel with you or what I should do?”

You replied, “By mutual consultation.” And you instructed me, “See that my books are accepted in the universities, by the scholarly class.” Then you asked if I ever thought of getting married.

“No,” I said. “I never think of getting married.”

And after a moment I added, “The only time I ever thought of getting married was when I saw that all the GBCs were married.”

“You will never be GBC,” you said. And you continued, “It is best to avoid marriage. Sex desire is like an itch. If you have an itch and you scratch it, it just becomes worse. Similarly, sex desire is there, and if you try to satisfy it, it becomes worse. So it is better to tolerate. Not only sex desire - all the demands of the senses - eating and sleeping also. Better to tolerate. So, you remain brahmachari, and after two or three years I will give you sannyasa.”

In a matter of twenty minutes, you had given me my whole life’s program in Krishna consciousness.

I was always thinking of you then; sometimes at night I couldn’t even sleep - I would just be thinking of how wonderful you were. I would stand at the balcony near your room and look out over the surrounding fields at the stars and the bright moon. I was in so much ecstasy that you had read my article and invited me to travel with you, and I experienced an awakening in my heart of a type of affection I had never felt before.

Over the years, you repeated your instruction for me to write. In a letter to me dated August 12, 1971, you wrote, “In the midst of your heavy duties, go on writing something glorifying the Lord and put our philosophy into words. Writing articles means to express oneself how he is understanding the whole philosophy. So this writing is necessary for everyone.” In 1973 I sent you my Vyasa-puja offering, and on August 23, from Bhaktivedanta Manor, you sent me an encouraging note: “I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter and the nice Vyasa-puja offering you sent. I have sent it to Satsvarupa Goswami for printing in the BTG. Writing is a very important part of our work, and Satsvarupa is always anxious to have new material from the devotees for



expanding the BTG. You have a nice talent for writing, and practice makes perfect, so continue. It will be appreciated.”

Eventually BTG published my offering, in which I described my first meeting with you and how it – you - had transformed my life:

All glories to you  
Who have given me light  
To open my eyes,  
Which were firmly shut tight.

When we first came to you  
In the darkness of night  
The words from your lips  
Made everything bright.

“What is your goal-  
Godhead to find  
Or God to become?  
Please make up your mind.

“If you want to become God,  
You can’t be God now.  
Can a non-God become God?  
Please let me know how.

“God is within you,  
Sitting there in your heart,  
Just waiting for your  
Loving service to start.

“But if you insist  
That you want to be Him,  
You’re cheating yourself  
And have nothing to win.

“If the seed of devotion  
With chanting you sow,  
Then God will give sunlight  
To help make it grow.

“But if to become God  
Remains your ambition,  
Why then should God  
Help His own competition?

“Krishna is God,  
And God He is always,  
On Yasoda’s lap  
Or in Dvaraka’s hallways.

“Or in Kurukhetra,  
He’s God all the same-  
It’s not that by yoga  
The Lord He became.

“You are a spark,  
And God is the fire:  
You can be Godly  
If you truly desire.

“Your qualities match His,  
But the quantity’s different,  
For God’s nature is infinite,  
Whereas you’re insignificant.

“I cannot be God,  
For I truly am small,  
But He kindly allows me  
To serve Him. That’s all.

“That is His mercy,  
Transcendent and sweet.  
Take it! Be happy!  
That’s all I entreat.”

Thus Your Divine Grace  
I was blessed to meet,  
And thus I was forced  
To fall at your feet.

You poured nectarlike words  
Through the holes of my ears  
To clean out my heart

And vanquish my fears.

Arousing within me  
My love for the Lord,  
My actual life as  
His servant restored.

Now I beg to remain  
An individual soul,  
Serving the servant  
Of the one Spirit Whole.

All glories to you  
Who have given me this:  
A life that's eternal,  
Full of knowledge and bliss.

Taking me from the darkness,  
Cold and alone,  
Back to Godhead,  
Back to home.

In recent years I have edited Life's Final Exam: Death and Dying from the Vedic Perspective and written Watering the Seed – With Teachings from His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada; Many Moons: Reflections on Departed Vaishnavas; I'll Build You a Temple: The Juhu Story; and now Dancing White Elephants: Traveling with Srila Prabhupada in India, August 1970 - March 1972.

On this occasion I pray to you to bless me that I can continue to serve you, the devotees, and the world by writing about Krishna consciousness in the right consciousness. As you wrote in Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta, Madhya 19.132, "It is certainly not good to write literature for money or reputation, but to write books and publish them for the enlightenment of the general populace is real service to the Lord. That was Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati's opinion, and he specifically told his disciples to write books. He actually preferred to publish books rather than establish temples. Temple construction is meant for the general populace and neophyte devotees, but the business of advanced and empowered devotees is to write books, publish them and distribute them widely. According to Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, distributing literature is like playing on a great mrdanga. Consequently we always request members of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness to publish as many books as possible and distribute them widely throughout the world. By thus following in the footsteps of Srila Rupa Gosvami, one can become a rupanuga devotee."

Thank you very much.

Hare Krishna.

*Your eternal, grateful servant,  
Giriraj Swami*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



 Jayādwaita Swami

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya  
bhūtaḥ śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmīnīti nāmīnī  
namaste sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe  
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*



**STARTING JUST AFTER THIS PAST RADHASTAMI**, I was present in Vrindavan for the last six months and final departure of His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami.

It was my privilege.

The determination he showed, the tolerance, the enthusiasm, the faith and dedication, his mood of care and generosity and personal sacrifice, his strictness in following (“I have to chant”)—all these were qualities of his service to Kṛṣṇa, up to the end. His kirtanas, sweet and exuberant, his preaching, his absorption in hearing, his expertise in managing (“What can I say? I’m good at it.”)—all these were extraordinary.

And his departure, too, was extraordinarily wonderful, from the days that led up to it, filled with service, till the last moment, in Vrindavan itself, in the presence of his Giriraja, at a perfect time, and surrounded by loving devotees, and floating in the waves of a deep and sweet and joyful Hare Kṛṣṇa kirtana led by His Holiness B. B. Govinda Maharaja. What an end! A completely successful departure!

Srila Prabhupada, this success—at the end and throughout his devotional life—was attributable not to me but to you. Though he duly honored me as his spiritual master (and with gratitude and sacrifice and love), you were his inspiration, his guide, his

object of worship and service. We both knew that.

And that was fitting.

My service was merely to assist you, and in that way serve him as well. He was who he was, and my service was to help clear the way upward so that he could fulfill his destiny by doing the extraordinary service he was meant to do. You said that the guru must be a transparent medium, and that was my job (and his as well): to be transparent, so that your mission and your mercy would always shine through.

And whatever I could do to assist was also only by your mercy.

Kadamba Kanana Swami’s career of service and his perfect departure serve as evidence, as proof, of your mercy, manifest in practical teachings, proof that what you taught is noble and true, that your mission is worth living for, and that it gives us a perfect way to die. “A change of service.” That’s the way Kadamba Kanana Maharaja spoke of death. And he said it with a smile.

Srila Prabhupada, may I always serve you, worship you, follow you—in this life, at death, and wherever by the will of Kṛṣṇa I may be assigned to next. Let me always be a servant of your lotus feet.

*Jayādvaita Swami*



Rama Govinda Swami 



Param Pujya, Param Gurudeva Srila Prabhupada ji Maharaj,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.  
All glories to Your Divine Grace on your auspicious Sri Vyasa Puja, today.

**PARAM GURUDEVA!** It is said in Sri Padma Purana, Sri Bhagavtam mahatmyam, Ch. 2.76:

*Bhagyodayena bahujanma samarjitena,  
satsangam ca labhate purusho yada vai  
Ajnana hetu krta moha-madandhakar nasham,  
vidhaya hi tadoyate vivekah*

“The accumulated end result of pious activities

for many life times that one will come in contact or association of a Vaishnava, satsanga, and as a result he will be freed from the reaction of activities committed because of ignorance and false ego, and he will get the wisdom to think of purpose of human form of life”.

This is practically experienced in my case. When I first came in contact with ISKCON devotees on 4th July, 1986 in Washington DC (USA)

the devotees blessed me with krsna-prasada, and advised me (as I was supposed to depart that night for New York) to go to Brooklyn temple, New York for the Sunday love feast program. At that time, I did not know anything about ISKCON, but somehow I accepted their advise, and went to Brooklyn ISKCON temple in New York on Sunday, the 6th July 1986 and attended Sunday program which was wonderful. Now I feel that is how I was blessed by those wonderful devotees in Washington, that later I got frequent and regular association of devotees in Gaborone, Botswana since 1991. The little association with the devotees changed my way of life gradually. In Sri-mad Bhagavatam 1.18.13 where it is said:

*tulayama lavenapi  
na svargam napunar-bhavam  
bhagavat-sangi-sangasya  
martyanam kim utasisah*

“The value of a moment’s association with the devotee of the Lord cannot even be compared to the attainment of heavenly planets or liberation from matter, and what to speak of worldly benedictions in the form of material prosperity, which are for those who are meant for death.”

Param Gurudeva! You have given us the temples to learn devotional service in theory and practical, association of devotees, spiritual masters, chanting of Holy names of Lord Sri Krsna, kirtana to glorify the Supreme Lord Sri Krsna, krsna-prasada, mercy of Lord Sri Krsna, and services to the Supreme Lord. As you said many times in your purports that those engaged in these devotional activities, are transcendently situated. You have given us all the transcendental knowledge in your purports which will help us to advance in spiritual life. Understanding the Absolute Truth is not easy, but by reading your purports, engaging in devotional services and hearing Srimad Bhagavatam, Bhagavad Gita from Vaisnavas, one can understand to some extent about The

Supreme Personality of Godhead.

You have given us the transcendental treasury, the bhakti. The bhakti, best and easiest process in comparison to other processes like karma kanda, jnana yoga and astanga yoga. Lord Brahma while offering prayers to Lord Sri Krsna says that bhakti is the best process for realization of Supreme Personality of Godhead (SB 10.14.4). It is said in Padma Purana, Bhagavat mahatmya, Ch. 3.73 it is said:

*sakala bhuvana madhye nirdhanaaste pi dhanyaa,  
nivasti hrdisyam sri harerbhaktir eka  
harirapi nijalokam sarvathato vihaaya,  
pravishati hrdisyam bhakti sutropanaddah*

“Even if one is poverty stricken, but if he has the bhakti, loving devotional service in his heart, he is the most richest person in the whole universe, because even though Supreme Lord Sri Hari resides in His eternal Abode, Vaikuntha, He comes down to reside in the heart of the devotee who follow the regulative principles of devotional service, bhakti.”

*Lord Kapila says:  
jarayaty asu ya kosam  
nigirnam analo yatha  
SB 3.25.34*

“Bhakti, devotional service, dissolves the subtle body of the living entity without separate effort, just as fire in the stomach digests all that we eat.”

Srila Prabhupada! In the purport you said that “For a devotee, liberation is no problem at all. Liberation takes place without separate endeavor. Bhakti is therefore far better than mukti, or the impersonalist position.” As we keep reading your purports, we get more better understanding of your instructions and glories of bhakti-yoga. As Lord is Ananta, infinite, the transcendental knowledge given to us in your purports is also Ananta.

You have given us so much that we are eternally



indebted to Your Divine Grace. To please Your Divine Grace we all have to serve ISKCON, your body, with love and cooperation with all.

Prostrating at your lotus feet, I humbly pray for

your blessings so that I can continue to serve your mission.

*Your servant of servant,  
Rama Govinda Swami*





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Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Medhavi Dasa  
Cape Town, South Africa

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

**THE BOTTLENECK** I wasn't able to find the reference to 'bottleneck' in the Vedabase, but, I remember a lecture or room conversation where you mentioned that the human form of life was the conduit for getting out of the 8,400,000 species and going back to Godhead. You gave the example of a bottle. The bottle's construction, in even ancient societies, was to carry a large amount in its belly but allow the contents to be drunk or poured neatly thru its spout or neck. The 400,000 human forms are a relatively small percentage of 8,000,000 species but the number of actually civilized, cultured and principled humans makes the percentage miniscule. You mentioned that human society was the opportunity to leave the material forms of life and attain to our eternal spiritual form, but instead of moving upwards, those in the human form were reversing direction back into animal and lower species. (You even once boldly declared that "We want to finish the human form of life.") This action was creating the bottleneck, a word very commonly used in traffic congestion but not in spiritual progress.

As I write this offering during an electricity black-out (loadshedding), your society around the world in many places, notably South Africa has been deeply affected by the disappearance from our midst of your most worthy follower, HH Kadamba Kanana Swami, disciple of your also glorious HH Jayadvaita Swami. Srila Prabhupada you created many moons. Kadamba Kanana Maharaja exhibited practically a perfect life as an enlightened preacher, inspirational leader and as a highly effective manager. He also left this world in the most exemplary manner. He showed, as you did, how to live a dedicated and devoted life and also how to leave it and

accept promotion to more intimate service to Srila Rupa and the other members of Sri-Sri Radha and Krsna's confidential circle.

With Maharaja's departure, as for many of your own disciples, it reminded us of that day in November '77, when you travelled on from this world back home to Godhead, or to another location in Lord Caitanya's lila of delivering fallen souls. We try to advise Maharaja's followers that he continues to "live in sound" as you live in your books, lectures, bhajans, morning walks, etc. In the same mood, we try to re-dedicate ourselves, those like my unfortunate self who are not fully dedicated, that our only real purpose is to carry your instructions to others. But to also that our "time" is coming soon. That we shouldn't be loitering in the material world but should 'do our business and get out of here', not creating more of the bottleneck.

We have been studying more intently Srimad Bhagavatam 1st and 2nd Cantos and the review of our original acarya, Lord Brahma's gigantic service of arranging the sub-creation is ultimately to offer the conditioned souls the opportunity to return back to Godhead – "nirodho muktir asrayah."

Dear Srila Prabhupada, as my material body continues to deteriorate, (I leave for cataract surgery in a few minutes), I pray that my enthusiasm to delve deeply into your writings and to distribute their knowledge and your instructions to others will only increase until that time that I breathe my last breath.

*Your tardy, but becoming more determined, servant,  
Medhavi Dasa*





It is a popular theme in Vyasa-puju offerings to Sri-la Prabhupada to thank him for everything he has given us. In this offering I would like to draw attention to just one of Srila Prabhupada's gifts, the Krsna Book and all of the immense benefits one can derive simply by narrating, reading and hearing this one book. The following are quotes from the Krsna Book.

'It is the order of Lord Caitanya that Krsna-katha should be spread all over the world, because if the conditioned souls, suffering under the pangs of material existence, take to Krsna-katha, then their path of liberation will be open and clear. The purpose of presenting this book is primarily to induce people to understand Krsna or Krsna-katha, because thereby they can become freed from material bondage' – Introduction

'These descriptions of Lord Krsna's pastimes with His cowherd boys, His eating with them on the bank of the Yamuna and Lord Brahma's prayers unto Him, are all transcendental subject matters. Anyone who hears, recites or chants them surely gets all his spiritual desires fulfilled.' Ch 14

'This story of the Syamantaka jewel is very significant. In Srimad-Bhagavatam it is said that anyone who hears the story of the Syamantaka jewel or describes it or simply remembers it will be free from all kinds of defamation and the reactions of all impious activities and thus will attain the highest perfectional condition of peace.' Ch 57

'Shukadeva Goswami assured King Parikshit that the narration of the fight between Lord Shiva and Lord Krsna is not at all inauspicious, like ordinary fights. On the contrary, if one remembers in the morning the narration of this fight between Lord Krsna and Lord Shiva and takes pleasure in the victory of Lord Krsna, he will never experience defeat anywhere in his struggle of life.' Ch 63

'This narration of the devastation of Varanasi by

Krsna's disc weapon, the Sudarshana cakra, is transcendental and auspicious. Anyone who narrates or hears this story with faith and attention will be released from all reaction to sinful activities. This is the assurance of Shukadeva Goswami, who narrated this story to Parikshit Maharaja.' Ch 66

'Anyone who attentively hears the narrations of the Lord's pastimes in Dwaraka or supports a preacher of the Krsna consciousness movement will certainly find it very easy to traverse the path of liberation and taste the nectar of the lotus feet of Lord Krsna. And thus he will be engaged in Lord Krsna's devotional service.' Ch 69

'Shukadeva Goswami assured Maharaja Parikshit that the pastimes of Lord Krsna - the killing of Shishupala and Jarasandha and the releasing of the imprisoned kings - are all transcendental vibrations, and anyone who hears these narrations from the authorized persons will immediately be freed from all the reactions of the sinful activities of his life.' Ch 74

'Lord Balarama is the original Vishnu; therefore anyone remembering these pastimes of Lord Balarama in the morning and evening will certainly become a great devotee of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and thus his life will be successful in all respects.' Ch 79

'Shukadeva Goswami has stated that all persons who hear this history of Sudama Vipra and Lord Krsna will know how affectionate Lord Krsna is to the brahmana devotees like Sudama. Therefore anyone who hears this history gradually becomes as qualified as Sudama Vipra, and he is thus transferred to the spiritual kingdom of Lord Krsna.' Ch 81

'Thus by the grace of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Narayana, who is transcendental to all material qualities, Lord Shiva was saved from being killed by a demon. Anyone who hears this history

with faith and devotion is certainly liberated from material entanglement as well as from the clutches of his enemies.' Ch 88

'The transcendental pastimes of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Krsna, are so powerful that simply by hearing, reading and memorizing this book, Krsna, one is sure to be transferred to the spiritual world, which is ordinarily very difficult to achieve. The description of the pastimes of Lord Krsna is so attractive that it automatically

gives us an impetus to study repeatedly, and the more we study the pastimes of the Lord, the more we become attached to Him. This very attachment to Krsna makes one eligible to be transferred to His abode, Goloka Vrindavana.' Ch 90

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for the Krsna Book.

*Your humble servant,  
Ramanujacharya Dasa*











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& OTHER DEVOTEES**









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



Abhay Dasa  
Lagos  
Nigeria

*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*

**BY YOUR DIVINE GRACE**, a lost soul like myself was saved from this material world by the torch light of knowledge and with the aid of the powerful maha-mantra. I hereby beg for your everlasting

mercy so that I can eternally be conscious of your service while I am still in this material world.

*Your Servant,  
Abhay Dasa*



Most revered Srila Prabhupada,  
Hare Krishna, please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to Your Divine Grace.



Abhaya Nama Dasa  
Rose-Belle  
Mauritius

**THIS YEAR MARKS THE 127<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** of your most divine and auspicious appearance in this material realm. The whole world has been saved by the touch of your lotus feet on this earthly planet. There is no word that can describe your contribution in saving the drowning mankind in the quagmire of material nescience.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, you are the one who rescued me from the craziness of atheism through your teaching of the Bhagavad-gita As It Is. Your purports changed my whole life and all the erroneous concepts I had about existence and its purpose were vanquished by your expert erudition and compassion.

As my spiritual grandfather, you have always been merciful and tolerant to me despite my countless offences towards the devotees and the Lord. You

are the one who is sustaining me in the true sense. It is your mercy only which has taken the form of devotees' association, services and the whole of ISKCON that continue to keep me steadfast on the path of bhakti.

Srila Prabhupada, you are the light that is coming from the spiritual sky to guide us all. I cannot express my gratitude to you and I owe you everything. The basis of my whole existence is because of your mercy.

Please forgive me for my incessant offences and keep me at your lotus feet always, dearest Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servant and grandson,  
Abhaya Nama Dasa*



Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees





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-pascatya-desatarine*

**THIS YEAR'S VYASA-PUJA OFFERING** to you is very different to any other year. My dearest gurudeva, HH Kadamba Kanana Swami, has returned to you on the 09/03/2023.

Thus, I have been reflecting for a while now on my gurudeva's most glorious departure back home to Godhead and the example he has left for all of us on how one should prepare for the final exam.

I then meditated on the absolute efficacy of the Krishna Conscious process. Srila Prabhupada, you have said to chant our 16 rounds and follow the 4 regulative principles and we will go back home to Godhead. You have also said that Krishna Consciousness is so simple, one might just miss it. Through my gurudeva I have been able to practically see how potent is the Krishna Conscious process you have given us, provided we have faith in your instructions.

*abhyasa-yoga-yuktena  
cetasa nanya-gamina  
paramam purusam divyam  
yati parthanucintayan*

“He who meditates on Me as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, his mind constantly engaged in remembering Me, undeviated from the path, he, O Pārtha, is sure to reach Me.” - BG 8.8

In your purport the following is said:

“In this verse Lord Kṛṣṇa stresses the importance of remembering Him. One's memory of Kṛṣṇa is revived by chanting the mahā-mantra, Hare Kṛṣṇa. By this practice of chanting and hearing the sound vibration of the Supreme Lord, one's ear,

tongue and mind are engaged. This mystic meditation is very easy to practice, and it helps one attain the Supreme Lord.”

The potency of the Krishna Conscious process, which is founded on the chanting of the Hare Krishna maha mantra, has been repeatedly highlighted by you. One such occasion is related by HG Agnideva Prabhu as follows.

Srila Prabhupada was translating the 6th Canto on the section on Ajamila. Nobody had a book. Srila Prabhupada had 2 Sanskrit assistants, Pradyumna and Nitai. This time it was Nitai who was assisting. He wrote the verse on the chalkboard so all could recite. Then he read the translation. When Nitai read the part where Ajamila sees the Yamadutas coming, he read that Ajamila with great anxiety called the name of his son very loudly three times, “Nārāyaṇa, Nārāyaṇa, Nārāyaṇa!”

The devotees didn't think anything of it. It sounded appropriate. Srila Prabhupada, you caught it. You enquired whether you had said “three times.” You enquired again. Then you said, “No, it is not said here. You should correct it. Once, hey,” “O Nārāyaṇa,” that's all. There is no reason of calling three times. There is no mention here. Once is sufficient,” and there was some mild laughter. You said this with such potency and conviction.

You also showed your compassion to Nitai and you didn't blast him. You told him to at least keep what is there. Then you went back to your Srimad Bhagavatam class, which was all about the glories of chanting the holy names.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, please allow us to be your instruments so that we can also develop

potency and conviction in the chanting of the Hare Krishna maha mantra and give others the opportunity to chant as well.

*Your servant,  
Acyuta Kesava Dasa*



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

 Adharamrita Devi Dasi  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

**ANOTHER YEAR GONE BY** with you taking care of me. Another year older and closer to death. Srila Prabhupada, once again, thank you for engaging me in your divine service and in services to our Lordships and His devotees. Your mercy knows no bounds. You continuously guide us to engage at a deeper level in Krishna consciousness.

Srila Prabhupada, you established Deity worship throughout the world. You set standards for festivals. At ISKCON Lenasia, we are striving to please you, Srila Prabhupada, by following the standards you set. You stressed so much on services. Your books talk about serving the Divine; you talk about bhakti, but why do I not feel this bhakti? What am

I doing wrong, Srila Prabhupada? Please guide me.

My knowledge is so limited. I don't have the taste to read your books, and neither do I have sufficient time to read. Today, on your divine grace's most auspicious appearance day, I humbly beg you to shower some mercy on me so that I can serve with knowledge. Without mercy, nothing is possible in spiritual life. Srila Prabhupada, please guide me and help me serve your mission blissfully. I don't need anything else, Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you, your divine grace.

*Your struggling servant,  
Adharamrita Devi Dasi*



Dear Prabhupada,

 Adhiti  
Cape Town  
South Africa

**MY 'THANK YOU' IS ONE FROM THE HEART.** Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to find our spiritual paths and be on a journey that sends my family and I closer to our intended destiny.

We are extremely grateful for all that you have

shared with not just us but the world.

*Your humble servant,  
Adhiti*



Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees



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



Our Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept our most humble obeisances.  
All glories to your esteemed appearance.

**AS A FAMILY WE HAVE BEEN VERY FORTUNATE** to have taken birth in Durban. Durban has produced your architectural masterpiece - Sri Sri Radha Radhanatha Temple.

Fortunately, we were part of it since the very beginning - since the land was being cleared - perhaps the most blissful time to have been engaged by your dedicated disciples building your desired temple.

Through your disciples training, and by your mercy, we managed to continue serving continuously since the beginning till now. Age and health have caught up with us, but we are still trying to serve whichever way we can.

Even though standards have changed with time, we are extremely grateful to have been brought up by your dedicated followers since the early days and we try to maintain that mood.

Regardless of whatever happens, we pray for your continuous guidance to live a life where the only objective is to please you. Whatever situation we are and where we are able to perform service is only by your mercy.

Srila Prabhupada, this world-renowned temple is yours. Your disciples have fulfilled the definition of dedication to build this temple. Please protect it, and help the devotees return so we all can serve your ISKCON together.

Material world is always challenging. Please guide us to maintain a blissful Krsna conscious life throughout.

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



Aindra Caitanya Dasa 🙏  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



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

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-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 Caitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

**IT HAS BEEN 127 YEARS** since you graced us on this earthly planet. During that time the ISKCON

movement has been steadily growing and expanding under your ever watchful eye and presence.

Although I was not fortunate to physically have your association the connection has grown stronger and stronger each year. I have tried my best to follow your instructions and to read the most glorious literature you have left behind for us each day.

Through your vani, association with your disciples and by studying the Srimad-Bhagavatam I have understood the great emphasis you have placed on Yuga Dharma harinam sankirtan. You are a topmost rasik Vaisnava. You could have stayed in Sri Vrindavan Dham and lived there peacefully but you did not do so in order to benefit all of the conditioned souls. From sitting alone in Tompkins Square Park to hosting Ratha-yatra festivals you have spread the holy names far and wide.

There have been many wonderful and most

glorious accomplishments. You continue to inspire devotees and empower them to preach and spread the glories of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Your glories are infinite. I am most grateful to you, and I truly appreciate everything you have done. I humbly beg for your mercy to help assist your movement to spread the holy names and to bring help bring harinam sankirtan back to the front of this movement. You continue to provide wonderful service, association and spiritual experiences to me for which I am forever indebted to you.

All Glories to my “Forever Well-Wisher”.

*Your insignificant servant,  
Aindra Caitanya Dasa*



Hare Krishna Srila Prabhupada

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

**WHENEVER I THINK OF YOU** my dear Srila Prabhupada, and the time in which you came to this planet, you appeared on this planet 127 years ago, and founded ISKCON 57 years ago. I find myself very grateful to have taken birth at a time where your teachings were accessible in the West. I am not sure what I would have done without your valuable teachings in my personal life.

Please guide me on this next chapter in my life and teach me how to connect on a deeper level with Krishna and help me take your teachings more seriously and apply it to the best of my ability in my life.

*Your great grand servant,  
Akina Kasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

**YOUR VYASA-PUJA** each year gives me yet another opportunity to reflect on your great love for Krsna and to marvel at your indomitable spirit in service to Him. But what can I possibly understand of it? What can I understand of your complete dedication to

your spiritual master, of your tireless efforts to give the world Krsna Consciousness despite opposition, despite lack of facility, your nights spent translating without much sleep?

All I can do is express my deep gratitude that

 Akina Kasil  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

 Amrtavani Devi Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees



because of your prayer to Kṛṣṇa, one as fallen as myself has been included in your magical movement. You have conquered Kṛṣṇa with your devotional service, and therefore He looks kindly upon those of us who have taken shelter of you.

Thank you for revealing to us that we have an eternal home where we can be blissful, and for showing us how to live even in this world. Your life

is an example of heroic determination and unceasing surrender to the Lord. I pray that I may always remain in your shelter, serving Kṛṣṇa in a way that pleases Him.

*Your servant,  
Amṛtavani Devi Dasi*



Anakulya Devi Dasi  
East London  
South Africa



My dear eternal spiritual grandfather His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada,  
Please accept my respectful obeisances unto your lotus feet on the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja celebration.  
All glories to your lotus feet!

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

**HAPPY VYASA-PUJA** dearest Srīla Prabhupada. Every year this special day of your Vyasa-puja gives me time to reflect on the magnanimous way that you have changed our lives. When we see what this Age of Kali brings, it's quite frightening to understand how much worse we could have been without our precious International Society for Krishna Consciousness. The past year has been very difficult for us as our dearest Guru Dev, his Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami left his body. Despite understanding that we are not the body, some days are very difficult to get through. I am sure that Guru Dev is smiling and doing what he does best (Transcendental Kirtans) with you and all the Vaishnavas in the spiritual world.

The quote below has been a go-to for me in the most difficult moments during the last year.

“What cannot be achieved through the performance of Vedic rituals can be easily achieved through the chanting of the Lord's holy name (Sri-mad Bhagavatam 6.2.11.) Due to your teachings Srīla Prabhupada I am in a small way able to understand and see that it is only Krishna who is in control

and I try to surrender to him and become a better disciple and devotee. Of course, Krishna is only approachable through our dearest Prabhupada and the Guru Parampara as I do not qualify to approach the lord directly. The days are sometimes very challenging but some days are good and some not.

When the days are difficult and the material energy of Maya is all-consuming, I refer to the verse below as it is one of favourites.

“One should render transcendental loving service to the Supreme Lord Kṛṣṇa favourably and without desire for material profit or gain through fruitive activities or philosophical speculation. That is called pure devotional service.” Unless one is completely freed of all material desires, which are caused by the dense darkness of ignorance, one cannot fully engage in the devotional service of the Lord. Therefore we should always offer our prayers to Lord Nṛsimhadeva, who killed Hiraṇyakaśipu, the personification of material desire. Hiraṇya means “gold,” and kaśipu means “a soft cushion or bed.” Materialistic persons always desire to make their bodies comfortable, and for this, they require

huge amounts of gold. Thus Hiraṇyakaśipu was the perfect representative of materialistic life. He was, therefore, the cause of great disturbance to the topmost devotee, Prahāda Mahārāja, until Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva killed him. Any devotee aspiring to be free of material desires should offer his respectful prayers to Nṛsiṃhadeva as Prahāda Mahārāja did in this verse.

Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 5.18.8, Purport

We are forever indebted to you Srila Prabhupada, and the mercy flows because of kind and compassionate nature.

*Your insignificant and eternal servant,  
Anakulya Devi Dasi*



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



Ananda Chandrika Devi Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa

**ON YOUR VYASA-PUJA**, I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for always being there for us all.

I cannot chant the Maha-mantra out aloud and have been writing the Maha-mantra for the past few years.

Listening to you chanting, giving class, or singing kirtan keeps me company, and I do not know what I would do if it were not for you. You have selflessly saved us from this material world, and with

your mercy, we continue our lives in this material world.

Thank you.  
Thank you.  
Thank you

*Your humble servant,  
Ananda Chandrika Devi Dasi*



Hare Krsna, dearest Srila Prabhupada.  
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your most sacred lotus feet.  
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day of your Sri Vyasa-puja.



Ananda Vrindavan Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa

**SRILA PRABHUPADA**, daily, I fail to glorify a most exalted, super merciful personality as yourself, but today I want to thank you for taking your walking cane and hooking my wretched soul into your loving mercy. Srila Prabhupada, if I think about where I would be without your mercy, I will faint in bewildered suffering. You gave us the answers to everything in life and taught us, by your own example, how to serve the Vaisnavas, the general community, spiritual masters, and the Lord, and how to love one another – because Krsna is in everyone's heart, providing shelter and protection at Lord's lotus feet.

You simply showed us everything, from cooking to Deity service, to book distribution, to just being a good soul. I am deeply indebted to you for that. In my own life, I have personally felt your causeless mercy daily. You never left me alone these past four years. I did not deserve the mercy, but day after day you bestowed your causeless mercy upon me. What could have been the loneliest, scariest time for me, you filled it with service, love, and kind association. I was able to flourish by serving and being in the association of your kind-hearted Vaisnavas, who never left me alone without service, destitute, or

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hungry. I remain eternally indebted to you for that, Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Prabhupada, when I think about you, I wish I could do more to serve you. I know you love the preachers, and I sincerely pray from the deepest regions of my heart that you will empower me to become a messenger of your causeless mercy and allow others to feel the love you have bestowed upon us. I have seen people desperate, taking their lives, and I pray that your mercy will flow to them like us, so they too will have hope and shelter at the lotus feet of our Lord.

Srila Prabhupada, in the past few recent years, we have been having weird weathers and unusual happenings: floods, natural disasters, earthquakes, shootings, load shedding, no water. For a human society that has claimed to go to the moon, we cannot provide sufficient drinking water for mankind. You have taught us the chanting of our Lord's holy names and following the regulative principles to avoid all this, to avoid anxiety and suffering, live in peace, and go back home, back to Goloka Vrindavana where there is no "padam padam...". Srila Prabhupada, it is said that every animal killing radiates eighteen months of suffering and turmoils, like

earthquakes, etc. You are no ordinary personality. You have foreseen this long prior to it happening, and you have guided us with formulas to decrease it – or if we cannot help it, take shelter of the Lord's holy name to stay strong.

I cannot thank you enough, Srila Prabhupada, for the immense love you have shown to me. On this most auspicious day of your Sri Vyasa-puja, I beg at your lotus feet to please allow me to follow properly, become an instrument of your love and mercy, and help others.


A most blessed Vyasa-puja to you, my dearest Srila Prabhupada. Please stay in my heart and continue to be my lantern in the dark. I love you with every spark of my being. May your guiding voice always fill my monkey-like mind. Thank you, my dearest Srila Prabhupada – the greatest genius who walked this earth and showed me that nothing is impossible.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your most merciful lotus feet.

*Your foolish servant,  
Ananda Vrindavana Dasi*



Ananga Manjari Devi Dasi  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

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

**BY YOUR MERCY**, one can cross the ocean of material suffering and obtain the mercy of Krishna. By your mercy, all ignorance will be removed. Please Srila Prabhupada, bless me with a kind hearted husband who will help me deepen my relationship with you and my Spiritual Master.

I want to be healthy to work for ISKCON. I want to have the six exchanges of love with spiritual shelter.

I feel marriage will bring me closer to your lotus

feet and I will be protected. I love you Srila Prabhupada and I want to thank you for your love and shelter.

Please give me regular devotional service under your shelter all ways. Please protect me and arrange my life with devotional service in it. Please also protect the bhakti in the hearts of my whole family.

*Your servant ad grandchild,  
Ananga Manjari devi dasi*



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-pascatya-desā-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 Chaitanya deva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

**OH, SRILA PRABHUPADA** (as you are affectionately known), what would have happened if you had not come to save us from delving deeper into this material existence? A true Vaikuntha man, you have done so much for us. You traveled across the vast oceans at the age of 69, in 1965, to take your Guru Maharaja's (Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur) message of Krsna Consciousness to the West, thus also completing Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission of spreading the Holy Name of Krsna to every town and village.

In eleven years, you circled the globe 14 times. You founded the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON). You have initiated over 5,000 disciples, providing us with their wonderful association. You have given us Deity worship, chanting of the Maha-mantra, Ratha Yatra festivals,

and many more things that help us connect to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Sri Radha, and Krsna. Your most significant contributions would be translating the books of Bhagavad-gita As It Is, Srimad-Bhagavatam (Bhagavata Purana), and Sri Caitanya-caritamrta.

We are forever, lifetime after lifetime, indebted to you. Jayapataka Swami Maharaj wrote a beautiful song, "Yadi Prabhupada na hoito," so I always ask myself, "If Srila Prabhupada had not come, what would have happened?"

*Your very lowly servant, of the servant, of the servant,*

*Anesh Kamlal Dindial*



Dear Prabhupada,

**THANK YOU FOR TEACHING ME** how to enjoy a higher taste. Thank you for teaching me how to worship and love Krishna. You are my guru for life, thank you

for all your learnings and teachings, we all love you.

*Ankita Vyas*



 Anesh Kamlal Dindial  
Durban  
South Africa

 Ankita Vyas  
Cape Town  
South Africa

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Aradhana Krishna 🙏  
Durban  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

**IT'S AN HONOUR AND PRIVILEGE** to be your shining devotees in this material world and to implement the Hare Krishna legacy.

We are in awe of the miracles that Lord Krishna and Srimati Radharani have displayed by the healing miracles and protection of our mum

Oomawathie Krishna and for lifetime blessings for Albert, me and the entire family. Salutations and glories to the holy names eternally,

*Your servant,  
Aradhana Krishna*



Ashutosh Dasa 🙏  
KwaZulu-Natal  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

**A VERY HAPPY VYASA-PUJA** to you on this day. With a lot of pride within my heart I would love to speak about your glories on this most amazing Vyasa-puja. Firstly, I am so grateful for your great appearance in this material world and for your lotus feet touching this earthly planet. It's so amazing that your beautiful books can be understood by anyone throughout the three worlds. If it was not for you Srila Prabhupada, we devotees would be lost in this cycle birth after birth.

I am so grateful to all your disciples for putting in their hard work and fulfilling all your wishes,

desires and instructions. I am so grateful to my spiritual masters for always reminding me of you Srila Prabhupada and making you and Krsna the center of our hearts always. I can go on about your glories Srila Prabhupada but I will keep the nectar for many more years to come. Thank you for everything, I appreciate you very much. Please do bless me so that I may try my best to serve Lord Krsna, Guru and you Srila Prabhupada, birth after birth.

*Your most fallen servant of the servant,  
Ashutosh Dasa*



Ashvind Laxmee Sobhee 🙏  
and Rishabh Beetul  
Cape Town  
South Africa



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

**THIS IS THE FIRST TIME** we have mustered our courage to make an offering unto you. Please forgive our ignorance and lack of knowledge and any offence we

may cause along the way. We have taken shelter of your lotus feet for some time but we never managed to make our next move when it came to our spiritual

journey. Recently, we have witnessed a series of spiritual experiences that have made us find a true purpose in our life for our family. You have provided us with absolute guidance along the way - especially in the tough times when everything seemed lost but still, you sent a little gesture to show your ongoing presence and guidance, and to steer us back in the right direction.

This journey is only the start of a long one which we will undertake under your guidance. You have made it so much easier for us insignificant aspiring devotees by providing so much knowledge and guidance through your lectures, classes and your books. Most recently, you have revealed your direct disciple

to us in the form of a spiritual master to help us, to guide us and to keep us on this journey. There are no words that would be able to describe the significance of your presence and how you have touched our lives. You are constantly making sure that we always remember that being Krsna conscious is the ultimate purpose in life.

Please accept these few words to you in trying to express our gratitude and sense of purpose.

The storm will come but you are our rock.

*Your aspiring servants,  
Ashvind, Laxmee Sobhee and Rishabh Beetu*



Dear Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept our respectful obeisances.

All glories to Your Divine Grace.



**ON THIS SPECIAL OCCASION** of Vyasa-puja, we express our deepest appreciation for your extraordinary contribution in spreading Krishna Consciousness across the world. Your unwavering dedication and sincere devotion to Lord Krishna have forever imprinted upon our lives and the spiritual landscape of the world.

Fearlessly you embarked on a journey to the West, carrying the message of Krishna consciousness to distant shores. Your profound wisdom and compassionate guidance awakened dormant devotion in the hearts of many seekers.

Under your divine guidance, numerous temples sprouted as vibrant centres of spiritual growth and community. These temples have become gathering places for devotees to chant the holy names, engage in selfless service, and immerse themselves in the study of spiritual literature. Your vision and leadership continue to inspire and shape the path of ISKCON, fostering a global family of devoted souls.

We humbly acknowledge that our lives would have taken a different course were it not for your profound influence. Your teachings have granted us

a deeper understanding of our spiritual identity and purpose. Through your disciples, who now serve as initiating spiritual masters, your divine grace and mercy flow, guiding us on our spiritual journey.

As we reflect upon your extraordinary life and the countless blessings you have bestowed upon us, we feel an overwhelming debt of gratitude. Your selfless dedication and unwavering faith have empowered us to lead lives of meaningful service to ISKCON. Filled with heartfelt appreciation, we dedicate ourselves to carrying forward your mission.

On this special day, we earnestly seek your blessings and mercy. May your teachings forever inspire us, may your example eternally guide us, and may your boundless love continue to nourish our devotion to Lord Krishna. With profound gratitude we bow down before you, Srila Prabhupada, eternally indebted to the invaluable contributions you have made.

*Your granddisciples, Balaram Dasa and Subhadra Dasi*

 **Balaram Dasa and Subhadra Dasi**  
Kharwastan, Durban  
South Africa

**Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees**

Balaram Dasa  
Durban  
South Africa



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

**I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO PUT INTO WORDS** the gratitude I feel towards you. Without your books and your teachings I would be lost in this material world. Your books and teachings are a shining light in this material ocean of darkness.

You established ISKCON and this has given me shelter as well as brought shelter to thousands of others. Without this ISKCON movement and the temples you have established throughout the world it would be even more difficult to cope in this material world. ISKCON and the temples truly provide a much-needed shelter and relief from the onslaughts

of this material world.

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I pray that I may be able to serve you in some way by serving in ISKCON and serving the Vaishnavas. I pray that you grant this fallen conditioned soul your mercy and allow me to always remain in service in ISKCON.

*Your fallen servant of the servant,  
Balaram Dasa*



Balaram Ramjith  
Cape Town  
South Africa



Dear Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances to Your Divine lotus feet.

**IN RECENT YEARS THE GRATIFICATION** of the material body has grown significantly, which is not surprising. The most disturbing matter is that religious leaders are abandoning the traditional ways of how they used to conduct themselves and have been embracing certain modern elements into their concurrent way of faith. The reasons for this vary from money to fear of being 'called out' by modern media, in which karmis would pressure them to change their ways or else be painted in a bad light, that in their eyes 'does not accept all'. The part that frightens me the most is how future generations will get to know the original teachings. This is why the knowledge you have passed down so graciously to us is sublime. It has not been tainted and will not change to suit anyone's needs. A wonderful verse comes to mind whenever I think of the situation:

*Om ajnana-timirandhasya  
Jnananjana-salakaya  
Caksur unmilitam yena*

*Tasmai sri-gurave namah*

"I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, who, with the torchlight of knowledge has opened my eyes, which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance." (Srimad Bhagvatam 8.1.11)

The karmis will not be able to understand how to free themselves from this material suffering. They will not be able to understand true knowledge without the guidance of a spiritual master.

I personally, am most grateful for being able to learn this esoteric knowledge and be a part of this amazing movement you have created for us all. I can only show my gratitude by rendering as much service to your movement as I possibly can. Without your guidance and teachings we would not have anything.

*Your servant,  
Balaram Ramjit*





My most humble obeisances to you dear senapati bhakta.  
I offer my respectful obeisances unto you.

 Batu Gopala Dasa  
Blantyre  
Malawi

“I WAS BORN IN THE DARKEST IGNORANCE, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge”. (Srimad Bhagavatam 4.24.52).

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

Words fall short when the time comes to thank you for all that you have done, not only for me personally but for the entire world. After 1966, when you registered the International Society for Krishna Consciousness and you were able to see the future, the world became a better place to live in.

I have a friend who is a teacher in “The Art of Living” Society. There they charge people to learn the so-called art of living i.e. how to live in this world, smile at every situation, breath and increase one’s lifespan in this material world. You Srila Prabhupada started a movement of teaching people “the art of dying”, hence transcending birth, death, old age and disease.

Nobody has be able to give such concise knowledge about the highest truth in such simple language that anyone who is sincere can find out why he is suffering and how can this suffering be overcome.

Recently, in the month of March, my spiritual master left the mortal world and joined you in your eternal pastimes. He always used to say that, “although I am born in Holland, I say that I am from Vṛndāvana, because Vṛndāvana is the real home. I am born here, actually joining Srila Prabhupada’s movement and that is the real birth.”

So it’s only because of you that we have learned whatever we know of the spiritual world. he seventh chapter of the Srimad Bhagavad Gita (7.16) talks about the four kinds of pious people who surrender to Krishna.

*catur-vidhā bhajante mām  
janāḥ su-kṛtino ’rjuna  
ārto jijñāsura arthārthī  
jñānī ca bhārataṣabha*

“O best among the Bhāratas, four kinds of pious men begin to render devotional service unto Me – the distressed, the desirer of wealth, the inquisitive, and he who is searching for knowledge of the Absolute”.

In the light of the above sloka, I see that I had no such piety and that you have made our piety. You are like the best of the stone carvers, you carved such a beautiful life for all your followers.

The Lord says (Bhagavata Gita 7.19);

*bahūnām janmanām ante  
jñānavān mām prapadyate  
vāsudevaḥ sarvam iti  
sa mahātmā su-durlabhaḥ*

“After many births and deaths, he who is actually in knowledge surrenders unto Me, knowing Me to be the cause of all causes and all that is. Such a great soul is very rare”.

After going through many lifetimes living like animals, trees, reptiles, aquatics I got a human form and previously I had an animal consciousness. Now because of Krishana’s and your mercy I am trying to follow this path, which is very difficult. I know that you have guaranteed us success if we stick to the vidhi and nisheda i.e. the do’s and don’ts given by you so that I can be delivered from this miserable ocean of birth and death.

Kindly keep showering me with mercy as I am the most suitable candidate as I am the most fallen.

*The servant of the servant of your servant,  
Batu Gopala Dasa*

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Ben Dover 🙏  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Hare Krishna. Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari and Your Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada.

**I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE** towards Your Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada for bringing Krishna Consciousness to the West and uplifting us fallen souls.

You have provided us with a platform to follow

the correct path and we will forever be indebted to you for this.

*Your fallen servant,  
Bhakta Ben Dover*



Beven Raman 🙏  
Midrand  
South Africa



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

**THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING** you have given us. You truly inspired us and built a house for all Krsna's children to live in here on earth. I'm truly grateful. Being a new devotee, I take shelter under you and try my best every day to follow your vani to be a better

devotee and expand my love for Krsna.  
Srila Prabhupada ki jai!

*Your servant,  
Beven Raman*



Bhaktin Marie 🙏  
Durban  
South Africa



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

**MY DEAR LORD**, I lack the ability to comprehend your greatness and the depth and extent of your mercy. Thank you for coming to this planet. Thank you for bringing your wonderful disciples with you. I have nothing to offer Srila Prabhupada but a plea that somehow by your grace my life will become an offering of complete service to your divine grace, service

to the spiritual master, all your disciples and all Vaisnavas.

How can I ever thank You, Srila Prabhupada?

*Your aspiring servant,  
Bhaktin Marie*



Bhaktiparsad Dasa 🙏  
Durban  
South Africa



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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CAUSELESS MERCY** of bringing

Lord Krishna to us.

Thank you for establishing so many Temples which are houses for all devotees, where we can practice Krishna consciousness in order for us to go back to Godhead. Your books are so wonderful with

pure knowledge of the Lord.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for saving us all.

*Bhaktiparsad Dasa*



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

 Bhavanesh Raman  
Midrand  
South Africa

I'M STILL NEW TO KRSNA CONSCIOUSNESS, however I really want to thank you for the gift of this knowledge you have shared with us. Thank you for helping spread Krsna consciousness across the globe and giving us this golden opportunity to return back to Godhead through bhakti-yoga. You truly cared for


all of mankind and have given us so much mercy.

Srila Prabhupad ki jai!

*Your servant,  
Bhavanesh Raman*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

 Bhaveshnee Narain  
and Kimesh Narain  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

**SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1896**, an empowered soul descended to this world.

A lifetime of preparation to carry out the instructions of His spiritual master, utterly bold.

Continuously striving for something that seems out of reach.  
With enthusiasm and confidence, you were able to teach and preach.  
Full faith that it will be done as Guru's words will hold true.  
Who, oh who would have had the slightest clue.  
That September 17th, 1965 at the age of 69, would mark the cue.  
By the Mercy of Guru and Gauranga aboard the Jaladuta.  
Docking the shores of America with a sigh of relief and a moment of aha!

In the icy winter, you braved the cold.  
Imprinting your divine footprints on foreign soil sharing gold.  
Leaving your mark that would lead humanity to a better path

You graced the Western world with your presence.  
With just a few dollars and your books, you had the essence.  
Completely surrendered to Krishna as his puppet.

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Spreading spiritual sound as a divine trumpet.  
Capturing hearts and sharing nuggets.

The vision and reality of ISKCON are already embedded and alive.  
Time, the separation factor is a non-event for transcendence and your drive.  
Establishing 108 temples and circling the globe 14 times in just 12 years.  
The empowered acharya, that has touched my heart, brings me to tears

Your spiritual master's instruction as your compass.  
Armoured with kanthi-mala, cadar and japa mala.  
You stood firm and resolute in the war against maya.  
Holding the hands of humanity through their dukhaya.

I pray for your mercy as I endeavour to make my way back home, back to Godhead.  
With discipline, commitment and enthusiasm I journey this path ahead.  
Your words echoing in my thoughts, "if you chant 16 rounds, follow the principles  
and serve the Devotees" be rid of doubts.  
All you have to do is hold onto my dhoti" and believe I have the back door key to  
a blissful eternity.  
My prayer is to find a place at your feet with the hope that someday in the spiritual  
world we shall meet.  
Srila Prabhupada ki Jay! All glories to you Srila Prabhupada

Hare Krishna.  
*Bhaveshnee Narain and Kimesh Narain*



Brahmadeva Dasa   
Cape Town  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.  
All glories to ISKCON founder acharya.

**SRILA PRABHUPADA**, you gave a whole new meaning  
to life. You taught us how to worship the Lord and  
all His forms.

*Ananda koti vaisnava Vrinda ki Jai!*

You gave us your priceless guidance in your  
most elaborate translations and purports of Shri-  
mad Bhagavatam, Bhagavad Gita and so many oth-  
er transcendental kinds of literature. Your glorious

disciples and grand disciples are continuing your  
work to take us back home, back to Godhead. Your  
spiritual plan for us is beyond question and your  
teachings will continue to impact thousands of gen-  
erations to come.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for everything  
you continue to do for us.

*Trying to be your humble servant,  
Brahmadev Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
May Your Divine Grace accept our most sincere and 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-pascatya-desā-tarine*

“I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, who is very dear to Lord Krsna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.”

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

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

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

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

“Let us offer our humble, respectful obeisances unto all the Vaishnava devotees of the Lord, who can fulfill the desires of everyone, just like desire trees, and are full of compassion for the fallen conditioned souls.”

Srila Prabhupada, may we thank Your Divine Grace for ISKCON, a house we call home.

A safe house from all the pangs of material misery. May we always have your merciful glance and protection. May Your Divine Grace guide us to follow your good request to follow the regulations of bhakti yoga with urgency and sincerity.

Thank you for the mercy of our Guru Maharaj and Vaishnav communities. We are most grateful for Your Divine Grace’s kindness upon us.

Thank you very much.

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



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

**THIS YEAR IS MY FIRST FULL YEAR** as a father and I am learning a bit more about sacrifice. I realize now how much you sacrificed and how indebted I am to you for everything I have, namely:

1. A path to Krsna.
2. My spiritual master, Gurudev
3. My amazing, supportive family
4. The protection you have given me in my spiritual life and all the mercy you have shown me.



Braj Mohan Dasa  
and Taralakshi Dasi  
Gauteng  
South Africa



Braja-Madhava Dasa  
Durban  
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

I pray that I can develop this mood of gratitude further. Hare Krsna.

Your servant,  
Braja-Madhava Dasa



Brajasevaki Devi Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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nirvivesa-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-tarine*

**I WOULD LIKE TO HONOUR YOU** on this auspicious of your Vyasa-puja. I am very insignificant to say something about you.

Every time I recite the prayer below, I feel that I do not have any good qualities or capabilities in me. Whatever little I have learnt or got, is all but of your kind mercy.

*mūkaṁ karoti vācālaṁ  
paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim  
yat-kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande  
paramānanda-mādhavam*

*tvam gopika vrisharaves tanayantike 'se  
sevadhikarini guro nija-pada-padme  
dasyam pradaya kuru mam vraja-kanane shri  
radhanghri-sevana-rase sukhinim sukhabdhau*

“O beloved spiritual master, you are always in the

presence of the cowherd girl Radha, the daughter of King Vrishabhanu. Please award me service at your lotus-like feet, which are the proprietors of devotional service. Please place me in the ocean of joy by bestowing upon my happiness in the mellows of service at the feet of Sri Radha in the groves of Vraja dhama.”

I beg at your lotus feet to bless me so that I could imbibe some of your qualities. The world has been blessed by your mercy. Please forgive me for my offenses and bless me so that I do not commit offenses further. Please spread your mercy on me so that I can follow your teachings. I have no intelligence of my own. Everything that I have is all by your mercy.

Your insignificant servant,  
Brajasevaki Devia Dasi



Caitanya Dasi  
Randburg  
South Africa



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

**THE YEAR IS 2023**, and the craze right now is Artificial Intelligence or AI. ChatGPT, generative AI, prompt

engineering – will AI make me redundant? Can I trust AI? Another passing phase? More questions, more confusion, more distractions! As if we don't



have enough of that already!

In the name of advancement, making life easier, the material world offers us so many promises, but those promises usually turn into the opposite. The modern inventions promised us more time to do what we want, but look at how much time we spend managing those inventions – checking emails, WhatsApps, and don't forget those DMs. Seriously, life has sped up so much we usually have little time – can we see the irony?

In such a haze of false intelligence, false promises, and false hope, you, your society, and your followers have certainly brought so much clarity for us. We are able to sift out the superficial from the profound. Reading the following conversation in Mayapur on February 18, 1977, just puts that into perspective:

**Satsvarupa:** So if they themselves have no brain, they can't produce a brain.

**Prabhupada:** But they are trying, such brainless. They have no brain, and they're trying to make another brain.

**Hari-sauri:** Svarupa Damodara mentioned about that place he went to in that university in Boston.

**Prabhupada:** Yes.

**Hari-sauri:** They have a whole department called Artificial Intelligence.

**Prabhupada:** Spending millions and millions in America. You know that? Where it is being done?

**Hari-sauri:** I think he said it was in Boston.

**Prabhupada:** In MIT.

**Hari-sauri:** Yeah. And when he asked them what was the purpose, they said, "Well, it's fun."

**Prabhupada:** Hmm?

**Hari-sauri:** He asked what the purpose was, they said, "Well, it's fun."

**Prabhupada:** Fun?

**Hari-sauri:** Fun.

**Satsvarupa:** Amusement.

**Hari-sauri:** It's amusement.

**Prabhupada:** But they unnecessarily spending money. So they have spent unnecessarily for the moon expedition. Money, if you do not know, you'll spend it for unnecessary purpose. That is what they are doing. So give them brain, and this money can be spent for Krsna consciousness. They have got money. Why they are trying to manufacture artificial intelligence? What is the purpose?

**Tamala Krsna:** They want to be able to imitate God.

**Prabhupada:** Then God is there. [laughs] You have to accept. If you want to imitate God, then God is there. That is our propaganda, not this.

**Tamala Krsna:** If they say artificial intelligence, it means that there is a real intelligence. And if they're trying to make artificial intelligence, someone must have made real intelligence.

**Prabhupada:** Real intelligence you see in the flower, how intelligently colorful it is made. Every nature study. Study this machine, how intelligent. And just the hand, coming up, this finger, because we have to capture something, the nail is required. If it would have been all skin, you could not capture. How... And every machine is coming automatically. You study your body. And if the same machine, you produce a machine like that, automatically coming

out, one thing, male machine, one female machine, and they'll bring another machine. Where is that thing? And here God has made such a nice machine. He says, *bhrāmayan sarva-bhūtāni yantrārūḍhāni* (Bg. 18.61). That is also not made by God. It is made by God's agent, *maya*. Now see how God is intelligent. God's servant *maya*, God says, "Give him a machine like that." Immediately she gives, supplies. Clearly says, *bhramayan sar...* "He wants to still travel in this material world, *bhramayan*. He wants to go there. Then all right, give him a machine." He's so kind. He's sitting within your heart. You want to do something. And He's so kind, because you are son, beloved, He says, "These are not required. Better come back. Live peacefully." You'll not hear = "No. I..". Just like naughty child. "All right, *Maya*, give him. Give him." This is meaning. Hmm? What is that? Read it.

**Hari-sauri:**

*ishvara sarva-bhutanam  
hrd-dese 'rjuna tisthati  
bhramayan sarva-bhutani  
yantrarudhani mayaya*

"The Supreme Lord is situated in everyone's heart, O Arjuna, and is directing the wanderings of all living entities, who are seated as on a machine made of the material energy." (Bg. 18.61)

It made me smile with an inner glow because how's this for clarity, simplicity, and profundity, all at the same time. How crazy is it for us to be chasing the impossible "artificial" the material world has to offer when we have so much of the "real" we can achieve quite easily?

It's not only in the material vs. spiritual that you have such clarity. With our *sanga* sessions, a group of us are being led to discuss and discover how you have given us the deepest understanding of Krishna bhakti.

For me, this is a revelation because we had the inner glow for all the outsmarting and outdoing of

materialists but still, I was only caught up in the very beginning of the shallows of Krishna bhakti. Seeing that there was more to just superficial service, the beginning of understanding bhakti's true position has become a revelation and sweetness that can only become better under our true purpose, i.e., not looking for our benefit in uniting with Krishna, but playing a minor role in serving those who bring the divine couple together as outlined in your purport:

"In his *Amrita-pravaha-bhashya*, *Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura* states, "Srimati Radharani is the creeper of love of Godhead, and the gopis are exactly like twigs, flowers, and leaves. When water is sprinkled on the creeper, the twigs, flowers, and leaves indirectly receive all the benefits of the creeper itself. But water sprinkled directly on the twigs, leaves, and flowers is not as effective as water sprinkled on the creeper's root. The gopis are not as pleased when they directly mix with Krishna as when they serve to unite Srimati Radharani with Krishna. Their transcendental pleasure lies in uniting Them." (*Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta Antya-lila* 2.8.210)

*Mahaprabhu* himself was absorbed in this spirit in the *Gambhira*, a bhajan that was exclusively performed but only in the company of the most exalted. The fact that we have exposure to such sweet, deep, and confidential aspects of the Lord's loving pastimes indicates how you, dear *Srila Prabhupada*, have given us everything from start to finish. You may have placed more emphasis on the start, i.e., on the ABCs of *sadhana-bhakti*, but there is no doubt that you have left enough for the true seekers to dive as deep as they want to. The fact that you gave us "Kṛṣṇa Book" from the beginning is indicative that for a *Gaudiya Vaishnava bhakta*, the attraction for *Radha and Krishna* should be paramount, but to access that, we needed you, as outlined as follows:

"A transcendently sober person who, with faith and love, continually hears from a realized soul about the activities of Lord Kṛṣṇa in His *rasa* dance with the gopis, or one who describes such activities, can attain full transcendental devotional

service at the lotus feet of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Thus lusty material desires, which are the heart disease of all materialistic persons, are for him quickly and completely vanquished.” (Sri Caitanya-caritamrta Antya-lila 5.48)

How do we thank you for such depth of exposure to such confidential aspects of the Lord? What qualifications did we have to be exposed to them? I’m truly baffled. Personally, I’m still grappling with the basics but knowing that you are there, exposing us, giving us a taste, gives me a sense of security. Because if the taste for bhakti is truly experienced, then the struggles for removing our conditioning will be naturally over.

I beg you to assist me, dear Srila Prabhupada. As I stubbornly hold onto mundane things, I need the jolts of life’s lessons to not lose faith and conditioning in the mundane, keep theoretically tasting

bhakti until my jaundice condition is over and I truly taste the experiences of bhakti. Then, the opportunity for being a servant of the servant may open up.

Please keep me in the company of those that have taste, so that I may be infected by the same inclinations of Krishna consciousness.

Please keep inspiring me to read your books and uncovering the hidden gems that you have laid in-between the basics of Krishna consciousness. Let me revel in those gems to strengthen my faith and become more committed to what I should be naturally committed to.

Thank you for all the amazing things you have brought to all of us.

*Your servant,  
Caitanya Dasa*



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

**EVERY TIME I READ YOUR WORDS** and reply to journalists I am amazed at your insight. For example, when you said the main purpose of the Women’s liberation movement was to get the other half of the population working so they can be taxed.

Someone with your humility and dedication to serving your guru and Lord Caitanya in spreading the Sankirtan movement can only come from the spiritual world. Lord Caitanya sent numerous

other pure souls to help you in your mission. Many of your ‘white elephants’ have celebrated 50 years of dedicated service. They have reached your age, but continue serving your ISKCON.

I pray a servant like me can achieve a fraction of what these pure souls have achieved.

*Servant of the servant of the servant,  
Carana Renu 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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**I WANT TO SHARE A CONVERSION** between Srila Prabhupada, Parivrajakacarya, and Pradyumna in Tehran, August 09, 1976, quoted from A Transcendental Diary, Volume 4.

**Prabhupada:** They can have rains from the sky by chanting. The rain will fall from the sky. Who can check it? [coughs heavily] Krsna gives the water from the sky. Yajnad bhavati parjanya [Bg. 3.14].

**Parivrajakacarya:** They say in their books that this area used to be all forest with many, many trees about two to three thousand years ago. It was a very thick forest. But since then, it has become desert; the rain has stopped since then.

**Prabhupada:** Because the yajna stopped.

Then Srila Prabhupada added yet another one of his insights as to why the moon could not be a desert:

“The thing is that the more people become sinful, they’ll be disturbed by this natural atmosphere. Therefore I’m surprised that moon planet is inhabited by pious inhabitants, how there can be desert?”

Srila Prabhupada, your intuition, intelligence, and faith in Krsna cannot be fathomed. Your words, spoken more than 40 years ago, hold true, even more so today.


You have given us the most valuable insight into Krsna Consciousness and the workings of this material nature. Intelligent people who have come into contact with your ISKCON have benefitted immensely. Taking to the process of spiritual life, they are helping to spread Krsna Consciousness all over the world, to every town and village, as predicted by Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

As time passes and the world becomes more degraded, more people will come to our temples, seeking shelter and guidance. The bewildered masses will realize that the instructions in your books are the only way to overcome these calamities. In this way, people will be saved from the onslaught of maya by your mercy.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, I pray I will always remain in your service and at your lotus feet.

*Your servants,  
Caranaravinda Dasa and Caranarenu Devi Dasi*

Champakalata Dasi 🙏  
Amanzimtoti  
South Africa

 My dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.  
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious occasion of Sri Vyasa-puja.

**BHAGAVAT PRABHU ONCE DESCRIBED** an incident where you asked him if he could quote a particular verse. Both him and Tamal Krishna Goswami looked at

each other and thought the other knew the verse and would say it but it turned out that neither of them knew it. Observing this you instructed them,

“Just see. You are not reading my books. Every day you have to read, study, and learn my books just like a lawyer learns the law books. You must know everything, chapter and verse. If you do not know, how will you preach? Unless you know my books how will you teach these men?”

As a lawyer, these words resonate with me as I realise how often I am required to and am able to quote relevant sections of legislations and case law, either to support or refute an argument. This is always very impressive as it not only authenticates a point of view but implicitly influences others’ thoughts and judgment.

Srila Prabhupada, on numerous occasions you declared that your books would be the law books for the next 10 000 years. Indeed, the treasure house of knowledge that you have made available to us through these books is priceless and is our greatest good fortune. So, certainly, I believe that indeed we should be able to quote from them as good lawyers do to plead their case. This is how you expected us to preach in an authoritative manner, quoting ancient scripture received in an unbroken disciplic succession, as the basis of our knowledge in an authentic indisputable manner.

You spent countless hours, waking up in the wee hours of the mornings to translate these books for the benefit of mankind and your purports unravel the deep meanings contained in these texts. You benedicted us with your personal ecstasies in the form of these purports, without which how else would fallen souls such as us have been able to learn and understand the complex subject matters contained in the texts such as the Srimad-Bhagavatam and Caitanya Caritamrta.

Your further rhetoric question to Bhagavat Prabhuh, “Do you know that every day even I read my own books? Do you know why I read my books?” and your response shared a glimpse of your extraordinary position, when you said, “I read my books every day because even I learn something new when I read my books. These are not my books. I do not write these books. Every morning, when I sit here

to write my books, Krishna comes personally and dictates to me what to write. I simply take dictation from Krishna to write these books. Therefore, when I read them, even I learn something.”

Such is your glory, Srila Prabhupada, that you were the personal instrument of the Supreme Personality of Godhead in sharing this direct knowledge from Him to us. It would be a great travesty if we do not seize the opportunity to study these books. Being our ever well-wisher, not only did you provide us with these books but you emphasised the need to read your books “carefully” and to “study” them. In a letter dated 22 November 1974 you said, “In my books the philosophy of Krishna Consciousness is explained fully so if there is anything which you do not understand, then you simply have to read again and again. By reading daily the knowledge will be revealed to you and by this process your spiritual life will develop.” In a subsequent letter dated 25 February 1976 you stated, “I have instructed everything in my books.”

These words ring true for me as I have embarked on the systematic study of your books. Committing to courses offered by various educational institutes within ISKCON affords us the opportunity to, in a guided manner, study your books, associate with like-minded persons, answer questions, learn verses so that we can quote them as you expected of us per the example of the incident with Bhagavat Dasa, write essays and preach based on your books. This has proved to be a very fulfilling experience and I pray to you to bless me to continue to relish the nectar of the knowledge contained in your books and the resultant devotional service that flows therefrom.

My debt to you, Srila Prabhupada, remains endless and I can only attempt to reciprocate with your kindness by offering my life in service to you, as a lawyer and mainly as an aspiring devotee.

*Your eternally indebted grand-disciple,  
Champakalata Dasi*

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees



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

**YOU ARE VERY DEAR TO LORD KRSNA** for having taken shelter at His divine lotus feet and mercifully spread Krsna consciousness to humankind.

In the purport of Srimad Bhagvatam 1.7.22 you state that “Material existence is something like a blazing fire in the forest, which can be extinguished by the mercy of the Lord Sri Krsna. The spiritual master is the mercy representative of the Lord. Therefore, a person burning in the flames of material existence may receive the rains of mercy of the Lord through the transparent medium of the self-realized spiritual master.”

Your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, is unlimited and through all of your sacrifices you so lovingly spread this mercy upon us fallen souls and human society.

Thank you for your mercy in the form of books, chanting, association, krsna-prasada, the Temples, deity worship, our spiritual masters, our preachers, the devotees, kirtan, dancing, festivals and the list goes on. Our lives now literally revolve around Krsna consciousness in the hope that one day we too will be able to make it back home, back to Godhead, where we can be reunited with you and Shri Krsna Himself. No amount of thanks will ever be enough for all that you have done for us, ISKCON and the world!

Also thank you personally for your mercy that also comes in its purest, intangible and untouchable form. You were there for me through my toughest times, in my cries to Lord Nrsingadeva and Krsna

and you were and are my greatest spiritual strength. Of recent the past 6 months were challenging as we welcomed our sweet little second boy into this world. Thank you for answering our prayers and being with him during his 3 week stay in hospital when he was born 1.5 months premature. Your mercy in the form of the mantra box was with him from birth all the way until he was ready to leave the hospital and come home. That was a time when we had to surrender to Krsna that our little baby would receive the best possible care in our absence. Thank you for helping us get through that time. The birth of a new baby always brings about a change to routine and responsibilities and through this time, I am so grateful to you that I was still able to chant my 16 rounds.

As my journey into motherhood continues to develop, thank you Srila Prabhupada from the depths of my heart for my family’s two precious blessings - Gaura Gopal and Govinda Gopal. Please protect them and always keep them sheltered at your lotus feet. Bless them to become great devotees and preachers in ISKCON one day.

Thank you for my guru maharaj and your dear son, His Holiness Bhakti Chaitanya Swami. Please bless him with good health so that he may continue to push the South African yatra forward.

We are forever indebted to you.

*Your undeserving granddaughter,  
Chandramukhi Radhe Devi Dasi*











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.

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**SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM** Canto 1, Chapter 2, text 18 states

*nasta-prayesv abhadresu  
nityam bhagavata-sevaya  
bhagavaty uttama-sloke  
bhaktir bhavati naisthiki*

TRANSLATION

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

Here is the remedy for eliminating all inauspicious things within the heart, which are considered obstacles in the path of self-realization. The remedy is the association of the Bhagavatas. There are two types of Bhagavatas: the book Bhagavata and the devotee Bhagavata. Both the Bhagavatas are competent remedies, and either can be good enough to eliminate the obstacles. A devotee Bhagavata is as good as the book Bhagavata because the devotee Bhagavata leads his life in terms of the book Bhagavata, and the book Bhagavata is full of information about the Personality of Godhead and His pure devotees, who are also Bhagavatas. Bhagavata book and person are identical.

The devotee Bhagavata is a direct representative

of Bhagavan, the Personality of Godhead. So, by pleasing the devotee Bhagavata, one can receive the benefit of the book Bhagavata. Human reason fails to understand how, by serving the devotee Bhagavata or the book Bhagavata, one gets a gradual promotion on the path of devotion. But actually, these are facts explained by Srila Naradadeva, who happened to be a maidservant's son in his previous life.

The maidservant was engaged in the menial service of the sages; thus, he also came into contact with them. And simply by associating with them and accepting the remnants of foodstuff left by the sages, the son of the maidservant got the chance to become a great devotee and personality - Srila Naradadeva. These are the miraculous effects of the association of Bhagavatas.

Srila Prabhupada, your servant Hari Sauri Prabhhu, explained how you perfectly represent the devotee Bhagavatam by living your life according to the Bhagavatam book.

I am pleased to have your loving association daily in the form of your instructions in your books, lectures, and videos of memories by your sincere followers. This association helps me face and deal with life's daily challenges.

In one video, I heard how your dear son Tamala Krishna Maharaj was relating how you always defended your disciples on many occasions. Once, someone criticized your disciples for not knowing how to speak in sanskrit. You then challenged the

person, stating where in sastra does it say that one needs to be able to speak sanskrit to go back to Godhead. You stated that your disciples may have many faults. However, they will do whatever you ask them to do. This clearly demonstrates your sincere followers' loving mood and dedication, that whatever you ask them, they will do.

Many incidences illustrate your empowerment of your disciples to transcend various challenges and limitations. At one stage, the BBT published a book every 3 to 4 months. Srila Prabhupada, you challenged your disciples, leading the BBT to publish the Caitanya Caritamrta comprising 17 volumes in 2 months. When they said it was impossible, you told them that "impossible" is a word in a fool's dictionary. Your statement challenged your disciples, who tried extremely hard to please you. They made several adjustments and arrangements and later informed you it can be done. They then went on to publish the Caitanya Caritamrta in 2 months.

The above incidents demonstrate that these devotees were fully dedicated to serving you with their hearts and soul. Therefore, they could attain all success, even in seemingly impossible and challenging tasks.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for being so merciful and bringing Krishna Consciousness to people

like us in the West. You have created our good fortune and have given us this most valuable process of devotional service to Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. You are indeed the mercy representative of Lord Nityananda. Thank you for expertly giving us Krishna Consciousness in many forms, such as temples, associations of devotees, japa, kirtan, art, prasadam and more. A very special thank you for giving us your books, which will guide people for many centuries in the future.

I am trying to please you by teaching children Srimad Bhagavatam and distributing your books and Back to Godhead magazines. When I distribute your books and magazines, I pray that Krishna will bless these souls who receive this literature so that they can take up the process of devotional service.

I pray I can serve your ISKCON mission with great dedication and enthusiasm. I pray that you and your sincere followers will bestow your blessings and mercy upon me so that I can be a worthy instrument and perform my services in a manner that pleases you more and more.

*Begging for your mercy and blessings,  
Your grandson,  
Damodar Dasa (ISKCON Sandton)*



Dearest grandfather, Srila Prabhupada,


Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet, for which I am not worthy in a million lifetimes.

**THIS YEAR, YOU GRANTED ME** my deepest desire of traveling and entering into the holy dhama. As I compose this offering to you, expressing my deepest gratitude and appreciation, I find it most difficult to express my thoughts of indebtedness in writing and words.

Being in the holy dhama, I realized just what you were trying to share with us – giving us Krishna, our Supreme Lord. You know Krishna, Srila

Prabhupada, and you very humbly described our Supreme Lord in your books, through your lectures, and expertly taught your disciples, from whom we are now trying to absorb this sweet nectar. Your endless efforts in preaching throughout the world, building 108 temples, and initiating so many disciples, which no other acharya could do.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, thank you for this transcendental knowledge that you have imparted to

 Damodar Gopal Dasa  
Lalita Gopal Devi Dasi,  
and Vaishnavi  
Durban  
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
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us, which has removed our ignorance. We are fully indebted to you for many lifetimes to come, and may we always remain at the dust of your lotus feet.

*Your most fallen grandchildren,  
Damodar Gopal Dasa, Lalita Gopal Devi Dasi, and  
great-granddaughter Vaishnavi*



Damodar Prasad Dasa   
Johannesburg  
South Africa



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

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

**I AM VERY FORTUNATE**, Srila Prabhupada, that by your mercy, I am able to offer obeisances unto you every day. Offering obeisances unto you every day is a sign of good fortune, because, just by offering obeisances unto you, our consciousness becomes purified.

I admit, Srila Prabhupada, that every day my consciousness is in need of such purification because every day I sully my consciousness with mental speculation and sense gratification. I always feel embarrassed when I offer obeisances unto you Srila Prabhupada because when I offer my obeisances unto you I am always reminded of my sinful activities and my duplicity in devotional service. I beg to offer my obeisances unto you because I want to be purified and I want to become a devotee of the Lord.

I have not yet reached the platform where I can take shelter from the miseries of life at your lotus feet Srila Prabhupada. Those who do take shelter from the miseries of life at your lotus feet are the most blessed and fortunate of people for they are

peaceful and content and they are always able to relish the beauty of the Lord within themselves. Those of us who still try to take shelter from the senses and material plane are always full of anxiety.

Srila Prabhupada, on this auspicious day of your appearance day in this world, I beg and pray only to offer my obeisances again and again in the dust of your lotus feet. If I can always offer my obeisances to the dust of your lotus feet, I am sure that the day will come when I no longer try to enjoy the material world. I am sure that the day will come when I will be happy and content with the mercy you came to bestow on this world. I am sure that the day will come when I will be happy to simply read your books and serve in your mission. Until that day comes, Srila Prabhupada, I only beg that I may again and again, offer my obeisances to the dust of your lotus feet.

*Begging to remain your servant and granddisciple,  
Damodar Prasad Dasa*



Damodara Priya   
Sandton  
South Africa



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

**I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT** and protection this past year. It was filled with challenges and hardships, but it only brought me closer to your lotus feet. Please be merciful unto this fallen servant and allow me to continue serving the Lord and spread the holy name.

Thank you so much for blessing our home with your divine presence and for giving us the opportunity to serve you. I hope, with your permission and mercy, to serve you for eternity and remain at your lotus feet indefinitely. You will always have a special

place in my heart.

I thank you for all the sacrifices and hardships you have made. I would not have been where I am today if it were not for you. I hope I can follow in your footsteps and preach to lost and fallen souls, like myself. I am forever indebted to you. I offer my whole life and heart to You, Srila Prabhupada, and Your mission.

*Your humble servant and granddaughter,  
Damodara Priya*



My dearest Srila Prabhupada

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

All glories to Your Divine Grace.

**I AM CURRENTLY IN LONDON** at your Sri Sri Radha Londonisvara Temple. It's 2am and I'm still unable to sleep. I'm meant to rise at 2:45am to serve Sri Sri Radha Londonisvara but I lay here bombarded by the loud noise from a night club practically next door. I feel agitated, annoyed even at this nuisance. I'm terribly disturbed by this inconvenience of not being able to sleep. By your mercy I became absorbed in deep thoughts of Your Divine Grace, how much you had to endure here, in this hellish London, to give us Krishna consciousness and save the world from themselves. Your Divine Grace is the most refined personality, yet you gracefully tolerate such abominable things including some of which I am currently feeling to be totally unbearable.

Over the past few days, walking along the streets of London I observed how much in a rush everyone, around me, was to get to work and get to their businesses, basically to better their material situation yet they seem oblivious to the hellish conditions of central London. So much endeavor is made for materialistic advancement.

“But a devotee's business is to revive the Kṛṣṇa consciousness of the conditioned soul. That is devotee's business. As Kṛṣṇa comes personally to give

them some help, similarly, Kṛṣṇa's servants also, they take Kṛṣṇa's business . . .”

Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 7.9.37

Some days ago I heard someone saying “I'm in my father's business” and I thought to myself, yes, so am I, I'm in my father's business in ISKCON.

Srila Prabhupada, only by your mercy can we understand what is our real business. By your mercy you have taught us to be first class business men in your business, Kṛṣṇa's business of saving the conditioned souls.

Now, I have become known for managing; managing standards, managing the deities worship, managing your services, managing rosters, managing so many different administrative things for your pleasure.

But, actually this is not my main business, no my main business camouflaged amongst everything is to help devotees to come closer to your lotus feet, to surrender to Kṛṣṇa through the designated processes you have so lovingly outlined to us for our own advancement.

So what is my business?

My business is to help devotees surrender to Your Divine Grace, my dear lord and master so they

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Durban  
South Africa

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can realise how hellish this material world really is and go back home, back to Godhead. I am fully convinced that if I sincerely try to carry out your business then I will always remain in the family business,

at your lotus feet!

*Your fallen servant,  
Devadeva Dasa*



Devaki Devi Dasi  
New-Grove  
Mauritius



My dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

You being the jagad-guru of this Kali-yuga, thousands of your devotees are addressing you their best wishes and glorification, and me, a dust at your divine lotus feet wants to send a small glorification. Please accept my humble offering.

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nirvīsesa-sunyavadi-pascātya-desa-tarīne*

**SRILA PRABHUPADA, BY YOUR SUBLIME MERCY** this year I managed to travel to America to attend the Sadhu Sangh Retreat in Dallas. It was within my imagination that one day before leaving this world I visit your Temples in the western world. With your kripa my children made arrangement and I reached Dallas with my daughter to attend the Sadhu Sangh kirtan amidst all your devotees of United States of America. Unbelievable!

Srila Prabhupada, I also visited the Temples in Dallas, the Radha-Kalachandji Temple, the Boston Temple, the Brookltn Temple in New York and your Matchless Gift Centre in 26th Avenue, New York. I also visited New Vrindavan in West Virginia. They are all so amazing. You have created so wonderful devotees Prabhupada. Their love towards you is depicted in their presentation of the rarely found architectural Temple construction of Radha Krsna for the pleasure of their divine spiritual master, for you and Lord Krsna.

All the Temples, one after another is a masterpiece, a manifestation of love of a disciple to a guru. You know already how I was touched by the views of your assanas in each Temple, they all look so grand, respectful and majestic. You really hold a special place in their hearts. You know my appreciation

in my prayers in-front of each of them Prabhupada. You bear the testimony of this fact personally. I was stunned to see your Golden Palace in New Vrindavan. A colossal investment, such a rare piece. Unbelievable, touching and a royal masterpiece.

Your devotees of the west are really worth worshipping. They are too inspiring. They are masters in all fields, kirtan, cooking, construction, preaching, book distribution, drawing and painting to name a few. Please continue to bestow your mercy upon them continually. I am much inspired to join hands with my godbrothers for a Temple construction for the pleasure of my diksha guru, your disciple, Swami Navayogendra Maharaja and for your pleasure Prabhupada. Please bestow your mercy upon me. I desire to create a centre/ Temple where more youngsters can visit, get trained so as to serve our two national Temples, Radha Golokananda in Phoenix and Krsna Balram in Bon Accueil, with much enthusiasm, dedication love, faith and cooperation. Please give your mercy to our group in this project Prabhupada.

Thanking you at your lotus feet.

*An insignificant dasi,  
Devaki Devi Dasi*





Dear Srila Prabhupada

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

 Dhaneshvara Dasa  
Gauteng  
South Africa

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srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine  
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvīsesa-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 Chaitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

**I AM UNQUALIFIED TO GLORIFY A SUCH GREAT SOUL** as you Srila Prabhupada. I therefore beg that you please forgive me if I have created any offence in my humble attempt to write this offering.

Srila Narottam das Thakur, often lamented that he had just missed the pastimes of Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu. He wrote:

*se-saba sangira sange je koilo bilas  
se-sanga na paiya kande narottama das*

Being unable to obtain the association of Lord Gaurāṅga accompanied by all of these devotees in whose association He performed His pastimes, Narottama dasa simply weeps.

Srila Prabhupada, although I missed your earthly pastimes and I feel that I am living a lifetime of deep separation, I consider myself to be most

fortunate to receive your association and mercy through your sacred purports in your books and by the mercy of your glorious disciples. I feel your guidance in my life every day. The more I dedicate myself to your service and instructions, the closer I feel to you. I pray to be of service to the devotees who are melted by your service.

I pray to please bestow your divine mercy upon my Spiritual Master His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami for his continued preaching endeavours bringing thousands of souls to your ISKCON Mission. I pray for your shelter and protection at your lotus feet. (Always in tears of separation) - you are my all and my everything and my greatest treasure. I love you my Srila Prabhupada. Now and forever.

*Your eternal servant of your servants,  
Dhaneshvara Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

All glories to you, dearest Srila Prabhupada.

 Dhaneshvari Devi Dasi  
Gauteng  
South Africa

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

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

**FIRSTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY** that I am very fortunate to be part of this beautiful and amazing movement, Krishna Consciousness. Dearest Srila Prabhupada, when I watch all your priceless lectures and read your books, dearest Srila Prabhupada, it makes me realize that what you have left behind for us is the best thing ever. When I read your books, I found it filled with pearls of wisdom. My life has really changed after reading your books and watching your lectures. They have all the answers to all my questions, especially the Science of Self-Realization. Everything is there in your books, dearest Srila Prabhupada. The answers are convincing and filled with logic.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, please shower your mercy upon me so that I always advance in my spiritual


life. I must always chant the Holy Name no matter whatever situation and circumstances I may be in. I must always be engaged in devotional service.

Please shower your unlimited mercy unto me so I can selflessly serve Lord Krishna and Srimati Radharani, Lord Nityananda, and Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. I serve you, dearest Srila Prabhupada, my spiritual master, and the devotees selflessly.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, I am eternally grateful for all you have given me; your lectures and books mean the world to me. On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I want to thank you for everything and beg you to continue guiding me forever.

*Your servant,  
Dhaneshvari Devi Dasi*

Dhanishta   
Johannesburg  
South Africa

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

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for everything you have done – for venturing out to the West, a foreign place, without even knowing how to speak the language. You have endured so much just to spread the holy name. Your selflessness and courage inspire me to be grateful for everything the Lord has given me.

Thank you for being so merciful and guiding me throughout my life. Thank you for being a pillar of strength that I can rely on during hard times. You have been through so much for mere strangers to hear the holy name of the Lord. Your books have been my lifeboat during this past year. I have sought refuge in your knowledge as it has grounded

and soothed me.

Please bestow your mercy on this lowly servant so that I can advance in my Krishna consciousness and serve your devotees better. I pray that I can become a better instrument in distributing the holy name of the Lord, and your books, and give my life to the Lord.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be inspired by devotees and learn from them. Please give me courage and strength so I can stay strong as a devotee and serve the Lord.

*Your loving servant,  
Dhanishta*



Srila Prabhupada ki jai!

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

All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

**AS WE OFFER OUR HUMBLE PRANAMS** to you, we would like to thank you for taking us under your shelter and for propagating the ISKCON movement. We are grateful for the opportunity to engage in devotional services. Without you, we would have never discovered the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and we thank you for this and more.

With your mercy, we pray that you bless us to reach a higher spiritual life. Hare Krishna!

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



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Grace, who spread the message of love and Krishna-prema and showed us the path to a one way ticket back to Goloka.

**SRILA PRABHUPADA, YOUR LOVE IS SO PURE**, Your teachings are like a sweet nectar cure. Your words of wisdom, they never fail, Your mercy and compassion, they never wane.

Your life was a beacon of light, Your devotion to Radha-Krishna, oh so bright! Your books are a source of knowledge and bliss, Your teachings, they

will never miss.

Your life was a journey of love and devotion, Your teachings, they will never be forgotten.

*Always Trying to be your servant, Dinanukampa Dasi*



Hare Krishna, dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada.

**SRILA PRABHUPADA, I WOULD FIRSTLY LIKE TO** thank you for all that you have provided to me and my family. By your mercy and ISKCON, I can say that my family and I are on the right path. Please continue to bless us so that we can remain on this right path.

Please give me the strength to help take your beloved ISKCON forward. I know that I am not a

good preacher, but I can help in other ways Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you once again, my dearest father.

*Your daughter,  
Divya Sakti Devi Dasi*



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



Dinanukampa Dasi  
Cape Town  
South Africa



Divya Sakti Devi Dasi  
Alberton  
South Africa

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& Other Devotees



Divyangana Devi Dasi  
and Nama-srestha Dasa  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



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

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

**AS WE PEN DOWN OUR HEARTFELT FEELINGS** today, a verse from the Bhagavad-gita resounds in our hearts and minds. A verse that encapsulates your selfless dedication, infinite compassion, and unflinching faith in the divine instructions of Lord Krishna.

“To those who are constantly devoted to serving Me with love, I give the understanding by which they can come to Me.” (Bhagavad-gita 10.10).

Srila Prabhupada, you lived this verse. Your every breath, every word, and every action personified unwavering devotion and selfless love towards Lord Krishna. You tirelessly worked, imbued with an intense spirit of compassion, to share this spiritual treasure with the world, irrespective of borders, cultures, or backgrounds.

You manifested Krishna’s promise in the Bhagavad-gita by opening the door of understanding and love for God, facilitating the journey of innumerable souls towards Him. Through your tireless efforts, you translated the divine wisdom of the Bhagavad-gita and other Vedic texts into languages spoken around the globe, illuminating the path of countless individuals like ourselves.

Your life’s work, Srila Prabhupada, reflected Krishna’s mercy flowing through you as His dear devotee. You showed us that the path of Krishna

Consciousness is accessible to everyone, irrespective of their past or present circumstances. You served as an intermediary, bringing us closer to Lord Krishna.

Today, as your granddisciples, we are serving and striving to follow the guidelines you established within the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust Africa (BBT Africa), and the ISKCON Global Property Office (IGPO). Your transcendental books and lectures continue to guide our spiritual journey, providing wisdom, solace, and inspiration. Our hope is to carry forward the divine mission you embarked on and remain under your shelter.

On this auspicious day, we pray to you and to Lord Krishna for the strength and wisdom to continue on this path of devotional service. May we always remember your teachings, may our faith remain unshaken, and may we serve the divine purpose in the spirit of humility and devotion. We are eternally indebted to you, Srila Prabhupada, for your limitless compassion and for illuminating our path with the light of transcendental knowledge.

*Your humble servants,  
Divyangana Devi Dasi and Nama-srestha Dasa*



Dvarakadisa Dasa  
Rukmini Priya Devi Dasi  
and Aindra Caitanya Dasa  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



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

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nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyā-desā-tarine*

**WE ARE UNLIMITEDLY INDEBTED** to you for showering us with your inconceivable causeless mercy. Srila Prabhupada, once a devotee asked you, “What pleases you most?” After a brief pause you replied, “If you love Krishna”. Our humble prayer to you on this most auspicious day of your divine appearance is to,


- Give us the strength to follow your divine instructions with faith and conviction.
- Bestow us with the capacity to co-operate and serve together with all devotees.
- Enable us to eagerly serve the sankirtan movement by distributing the transcendental literatures and engage in harinams

Over the years our appreciation for your teachings has increased more and more. You are not just another teacher, but a tattva-darsinah, one who has seen the truth and imparts the knowledge as it is.

Bhagavad-gita 4.34

Thank you for distributing the mercy of Lord Nityananda and Lord Gauranga all over the world. We remain eternally indebted to your divine grace.

*Your aspiring servants,  
Dvarakadisa Dasa, Rukmini Priya Devi Dasi and  
Aindra Caitanya Dasa*

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



**ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR AUSPICIOUS** Vyasa-puja I would like to thank your Divine Grace for making it possible for a fallen conditioned soul such as myself to receive the mercy of Lord Caitanya and purify my existence through the chanting of the holy names of Lord Krsna. This is the easiest method for this age for self-realization and for one to attain love of Godhead. Through reading your transcendental books you convince us and deepen our faith in this sublime method.

You give us a wonderful formula in your purport to Srimad-Bhagavatam 5.14.31 where you write: “One simply has to follow the regulative principles, act like a brahmana, chant the Hare Krsna mantra and read Bhagavad-gita and Srimad-Bhagavatam. In

this way one purifies himself of the baser material modes (tamo-guna and rajo-guna) and becoming freed from greed of these modes, can attain complete peace of mind. In this way one can understand the Supreme Personality of Godhead and one’s relationship with Him and thus be promoted to the highest perfection (siddhim paramam gatah).” Thus, you make it so simple for us to attain the highest perfection of life if we would only follow your guidance and instructions. I pray for the sincerity of heart and beg for your mercy to always do so.

*Your servant,  
Dyuti-mandala Dasa*

 Dyuti-mandala Dasa  
Cape Town  
South Africa



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& Other Devotees

Ganga Deva Dasa 🙏  
and Family  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



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

**YOU ARE SO EARNEST**, loving, and caring in your desire to engage us in devotional service to Lord Krishna. You inspire us to rise above our daily challenges, encourage sadhu-sanga, chant, dance, and eat prasada, all for the pleasure of Guru and Krishna. We are therefore grateful for this and will continue to

follow by your kind mercy.

Thank you in abundance, dear Srila Prabhupada!!!

*Your servants,  
Ganga Deva Dasa and Family*



Ganga Prasad Dasa 🙏  
Ota  
Nigeria



Dear beloved Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at Your divine lotus feet, and all glories to the chain of our disciplic succession.

**ON THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION** of your Vyasa-puja anniversary, please permit me to express my profound gratitude for the good fortune that you have created for me in this life. With this material world being an ocean of misery, you offered me, which is my good fortune, the boat to cross over this ocean of misery. I am obliged to appreciate this hemispheric gesture of good will, beg for your mercy to not abuse this privilege of a lifetime, and to be able to

perfect the purpose of this human life through the teachings and practice you have laid down for us.

Begging to remain as a dust at the shade of your lotus feet.

*I remain the servant of your servant,  
Ganga Prasad Dasa*



Gangesh Dasa 🙏  
Vrajeshwari Devi dasi  
and Shoubhit  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



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

**SRILA PRABHUPADA WE ARE VERY INSIGNIFICANT** when it comes to glorifying you. You have bestowed your mercy always on us therefore what more can we ask for from Your Divine Grace. Srila Prabhupada, you have taught us that by sincerely chanting the Hare Krishna maha-mantra, Lord Krishna is satisfied and by Krishna's pleasure and mercy we can become successful in all respects. We pray to you Srila Prabhupada that you please guide us so that we are able to serve everyone and cooperate with all the devotees which will make you happy.

Please forgive us Srila Prabhupada if we committed any mistakes or offenses consciously or unconsciously during our services. Please bless and guide us so we can serve you selflessly with dedication and never be separated from your lotus feet and from the ISKCON movement.

We all know that we do not deserve your mercy, but our life is nothing without your mercy. We beg for your blessings so that we all can understand how to live a Krishna consciousness life.

Please always engage us in your service so that



we can do something in your mission. Thanking you.  
Hare Krishna

*Your humble servants always,  
Gangesh Dasa, Vrajeshwari Devi Dasi and Shoubhit*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.  
All glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga!

 Gaur Lila Devi Dasi  
Tongaat  
South Africa

**ON THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION** of your Vyasa-puja we have the opportunity to try and glorify you. No words or actions can actually do justice to your glories. You are the most merciful, magnanimous spiritual messenger that walked this Earth.

I beg you to allow this insignificant rascal to someday become a worthy representative of your ISKCON mission. I'm eternally grateful to you for giving me as well as my family shelter in your

ISKCON mission. ISKCON has given our life structure, direction and purpose.

There is absolutely no way I could ever thank you enough. I remain eternally indebted to you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your most insignificant granddisciple, Gaur Lila  
Devi Dasi*



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

 Gaura premi Devi Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa

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

**THE PAST YEAR** has profoundly transformed every aspect of life as I knew it and made me appreciate your remarkable books – and the opportunity that you've given us through them – so much more. The world is currently floundering in the scourge of impersonalism, that bastion of the secular which they hope will unite the world. But this cherished vision is an illusion for no one can hope to achieve unity while denying that which unites us: God. Impersonalism does indeed deny God even as it claims to extol the impersonal Brahman: by insisting that the Absolute Truth cannot have form, His position becomes much less than that of His

creations of form. With this and many other masterful arguments against dvaita philosophy, you have shone a light on the truth of what “all is one” is.

It is not a way to bring everyone together under a single God; rather it is clearly atheism that does away with God. For, if we all are God, then equally no one is God for God is relative to His parts and parcels. Therefore, impersonalism effectively exterminates God, and attempts to replace Him with all of us. The result of that is a false ego that runs rampant, leading to even greater disunity as everyone vies for power, control and dominance. This blind and impossible ambition has tragically influenced

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the masses away from loving service to God, as the agenda of Kali-yuga progresses successfully through impersonalist propaganda that promotes quarrel and hypocrisy.

The appalling collateral damage are the Vedic traditions, culture, language, science, art and history all of which orbit the sphere of spiritual life. As these support structures crumble, so does the chance for the world to truly come together. All we are left with is a pseudo-culture of superficial religious beliefs to charm the masses into following persons who are more interested in politics than spirituality. The interest of people then shifts away into being fame-obsessed, sense-crazed, power-hungry, frustrated automatons, furthering the agenda of Kali because it leads to more quarrel and hypocrisy and distracting people completely from asking questions about the meaning of life and the emptiness of material pursuits.

Srila Prabhupada, you could see this plan of Kali-yuga because you are a perfectly realized soul, tri-kala-jna. You were sent into this world as the Lord's most cherished general against Kali and you are waging the war to this day as your words ring out the battle cry from your books. I'm privileged to see the most extraordinary transformative effect, not only in my life, but also in the lives of those close to me, and in those who are part of the local nama-hatta. We are hearing your call to freedom, from the lies of the world, as well as from the lies that we tell ourselves. For we also play a part in promoting Kali when we harbour him within us, even after coming to Krishna consciousness. Thus, we infect our services with the very same qualities that we are trying to escape from.

I pray for your mercy that we may become more conscious of ourselves and aware of how to overcome these negative tendencies and develop the right ones so as to advance in devotional service and truly please you. You spent- and are still spending- gallons of blood to save us, and we simply cannot afford to waste your precious effort by remaining Kali-yuga products while prosecuting devotional service. May we understand the imminent danger that, by continuing in these sinful qualities, we will make offenses to devotees, to the holy names, to the dham and to devotional service itself, that can destroy our bhakti-lata-bija, increase our material desires and bring us back for another needless lifetime of suffering in this world.

Please help us, Srila Prabhupada. Please guide us to become free of our anarthas and bless us to assist you as you defend the world from the dangers of impersonalism and voidism. You are the only hope of humanity. You are the holder of the key to the spiritual world. You are the guardian of the holy name, as one speaker called you. You have given yourself to us for our deliverance, put your name on the application of every soul that endeavours for liberation and given your soul for us to be saved. You made a promise to take us back to Godhead, no matter what, and your prayers for everyone to attain to devotional service has "created our good fortune". I am so grateful to you, Srila Prabhupada, for everything. Please allow me to always be in your loving service as you conquer the universe for Krishna.

*Your useless,  
Gaura premi Devi Dasi*



Gitika Summers   
Durban  
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Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

**I CANNOT BEGIN TO TELL YOU** exactly how much my life

has changed positively under your shelter. A woman

is under the protection of her father, then her husband and then her son. In the latter two, husband and son, I have no shelter so it is your shelter as my father that I am fully dependent on.

Pitashri, you are the only true person who has my genuine best interests at heart. You have given me so much and I can only hope to be able to

appreciate and honour all your priceless gifts. I love you the best way I know how to right now pitashri. Please show me how to love and serve you in the way that pleases you best.

*Your humble servant and aspiring daughter,  
Gitika Summers*



Hare Krishna, Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to your ISKCON movement.

**SRILA PRABHUPADA**, we are greatly indebted to you for picking us up from the ocean of nescience and bringing us to Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. You said that your guru maharaj, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur, was calling you to execute his mission of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. So, this applies to all of us – to do the same by carrying out the mission.

Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare/ Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare. This is our most important service.

*In gratitude, your servant of the servant of the servant,  
Gokulesvari Dasi*



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

### THE GREATEST AMBASSADOR OF BENEVOLENCE

Srila Prabhupada, I come before you again as I have done over the last decades, on the occasion of your Vyasa puja celebration, to express my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude. You wrote in the Sri-mad Bhagavatam 1.1.10:

*prayenālpayusāḥ sabhya  
kalav asmin yuge janāḥ  
mandāḥ sumanda-matayo  
mānda-bhagya hy upadrutaḥ*

That translates that man is most unfortunate, they have short lives, are misguided and most of all they are 'upadrutah' - always disturbed. Yet, out of

your love and compassion, you set out to reverse this pitiful situation.

Somehow, I have met Your Divine Grace through the pages of your books. You saved me from pursuing a misdirected life. Srila Prabhupada, you are the greatest ambassador of benevolence. You carried in your heart the evangelistic spirit and determination to share the most valuable knowledge of devotional service with the world. This desire to share, give and save - permeates our Brahma Madhava Gaudiya sampradaya.

At the time of creation, Lord Brahma - the first citizen of this material universe - held in his hands a book and Japa beads. Srila Vyasadev, in his deep samadhi foresaw the devastating effects of

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Kaliyuga and gave the Srimad Bhagavatam. Then the six Goswami's wrote over one hundred books on the science of devotion. Srila Kaviraja Goswami, at an advanced age, wrote the Caitanya Caritamrita. Noting that a version of the Ramayana, written in Bengali, was greatly appreciated in West Bengal, he wrote the Caitanya Caritamrita in the Bengali language, although he was a great sanskrit scholar. Srila Bhaktivinode Thakur sent the first book on Lord Caitanya to the West and he taught his son, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur, about paper and the printing press, and he in turn, ordered you to preach in the English language.

In essence, your mood and mission was informed by the previous acharyas. Your love and compassion for humanity flows through the pages of your books. You wanted to give the most unfortunate the most valuable gift. And so, you gave the 'galitam phalam', the 'ripened fruit' of the Vedic knowledge in the form of the Srimad Bhagavatam. You translated and commented on the emperor of all scriptures, until your last breath. You started the Back to Godhead Magazine in 1944. Today, over a million copies a month are distributed. In 1972, you formed the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust and directed that they should print as many books in as many languages. Since then, someone on the planet receives one of your books every three seconds. Anxious to give us the tenth canto, you paused your translation and gave us the Krishna book. Anxious to give us the Caitanya Caritamrita, you paused your translation of the third canto, and gave us the Caitanya Caritamrita.

All the while you gave us 2200 recorded lectures, 1300 recorded conversations and you penned over 6000 letters. You also gave us prasadam, chanting of the holy names, a global home to live in and the association of wonderful Vaishnavas. Devotees of every nationality, are all united in their diversity due to their intense love for you. There is no record of anyone giving as much as you did and for this the world remains indebted. Just as the beauty of a mountain cannot be appreciated when we are in

close proximity, but its towering beauty and prowess becomes more distinct to us as we go further away. In a similar way, the world will fully grasp your glorious contribution with the passing of time.

While your movement is institutionally an infant, it is destined to redirect the course of history. Srila Prabhupada, you will be celebrated as the transmitter of the highest truth. You had so little, but your conviction was great. You were able to multiply that faith capital and today we have a worldwide community of dedicated Vaishnavas working tirelessly to fulfil your order. Your inspirational and navigational leadership will continue to inspire your followers to share this most valuable gift for generations to come. You were an inspirational leader who empowered your followers to do the impossible. And for you, they would carry a mountain on their back. Srila Prabhupada, you influenced art, literature, Vedic ecology, diet and lifestyle.

You were so aware of the state of the free-spirited world that you expertly framed your purports and messages, keeping intact the doctrinal integrity and message spoken at the time of creation. The same message is being delivered to the most disqualified hedonistic society. Srila Prabhupada, you are genius in the way you have conceived and developed your movement. By divine dispensation, your movement continues to grow and strengthen. In your purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 9.15.15, you proclaim that ISKCON is the sound incarnation of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Your movement is a safe house in this age.

Srila Prabhupada, I thank you again and again. And again, for everything you have done and for everything you have given us. Please forgive me for my unlimited offences and I pray that I would one day become a useful instrument in Your service.

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

*Your struggling grandson,  
Govardhana Dasa*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

**AJĀMILA HEARD THE CONVERSATION** between the Yamadūtas and the Viṣṇudūtas, and simply by hearing he was completely cleansed of all material contamination. Such is the purifying effect of hearing about Kṛṣṇa. Anyone who regularly hears the Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, the Bhagavad-gītā, the Caitanya-caritāmṛta, the Bhakti-rasāmṛta-sindhu, or any other Vaiṣṇava literature gets the same benefit as Ajāmila and becomes free of all material contamination.

Ajāmila was very grateful to the Viṣṇudūtas, and he immediately offered his respects by bowing down before them. Similarly, we have to make firm our relationships with the servants of Lord Viṣṇu. As Caitanya Mahāprabhu has said, *gopī-bhartuḥ pada-kamalayor dāsa-dāsānudāsaḥ*: “One should consider oneself the servant of the servant of the servant of Kṛṣṇa.” Without offering respects to the servant of Kṛṣṇa, no one can approach Kṛṣṇa.

After Ajāmila had offered his respects to the Viṣṇudūtas, he prepared to say something out of gratitude. But they immediately took their leave because they preferred that he glorify the Supreme Lord instead. Since all his sinful reactions had been vanquished, Ajāmila was now prepared to glorify the Lord. Indeed, one cannot glorify the Lord

sincerely unless one is free from all sinful activities. This is confirmed by Kṛṣṇa Himself in the Bhagavad-gītā (7.28):

*yeṣāṁ tv anta-gataṁ pāpaṁ  
janānāṁ puṇya-karmaṇām  
te dvanda-moha-nirmuktā  
bhajante mām dṛḍha-vratāḥ*

“Persons who have acted piously in previous lives and in this life and whose sinful actions are completely eradicated are freed from the duality of delusion, and they engage themselves in My service with determination.” The Viṣṇudūtas made Ajāmila aware of devotional service so that He might soon become fit to return home, back to Godhead. To increase his eagerness to glorify the Lord, they disappeared so that he would feel separation in their absence. In the mood of separation, glorification of the Lord is very intense. – A Second Chance Chapter 16

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for your compassion!

*Hari Dasa Trini Krishnan*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your wonderful ISKCON and all glories to your wonderful disciples who are pushing on the mission of your ISKCON with all their hearts.

**MY DEAREST SRILA PRABHUPADA**, to glorify you, I will use your own words from the Krishna book which I was reading some time ago. In the chapter “Description of Autumn”, you mention that after the first rainfall, there is thunder in the sky. It is like the bell that wakes up sleepy students in the ashram who

don’t want to get up. By the order of the spiritual master they immediately rise, do their morning duties and sit down to study the Vedic literatures or chant Vedic mantras. Then you mention, “everyone is sleeping in the darkness of Kali-yuga, but when there is a great acharya, by his calling only, everyone



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takes to the study of the Vedas to acquire actual knowledge.”

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, you are that great acharya. It is by your calling only that hundreds of thousands of people all over the world have taken to serious study of the bhakti literatures, have adopted the bhakti lifestyle and have awoken to perceive the reality beyond this phenomenal world.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, in my case my slumber has indeed been disturbed by your calling and by the words of your empowered representatives. I am not yet fully awake though. And on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I beg for your mercy that I continue the process of waking up from my slumber and someday I can become fully awake to

the blissful spiritual reality that you have come to offer us, undeserving souls. Please empower me not to hit the snooze button which is tantamount to not strictly following your orders. Kindly help me to develop Vaisnava qualities and become a good grand disciple.

I am ever so grateful to you, dearest Srila Prabhupada, to have taken all the trouble to appear in this miserable universe for our sake, waking up the sleeping souls. This you do in the footsteps of and on the order of Lord Caitanya.

Thank you, dearest Srila Prabhupada.

*Your aspiring servant,  
Harideva Dasa*

Harini Singh 🇮🇳  
Johannesburg  
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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-pascatya-ḍesa-tarīne*

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

Thank you for helping me and my family. Thank you for making me Krishna conscious by giving me your books and memories.

I will remember the messages of always chanting

Hare Krishna forever in my heart.

*Your servant,  
Harini Singh*

Haripriya Devi Dasi 🇮🇳  
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My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

**IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I WROTE TO YOU.** Over the past year, I have increased my service to include

managing the temple's gift store. It's a tough service and is quite demanding. I try my best to make



efficient use of the resources and not overspend. My HR services has been a little neglected so the last month was spent catching up on all the issues.

Recently we went to Vrindavan to perform the last rites of my dear father-in-law. You have created so many opportunities for us to bring closure and solace for our losses. The Krishna Balaram Mandir has become a worldwide success. It is constantly overflowing with visitors. Being in your samadhi and your rooms, reminded me of all the sacrifices you made to create a home wherever in the world we go.

With deep gratitude Srila Prabhupada, I thank you for always keeping me safe under the shelter of your ISKCON. There are many times when I take it for granted that I will always be here. However, I have seen how fragile our spiritual paths can be. Please don't let me ever leave you and please keep me properly engaged in your service.

Begging to remain fixed at your lotus feet.

*Your humble servant,  
Haripriya Devi Dasi*



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



Hemant Bhaga  
Gauteng  
South Africa

### YOUR GREAT HOME

You created a home the whole world can live in,  
A spiritual oasis in this material world,  
An intuition of global safehouses,  
Whose doors are always open,  
That is your great home!

Enter the distressed, the curious,  
the desirer of wealth and the knowledge seeker,  
Here they find solace,  
Here they find the joy of devotion,  
In your great home!

A hub of activity in each room,  
Philosophical discussions, worship, song and dance,  
While the kitchen prepares delicious delicacies,  
For the deities, devotees and the needed,  
In your great home!

Saints, friends and many other have visited,  
Aiding, expanding, and adding delight,  
Their and your remarkable legacy decorate the walls,  
Such is the ambience,

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In your great home!

This is your great home,  
Providing us the opportunity to serve,  
This is your great home,  
Taking us back home.

*Forever in your gratitude,  
Hemant Bhaga*



Hemanthi Bhaga 🙏  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



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

**YOU HAVE GIVEN US EVERYTHING** in your books, lectures, sincere followers, and the serene temples you established. When we want to find authenticity, identity, deep connection, solace, direction, and inspiration, we find them there. Gallons of spiritual blood spent, all for our benefit.

In coming to the West, you took action and left the result to Krishna. I find that so admirable.

Your faith in the Holy Name was beyond par. You made the journey of many leagues upon this faith, adherence to your spiritual master's instruction, and with compassion for the deluded souls struggling to swim in the ocean of material misery. It was love that brought you. It was love you gave.

In your example, dear Acharya, I see how you made the spiritual master's instruction your life and soul, constantly meditating on it and taking action to fulfill it.

I pray I may be able to serve your mission, to dedicate myself to sharing your life's work - your books, and to practice your teachings sincerely. They are all for our benefit.

Your mercy and compassion are my shelter, saving grace, prayer, and hope.

Your disciples speak of your penetrating yet loving gaze. You saw through a person and all of a person, the light and dark. And you still believed in us. Your love was genuine and sincere. Indeed, you are always our ever-well-wisher.

Thank you, glorious Vaishnava, dear spiritual grandfather, for the austerities you undertook to give us through your ISKCON and BBT, the knowledge of the soul, Bhakti yoga, and good association of devotees.

*Aspiring to be the servant of your servant,  
Hemanthi Bhaga*



Hrisikesa Ananda Dasa 🙏  
Cape Town  
South Africa



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

**I CANNOT EVEN BEGIN TO APPRECIATE** the amount of service that you have given me. I am not sure why

you have given me these opportunities, but I appreciate them, nonetheless. I would have never imagined doing half of what I have partaken due to your mercy.

By your permission, I have been dressing you on Friday mornings for almost a year. I have carried you to the altar for ISKCON Cape Town's 2022 Janamastami festival, I have done guru puja for you at our Cape Town temple, I have offered bhoga directly to our Sri Sri Nitai Mayapur Chandra deities, taken initiation from your most devoted HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami. I have hosted many of your great disciples, some of which I never thought I would ever get to speak to, such as Jai Advaita Swami, Bhakti Caitanya Swami, HH Kadamba Kanana Swami, etc. for our university preaching program. Bhakti Caitanya Swami even used to stay at my family home in Mozambique in the early 2000s. He used to wave my brother and I off when we were going to school on the school bus. Very few people have been given the opportunities that I have been given and experienced. All purely due to your mercy.

Not only all of this, but you have also given devotees a home, where they can associate with other devotees all around the world. Balaram and I went to the UK and Ireland during the last week of 2022 and first week of 2023. The UK and Ireland are very different to South Africa, being on a completely

different continent or even different hemisphere. And yet, stepping foot at ISKCON London Soho, Bhaktivendanta Manor and ISKCON Dublin, one immediately feels your presence and knows that we are home and amongst family. That we are in the embassy of the spiritual world that you have tirelessly setup up for all of us. I feel comforted by the fact that I can go anywhere in the world and know, regardless of culture, creed, language, race etc. (things that seemingly separate us) that your house is waiting on the other side.

My wish is to go further in my Krishna consciousness and use my skills to spread your movement, whatever skills they may be. And not only this, but to also give the opportunities that you have given me, to my future family and friends.

Thank you for all the services that you have given to my parents and allowing them to be heavily involved in the temple wherever we stayed. Their services really shaped my view of Krishna consciousness and gave me a unique upbringing in Krishna consciousness. I can only hope to find the right partner who understands this, and to pass this onto future generations.

*Your servant,  
Hrisikesa Ananda Dasa*



Hare Krishna Srila Prabhupada,

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

**ALL GLORIES TO YOU** Srila Prabhupada.

Happy Vyasa-puja!

I am extremely thankful to you Srila

Prabhupada, because of your books I understand what life about, at the age of 77 I have eventually found my purpose.

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South Africa

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It is through your dedication, and hard work that we have ISKCON.

I pray for guidance to grow in my Krishna consciousness.

I pray that with your mercy one day I will be

able to serve my guru maharaja like he serves you, with so much love, and dedication.

*Your servant,  
Indulekha Devi Dasi*



Induprabha Devi Dasi  
Durban  
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Hare Krishna my dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my heartfelt obeisances.  
All glories to you from every direction and eternally.

**YOU HAVE EXPERTLY FOLLOWED** the instruction of your Guru Maharaj, His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Goswami Thakur Maharaj, by bringing Krishna Consciousness to the people outside of India. You have given us the most magnificent vehicle in ISKCON and the most profound knowledge in your books. You have taught us how to live a successful human life and have instituted a high standard of devotional practices. Your example epitomises the highest love of Godhead.

Every day in Krishna Consciousness is a realisation of my real purpose, my duty to serve your ISKCON and spread its offering to every living entity. I am happiest when I am engaged in such service. I am grateful to be able to use my ability and means to serve the devotees of ISKCON and to share ISKCON with whoever I meet.

Personally, I am engaged in practicing devotional service daily, reading your books (Srimad Bhagavatam) daily and studying your literature (Bhagavad-gita). Not a day passes without reading or listening to your divine messages. I am committed to serving within ISKCON at whatever level is needed. I relish the association of the devotees and follow the instructions of my Gurus.

I am truly happy in Krishna Consciousness and aspire to continue my service with enthusiasm thereby giving joy to the devotees, my spiritual masters, you, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and our sweet Lord Krishna. That is my pledge to you - my dearest Srila Prabhupada, because I love you so.

*Your servant,  
Induprabha Devi Dasi*



Jagadananda Pandit Dasa  
Durban  
South Africa



My dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga.

**MY MOTHER-IN-LAW** and your grand disciple, Santarati Devi Dasi is currently going through some health difficulties. Her three operations and four week stay in intensive care have been arduous for the family. However, your constant chanting via the boom box by her bedside has been her great strength and source of inspiration for the entire family. She

repeatedly calls out your name with feeling and has had many spiritual darshans despite her failing body. You are the fountainhead of all her and our good fortune.

Had you not come to this miserable material world, what indeed would have become of us? There are no words to express our indebtedness for the

vast sacrifices and untold difficulties you undertook, for the sake of Sri Gauranga. It is His desire that everyone within this world, nay this universe be awarded Krsna prema and therefore you descended to awaken our dormant love for the divine couple. You are so kind and so merciful.

My gurudev, Bhakti Charu Swami told us that you graciously carry all the teachings of our parampara and you present the essence of our acharyas in a way that dull-headed persons like me can understand and practice bhakti yoga.

In various places within the Caitanya Caritamrta and the Srimad Bhagavatam a beautiful sloka from the Katha and Mundaka Upanishad wherein the gist of the vaishnava philosophy is articulated (Srimad Bhagavatam 10.87.27):

*nayam atma pravacanena labhyo  
na medhaya na bahuna srutena  
yam evaisa vrnute tena labhyas  
tasyaisa atma vivrnute tanum svam*

“The Supreme Lord is not obtained by expert explanations, by vast intelligence, nor even by much hearing. He is obtained only by one whom He Himself chooses. To such a person He manifests His own form”.

Pure devotional service is only awarded by a pure devotee, and suddha nama cannot be gleaned from any other source. You brought this mood of

Lord Gauranga and very mercifully continue to distribute pure bhakti throughout this world. The highest virtue of Goloka dhama is now available for every living entity without any price or prior qualification.

Santarati devi dasi speaks of divine darshans even with her current senses, of you, her spiritual master and Srimati Radharani personally visiting her in the hospital. No one can fathom the tasty nectar experienced by your followers. You are truly the most wonderful blessing to this world. Thank you for making the ultimate reality, accessible and available for every one of us. Your ISKCON is growing from strength to strength and is the most effective structure to spread the sankirtan mission of Mahaprabhu.

Please make me an instrument in your divine mission. As the world becomes more aware of your glory and teachings, the tide of the Kali Age would be checked. It is therefore our duty to broadcast those messages for the benefit of every living entity. Let everyone be the recipient of your love and let everyone go back home; for that is the actualisation of the meaning of “Viswambara” (one of Lord Gauranga’s names that means maintainer of the entire universe).

Kindly forgive all my numerous trespasses. I beg to remain in the shelter of your devotees.

*Your insignificant grand disciple,  
Jagadananda Pandit Dasa*



Dearest Gurudeva,  
I offer my respectful obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.  
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

**DEAREST GURUDEV**, you are full of compassion for us fallen souls shedding light with knowledge. You have sacrificed so much to save our souls - we would never be able to repay you, our father, our spiritual master!

I can only aspire to be like you, spreading the

teachings of Srila Prabhupada in loving service of Lord Krishna. Devoting all your time to studying and teaching us about the Lord’s pastimes. I respectfully offer my obeisances to your lotus feet again and again.

Whenever I am going through difficulties, I

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always remember your instruction “Just chant, just chant” and how helpful these words are to me as just by chanting all my worries are lifted and I feel happier. All glories to your Divine Grace.

I sometimes reflect on how sensitive I become when practicing devotional service and must keep reminding myself that it is my ego and that I should take it as purification. I further reflect on how you gracefully handled sensitive situations and realise how divine you are. Your patience and loving guidance is an inspiration to us all. All glories to your


divine grace.

Dearest Gurudev, although I may not have much to offer you on this auspicious day, I can only pray that the Lord gives me the strength to follow your instructions to the best of my ability. Please bless us fallen souls that we may always remain at your lotus feet. Happy appearance day!

*Your spiritual daughter,  
Jaggannath Prema Devi Dasi*



Jahnava Kripa Dasi   
Ballito  
South Africa

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

**I AM IMMENSELY GRATEFUL** to you for establishing a sacred home and haven, “ISKCON,” which has become a cherished home for all of us on our spiritual journey. It was in the latter part of the previous year that I joyfully embraced my larger spiritual family, embarking on a transformative path through the diksa initiation bestowed upon me by your loving son, HH Giriraj Swami Maharaj.

With profound gratitude, I now carry the spiritual name of Jahnava Kripa Dasi, a blessed identity that resonates deeply within me. This significant milestone on my spiritual journey has filled my heart with joy and a sense of fulfillment. I am eager to grow and contribute to ISKCON, guided by your wisdom and grace revealed through guru and your dedicated devotees. Your constant blessings are invaluable to me as I navigate my spiritual journey.

Thank you for being the guiding light in my journey, and for creating a spiritual refuge where we can all come together in devotion and service. I am committed to making you proud and endeavoring to live up to the ideals and teachings that you selflessly imparted in all your books and the direct lessons from your disciples.

I am always praying that your divine blessings always shower upon me, nurturing my spiritual progress and deepening my connection with the devotees, disciplic succession and Sri Sri Radha Krishna. I remain eternally indebted to you for your boundless love, guidance, and support by giving me my new eternal home, ISKCON.

*Your most fallen grand-daughter,  
Jahnava Kripa Dasi*



Jaisacinandan Dasa   
Durban  
South Africa

 Dear 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*

Two scores and fourteen years ago  
you arrived in the west  
Thus fulfilling the desire and order  
a monumental test

Your beloved Guru Maharaj  
Your Lord and Master  
to deliver the conditioned souls  
from impending disaster

Your divine appearance was foretold  
when the Good Lord created you  
He broke the mold  
so small in stature, yet so bold

You came with nothing but the Holy Name  
and Vedic teachings  
exposing those in disguise  
and their apparent cheatings

A very saintly person you encountered  
The Absolute Truth he expounded  
The message of Lord Caitanya cannot wait  
from Maya's domain to the Pearly Gates

The debt to the Spiritual Master  
we cannot repay  
but we can sing your glories  
day after day.

*Your servant of the servant,  
Jaisacinandan Dasa (Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple)*



Hare Krsna dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to you on your most auspicious Vyasa-puja day.

 Jayadeva Dasa  
Mafikeng  
South Africa

**I AM VERY HAPPY AND GRATEFUL** for this opportunity to make a humble offering to you, our

**Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees**

dear grand-spiritual-master, Srila Prabhupada. I appreciate this moment. This is a time to remember you, our grand-spiritual-master, and the sacrifices you made for our benefit.

This is also a time for us to show gratitude because we realize that guru is the personification of mercy and that without his mercy we cannot achieve anything in life, nor can we make any spiritual progress.

In the Caitanya Caritamṛta (Madya 22.51), it is said that unless one is favoured by a pure devotee, one can neither attain the platform of devotional service nor get relief from the bondage of material existence. Also, in the verse CC Madhya 22.54 it is said, “sadhū-saṅga sadhū-saṅga sarva sastre kaya, lava matra sadhū saṅge sarva siddhi haya”, that by even a moment’s association with a pure devotee, one can attain all success.

So it is only by your mercy Srila Prabhupada that we came to know about Kṛṣṇa consciousness and by your mercy we are continuously making spiritual progress.

It is our duty to remember and serve our spiritual master all the time, but this time is special

because it is time to celebrate the appearance of you, our grand-spiritual-master.

Srila Prabhupada, you created temples all over the world and installed deities in these temples. In this way you have given mercy to the whole world.

Due to the availability of these resources and facilities, the Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement is growing day by day. In this way generations after generations of human beings are receiving a great benefit.

Your compassion is unparalleled. Your devotion to the Lord is incredible. I pay my humble obeisances to you Srila Prabhupada and humbly beg for your mercy.

Please help me Srila Prabhupada not to be complacent and think spirituality to be a cheap thing. Please help me not to deviate from my spiritual practice.

Hare Kṛṣṇa.

*Your servant,  
Jayadeva Dasa*



Jayalita Devi Dasi 🌸  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



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

**THE SPIRITUAL MASTER** is mercy personified and now more than ever I am seeing your mercy around me. Firstly, thank you for the Srimad-Bhagavatam and for giving us Kṛṣṇa through your translation and purports that became your life work. You worked tirelessly to make the Bhagavatam accessible to us and have blessed us beyond measure. By studying Srimad-Bhagavatam on the Bhakti Vaibhava course, so many of us are now developing a relationship with the Bhagavatam and strengthening Vaisnava relationships through saṅga and sastra. More and more the Bhagavatam is keeping me steady in my

Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

This past year has undoubtedly been the most difficult of my spiritual life thus far. There have been so many up and downs that I have no option but to surrender time and time again. By your mercy and the guidance of Guru and Gaurāṅga, I have realised that surrender is not an event, but a daily practice to go deeper in our Kṛṣṇa consciousness and connect with our dearest friend.

Recently I have been blessed with a service to support your disciples and the vaiṣṇavas on a global scale, something I am wholly unqualified for. By

your mercy and Krsna's desire the opportunity to serve has come my way and I pray for your blessings, especially today on your Vyasa-puja day that I may be able to do something to push forward your preaching movement. The fact that an unqualified, insignificant little twit like me could be blessed to serve in this capacity is evidence of your unconditional mercy on even the most fallen souls.

So today my dear Srila Prabhupada, most

merciful param guru, I again surrender to you and offer myself for you to use as you see fit in preaching the message of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Praying for the shelter and protection of your lotus feet.

*Your insignificant servant,  
Jayalalita Devi Dasi*



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



 Jayantikumar Ramjee  
Cape Town  
South Africa

**THIS IS A SONG I WROTE** to thank Krishna for sending you to us, to the Western world so that we would be able to know about Krishna, because without you, I would be completely lost. I would be rolling around in the mud that is the material world with no real purpose to my life. I searched for answers

to questions for most of my life and I found them in the books, disciples and Temples that you created just for lost souls like me, and I am eternally grateful. I hope that someday I can do something nice to show my appreciation for the causeless mercy that you displayed.

### FOREVER FOUND

I was wandering this lonely world  
Trying to erase my hurt  
Didn't know I was searching for you  
Didn't know you were waiting for me too

Then I heard that beautiful mantra  
It was something from a spiritual plane yeah  
Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare/  
Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare  
And I will be forever found yeah

You gave us your beloved Abhay  
As Prabhupad showed unlimited grace  
He found us when we lost our way  
Showed us how to live and pray

Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare/  
Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees



And I will be forever found yeah  
We were looking for some honesty  
He revealed the Truth absolutely  
He fulfilled the prophecy  
Around the world people sing

Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare/  
Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare

He gave us that maha-mantra  
So come together and start to chant yeah  
Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare/  
Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare

And I will be forever found yeah  
Oh... I'm going home  
And I will be forever found yeah  
Forever found

*Your humble servant,  
Jayantkumar Ramjee*



Jayasri Devi Dasi 🙏  
Durban  
South Africa



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

**YOUR DIVINE GRACE** is so merciful to us, by giving us a spiritual goal in life. This goal encourages us to accept that this material world is not our home. I remain eternally grateful to you, for gifting us so many books especially Bhagavad Gita As It Is. Every single text encourages us to return to the spiritual world. The chanting of the holy name gives us hope that the goal can be reached. You, Srila Prabhupada, exposed us to who Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu is; thus bestowing so much upon us fallen souls.

My vow to you Srila Prabhupada is that I will never leave ISKCON.

I humbly beg you to please forgive me for my countless offenses and be merciful unto me so that I may be able to sincerely chant the holy name with love and devotion.

*Your granddaughter,  
Jayasri Devi Dasi*









Jayendren Naidoo 🙏  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



Dear Jagadguru Srila Prabhupada,  
All glories unto thee.  
I wish you are very happy Vyasa-puja.

**I AM VERY THANKFUL** and grateful to you for giving us the jewel of Krishna consciousness. I pledge to serve ISKCON to my best ability. I serve in the Food for Life program at Lenasia Hare Krishna mandir. I find this service very fulfilling and inspiring.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, please bless me that

I make steady progress in my Krishna conscious spiritual life.

*Your servant,  
Jayendren Naidoo*



Jean Carol Ives 🙏  
Cape Town  
South Africa



Dear A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada,  
I offer my humble obeisances low upon the floor.  
I offer a fragrant garland for inviting me through the temple door.

You gave me the chant of the holy name and taught me Nature's law.  
I taste your love feast; of this my tongue wants more.  
I see you and the forms of the Lord; of this my eyes want more.  
I offer puja and sing praise to you and the Lord; of this my voice wants more.  
I hear your books tell leelas of the Lord; of this my ears want more.  
You gave through love to save me, all of this and more.  
In turn I offer devotional service direct from my heart's core.

*Your servant,  
Jean Carol Ives*



Jhanavi Kandiao 🙏  
Blantyre  
Malawi



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
All glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga.

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

**I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES** to Srila Prabhupada, whose grace and mercy opened my eyes through his divine books, and thus, these books kindly release my fallen soul from Maya. Through

the association of your pure disciples and devotees, I feel the great love of associating with you. I attain the highest spiritual paths and find the matchless gifts from your lively lectures, kirtans,



and maha-prasadam. I really appreciate your life so much. All glories to all your disciples who have given me the opportunity to serve.

*Your servant,  
Baktin Jhanavi Kandiado*



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

 Jyotirmaya Dasa  
Cape Town  
South Africa

Oh Srila Prabhupada, your teachings so pure,  
Guide us to the path of Krishna, secure.  
Your love for Lord Caitanya, so great and divine,  
Has brought us to the path, of a life that's truly fine.

Your words of wisdom, like a beacon bright,  
Illuminate our path, and guide us through the night.  
With your devotion, we are inspired each day,  
To live a life in service, to Krishna in every way.

Your selfless service, so great and so true,  
Inspires us to do the same, in all that we do.  
Your love for the devotees, so pure and so kind,  
Guides us on the path, to a life that's truly divine.

So on this day, we offer you this praise,  
For all that you've done, and all that you've raised.  
A world of love, peace, and devotion divine,  
Where all can find the path to Lord Krishna's shrine.

Oh Srila Prabhupada, your teachings will endure,  
Inspiring countless souls, now and forevermore.  
We offer you this Vyasa-puja, with love and with grace,  
And pray that your divine blessings will always embrace.

*Your Servant,  
Jyotirmaya Dasa*



Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Kaishori Devi Dasi 🌸  
Gauteng  
South Africa



Hare Krishna dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.  
All glories to you, my dear grandfather, saviour and master.

**THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM** of my heart for your ISKCON movement, dear Srila Prabhupada. You went through so much hardship and difficulties in preaching and helping us fallen souls, and you created this wonderful movement. Your inconveniences and sacrifices are beyond my comprehension and I am eternally grateful and indebted to you for it all. I am truly very grateful that my family are also devotees in your ISKCON because devotees are so rare and precious.

Without your ISKCON, I literally shudder to think what my life would have looked like. The association of the devotees is enlivening and always good. Devotees are so special and precious. We have our differences and difficulties, but the beauty of it all is that everyone has the same goal - to serve in your movement. The prasāda is so good at the Sunday feasts and programs. Kirtan is so good to be in. Thank you, dearest Srila Prabhupada, for all this and for your amazing books and purports. I cannot relate to your intelligence and brilliant mind. I

treasure the association of the devotees.

Thank you for allowing me to do devotional service and for inspiring me in Mayapur with the idea for the current project I am trying to do, and for other normal service you gave me mercy to do. Without your mercy and blessings, nothing is possible in my life.

I thank you for my gurudev who is so merciful to have given me shelter. I pray that you always take good care of him.

The suffering in this material world is there every day; a lot of times with the body, with the weather, or with no water or electricity, always something. It is just not where I want to be. I really and sincerely beg you, dearest Srila Prabhupada, to please, please let me in through the back door into the spiritual world.

*Your indebted granddaughter,  
Kaishori Devi Dasi*



Kamala Devi Dasi 🌸  
Blantyre  
Malawi



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you. All glories to Guru and Gauranga.  
All glories to the most auspicious festival of the year, 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*

**PLEASE ACCEPT MY GRATITUDE** today on your Vyasa-puja and every day, for everything has become auspicious in our lives by taking your shelter.

You have given us the simplest way to connect with Krishna, who was just an ordinary god before, but your teachings have made Him the object of

worship and love in our daily life, giving us a sense of purpose.


Your spiritual embassies worldwide offer all the facilities to live a beautiful life in this world and beyond. Your auspicious movement helps cease all demoniac activities within and without. The world

would not have been a better place without you, the magnanimous and the most merciful, our Srila Prabhupada.

And in this spirit, we beg you to help us surrender our hearts and minds to your will. The success of our life is to be engaged in your service constantly. Please grant us the clarity of mind and peace of heart to understand and implement your desire.

Through our own example, may we thus assist you in your eternal loving relationship with Krishna by bringing our fellow lost souls back home to God's lotus feet.

*Your ever grateful servant of the servant of your servant,  
Kamala Devi Dasi (RMGS)*

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

 Kamalaksa Dasa  
Warri  
Nigeria

**THANK YOU SO MUCH** for tolerating me and keeping me in devotional service. Thank you for the knowledge, thank you for the holy name, thank you for your books, and thank you for your temples and prasadam. Please forgive me for not being a serious

and dutiful servant, and please kindly bless me to always remember and follow your instructions.

*Your servant,  
Kamalaksa Dasa*

 Dearest Srila Prabhupada,


**IT HAS BEEN MORE THAN 46 YEARS** since you left this world, but you still make a huge impact on our lives.

We strive every day to chant 16 rounds, follow the regulative principles and offer puja. By following these instructions we pray that we will remain under the shelter of your ISKCON and never deviate from this path.

On this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, our only prayer is that you continue to be merciful to us and keep us sheltered at your lotus feet.

*Yours servants,  
Kamsa Moha Dasa, Prema Priya Gaurangi Devi Dasi and Krishnapriya*

 Kamsa Moha Dasa  
Prema Priya Gaurangi Devi Dasi  
and Krishnapriya  
Durban  
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.

 Kandarpa Sundari Devi Dasi  
Cape Town  
South Africa

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

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees



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

**SRILA PRABHUPADA**, I listened to a class that you gave in Los Angeles on the 23rd of April, 1973.

The class was titled ‘Increase your love for Krishna,’ which was intriguing. My small mind thinks I love Krishna but I really don’t know anything about love and in particular loving God. Your class was on SB 1.8.31 where Kuntidevi is bewildered by the scene of Krishna crying as Mother Yasoda threatens to bind Him. You laughingly said that we are offering obeisances to Krishna with awe and reverence . . . no one will come to Krishna and say, “Krishna, You have offended. I shall bind you!”

You explained how this is the unique position of Mother Yasoda. Because she is an advanced devotee, she has the right to chastise the Supreme Personality of Godhead. You specifically used the words, “... that is special prerogative.”

As you know I put Sri Sri Nitai Mayapurchandra to rest at least once a week, and one such day when I returned home from service I had a thought that wouldn’t it be so nice just to cuddle Them. I shared this feeling with my mentors and he said that sometimes he would also like to hug his Deities but then quickly apologises. He says to his Deities, “When I’m qualified, I want to get a spiritual body and then hug You.”

So yes even though I think I love Sri Sri Nitai Mayapurchandra and would love to express it as described, I need to remember that I don’t have that “special prerogative” like Mother Yasoda. I need to look upon Kuntidevi’s example who simply just thinks of Mother Yasoda’s privilege, who in this instance is threatening to bind the Supreme Personality of Godhead who is feared even by fear personified.

Thinking of Krishna’s pastimes with the Brijvasis is a sweet meditation. Srila Prabhupada you told us that whenever the cowherd boys wanted anything from Krishna, He would immediately agree.

At the end of every day when the cowherd boys

went home to their mothers, they would describe their day and would say, “Krishna is so wonderful.” And in turn their mothers would say, “Yes, our Krishna is wonderful.” Even when Nanda Maharaja is with his friends they would say, “Oh Nanda Maharaja, your child Krishna is wonderful.”

Srila Prabhupada you made the point that the Brijvasis do not know that Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. They don’t care who is God. All they think is that Krishna is wonderful, “...that’s all, and their love increases,” - they just want and love Krishna. You said that the more they perceive Krishna’s wonderful activities, the more they love Him.

In connection with this, a few days earlier on the 14th of April in Los Angeles you gave a class on SB 1.8.22. The translation follows:

“My respectful obeisances are unto You, O Lord, whose abdomen is marked with a depression like a lotus flower, who are always decorated with garlands of lotus flowers, whose glance is as cool as the lotus and whose feet are engraved with lotuses.”

You described that on The Lords feet there are flags, lotus flowers, chariot and so on.

Srila Prabhupada everything that we know about Krishna is through you, and you always want us to remember Krishna. Like for instance, here you said Krishna likes lotus flowers very much. So if we see lotus flowers we should immediately remember Krishna.

Srila Prabhupada because you are a pure devotee and are always remembering Krishna you said, “If you love God, then you can remember Him at any time always, there is no difficulty”. It is very clear then that my love for Krishna is not pure because if it was, I would remember Him always.

Oh Srila Prabhupada, I pray that I can at least think of you always and in turn think of how you love Krishna and, in that way, think of Krishna.

In our material relationships, before we can

love anyone we need to know everything about that person. We analyse and try to understand them and then perhaps we will love them. But in your class on SB 1.8.31, you made the point that the devotees of Vrindavan are perfect because, "...they don't want to understand Krishna. They just want to love Krishna without condition.

The truth is that we will never be able to understand Krishna. As you rightly said, if we cannot even understand what Krishna has created (moon, stars, sun, etc.) then how can we understand Krishna, the creator.

The conditioned souls probably think that because Krishna is God I should love Him. This is why we need to learn from the example set by the Brijवासिs. Srila Prabhupada you explained that, in Vrindavan Krishna does not display that He is God, He is playing as an ordinary cowherd boy. You said, at times Krishna shows that He is God, but the Brijवासिs don't care about that. They don't care to know how great Krishna is because they simply love Him.

Srila Prabhupada, you concluded that our business is simply to love Krishna. And the more we love Krishna, the more perfect we can become.

You reiterated that it is not necessary to understand Krishna and how he has created because it is impossible to know Him. You instructed, "Simply increase your unalloyed love for Krishna. That's the perfection of life."

Srila Prabhupada, without you, it is impossible for me to simply love Krishna. You always emphasise the importance of devotional service, and so I pray that through that I can at least develop a hint of "unalloyed love" for Krishna and step by step, day by day, perfect my life.

Srila Prabhupada, your guidance ever present, I just need to take advantage of everything that you have left for us so that I can progress in spiritual life & never return to this material world.

*Your great granddaughter,  
Kandarpa Sundari Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath, Sri Sri Gaura Nitai Hari, and 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-pascatyadesa-tarine*

**IN SRIMAD-BHAGAVATAM** 1.1.1, Krishna's quality of independence is stated by the use of the word "svarat". It is up to his independent will as to whether one achieves spiritual perfection or remains immersed in his illusory energy. I can understand that I am undeserving of his awarding me pure devotional service. However, bhakti is the property of pure devotees and has been given her independence by Krishna to manifest herself when the pure devotee wishes. You are such a repository of bhakti. My great

hope, trust, and faith are based upon my relationship with you.

In "The Nectar of Devotion," we find that one quality of pure devotion is that it is the only means for attracting and controlling Krishna. Indeed, what you have done proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that you are Krishna's pure devotee. I am simply amazed by the following facts:

- • You are always able to think of Krsna first and yourself second, because,

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Johannesburg  
South Africa

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& Other Devotees

at some point, you did not care about your health, but you care about preaching. You suffered a heart attack, yet you did not turn back; you kept going forward. This pastime gives me the courage to face all the problems of Maya and try and focus on my spiritual life, even though I feel some days are so hard and I feel like giving up.

- The holy name is always with you in your heart.
- Due to your purity, Krsna directs you on what to say and what to do. Hence, you were able to translate and comment on “Bhavagad-gita As It Is”, “Srimad-Bhagavatam”, and write so many books.
- You are empowered to spread the holy name all over the globe and did it very successfully.

- You have all the beautiful qualities of a Vaisnava, such as fearlessness, renunciation, and compassion for all living entities.
- ISKCON affirms the responsibility of each individual to develop his or her relationship with the Supreme Lord, which you made possible.

Wherever life takes me, I am grateful to be a servant in your ISKCON. You have laid the foundation for so many generations to go back to Godhead. From reading your Lilamrta, I know that it was not easy for you, but thank you so much for everything.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. Thank you so much, thank you infinity times.

*Your loving servant and soldier,  
Karuna Radhika Devi Dasi*

Karuna Sindu Devi Dasi  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
All glories unto thee on your Vyasa-puja.

**I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR** giving us the Hare Krishna consciousness movement. I am very happy and grateful to be in Krishna consciousness. I am a housewife and I really enjoy chanting the Hare Krishna maha-mantra.

I always say to my children that when I am bored I have to chant a few extra rounds of the maha-mantra. In this way, I am trying to please

Lord Krishna. Dear Srila Prabhupada please bless me that I make steady progress in my Krishna consciousness so that I can make this very rare human birth successful.

All glories to you and ISKCON.

*Karuna Sindu Devi Dasi*

Karunamayi Devi Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to your divine grace on this glorious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

**YOUR VYASA-PUJA IS ALWAYS** bittersweet. It's a time for celebration but at the same time we lament you not being physically present. I have often wondered what

it would have been like to have been present when you were around. Would we have had a chance to meet and serve you directly? Would we have become



devotees? Would we have coped with the austerities in establishing and building up ISKCON with you? The more I think about it, the more I think that it is better to be born now, where I am. Your mercy and instructions are so powerful that you have created this whole organisation that keeps growing just by your instructions and blessings. Your potency and influence knows no bounds. I'm grateful for you giving us so many wonderful sons and daughters dedicated to carrying out your mission and their mood of service in separation is inspiring.

In many of your letters to your disciples, you often mention that you understand the separation the disciples felt from you and you often mentioned that you are also feeling separation from your disciples when you were away.

In a letter to Madhusudana- San Francisco 30 December 1967 you wrote: "Whatever allocation of duty there may be, if we try to execute such specific duty sincerely, that alone can make us much more advanced in Krishna consciousness. In the Bhagavad-gita, it is stated that for the fixed up devotee there is one duty. This duty is understood through the transparent medium via media of the Spiritual Master. It is better service to Krishna and Spiritual Master in a feeling of separation; sometimes there is risk in the matter of direct service".

In many ways your instructions were forewarning and guiding us even from the early days and provide clear guidance on matters we currently face. I am amazed at how clear these instructions are and they have certainly stood the rest of time.

My only hope and prayer is that I may become a fixed granddaughter and follow your instructions so that you may be pleased with me. You have given us so many fathers and mothers by your wonderful disciples. As many age, I shudder to think of an ISKCON without them providing the steadfast pivots we need to shelter us through this storm of maya. I am reminded that your instructions are guiding your disciples in your service, and in this way we need to remember to follow the instructions of our spiritual masters who are following in the line of disciplic succession and this is the only way we can ensure continuity of ISKCON through your mercy.

H.H. Sridhara swami commented on the Damodar Lila and referenced the 2 fingers which were always short when Mother Yasoda tried to bind Krishna. He mentioned that the two fingers represent mercy of the Lord and our effort, with the mercy of the Lord being more pronounced when the devotee makes a sincere effort. I know that whatever worthless endeavour I may make to serve you, I will be unsuccessful if it is not for your overwhelming mercy. Please guide me dearest Srila Prabhupada, your lowly fallen granddaughter to serve you and be an instrument in your mission. I want to be remembered someday as Prabhupada's Vaisnavi warrior who stood and valiantly fought against mayas army. And for that to be a reality I need your mercy.

*Your eternal fallen granddaughter,  
Karunamayi Devi Dasi*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept our humble obeisances.  
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-pascatyadesa-tarine*

 Karuna-sakti Dasi  
and Omkhar Jugunanan  
Durban  
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

We are so immensely grateful for everything that you have done for us and continue to do for us, especially how patient you have been with us despite all our failings, never giving up on us. Right from waiting for 20 years for us to take seriously to Krishna consciousness after seeing and hearing from you in 1975- which was the highlight of a lifetime- to the many episodes when we struggled with our profound anarthas, after finally joining your ISKCON.

We do need those important lessons to advance, but also need your mercy to learn those lessons well. We just don't have the strength on our own. Even more than that, we often don't have the insight

to see our faults that cause those lessons to occur. Please help us to become more aware of those, and more able to adjust our consciousness seriously towards attaining pure devotional service in this lifetime. Please grant us your mercy to learn well, to transform, to please you and so achieve the perfection of existence.

Please grant us the shelter of your lotus feet, life after life.

*Your foolish servants,  
Karuna-sakti Dasi and Omkhar Jugunanan*



Keli Vrindavan Devi Dasi 🌸  
Durban  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of your divine lotus feet.  
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious occasion of your appearance.

*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*

**ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY**, I reflect not only on all that you have given us through your words, teachings, and temples but also on your hopes, desires, and dreams for the continuation of your global Yatra. Your most precious desire comes to fruition as we see steady progress in your Temple of Vedic Planetarium, your crown jewel of Navadvīp.

Your crown jewel of Navadvīp, overlooking the mighty Ganges as she meets the Bay of Bengal, will soon welcome millions of people from all walks of life, offering a window into your divine world. We also have much to celebrate as we will soon have the grand opening of your Lord Narasimhadeva (the Captain of our ship) Hall in October this year: a milestone and a wish granted.

While we have much to celebrate, we are also mindful of matters of concern on the global agenda

that impinge on peace and stability. We are part of a worldwide family, and while your books invite the soul into the gateway of spiritual awakening, the Srimad-Bhagavatam (the Empire of all Vedic knowledge) answers many of the modern-day challenges.

In a letter to Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the President of India, on July 9, 1963, you emphasized:

As Srimad-Bhagavatam is combination of philosophy and religion, it is a great need of the day. It is a fact that at the present moment, only philosophy and religion can bring about a \_\_ of humanity. I think you must have \_\_\_ the required ideal.

My divine grandfather, my heart is filled with gratitude for all you have given us. You are my commander-in-chief, and I only desire to wear your medallion proudly.

I pray for your guidance, lifetime after lifetime.

All glories to Your Divine Grace on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

*Your servant and toddling granddaughter,  
Keli Vrindavan Devi Dasi*



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

 Kesava Priti Devi Dasi  
Tongaat  
South Africa

**SRILA PRABHUPADA**, I want to convey my heartfelt thanks to you for changing the lives of so many people, especially mine, who would have otherwise been living their lives without any purpose or direction.

In Krishna consciousness, our goals and purpose of life are very clearly defined, if followed correctly. What really inspires me, Srila Prabhupada, is that you practiced what you preached and set

standards by example. Thank you for having me in your family.

Happy Vyasa-puja, Srila Prabhupada. Thank you. Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your most merciful lotus feet.

*Your grateful servant,  
Kesava Priti Devi Dasi*



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

 Keshava Madhava Dasa  
Alberton  
South Africa

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

**THIS YEAR HAS HAD MANY** ups and downs, but no matter what has happened, the Lord has always kept me in His service. I am very thankful for this.

I know that this material world is filled with misery. As I get older, I understand this statement more, anityam asukham lokam: "This world is temporary and full of miseries, not habitable for any sane gentleman" [Bg. 9.33]. Hence, you tell us to hold onto your dhoti, and you will take us through the back door.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving us your

beloved ISKCON because, honestly, I do not think I would be the person I am if it were not for you, my dearest Grandfather.

I am trying to build a youth group, but the youth are interested in something other than Krishna. Please shower mercy to the youth so they realize that Krishna is the ultimate goal.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your grandson,  
Keshava Madhava Dasa*

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees



Keshava Priya Devi Dasi  
Cape Town  
South Africa



Hare Krishna 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-desatarine*

#### **HAPPY VYASA-PUJA, DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA**

Thank you for showering your mercy upon me, for allowing me to serve Sri Sri Nitai Mayapurchandra, and put you to rest, especially when I am not qualified to do so. I come a whole hour early to do my service in the evening, because I am always in anxiety if I am doing anything wrong, did I forget something, am I saying the mantras right.

I know I am probably making a lot of mistakes, and I just haven't realized them as yet.

I am sometimes upset with myself for not focusing only on Sri Sri Nitai Mayapurchandra, or yourself,

when I am preoccupied with other anxieties about work, or home.

I fall so short when doing other services, like I making sweets, and garlands. My my skills are subpar, but yet their Lordships are so kind and They accept them quietly.

Please, Srila Prabhupada, guide me, and help me become more focused in my service, shower your mercy upon me so that I can serve their Lordships, yourself, and my guru maharaj better.

*Your humble servant,  
Keshava Priya Devi Dasi*














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

**A VERY HAPPY** and blessed Vyasa-puja Srila Prabhupada. Like a good parent, you are so compassionate to all of us. Through your sacrifices, you arranged your disciples and grand disciples as representatives of you. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for the association of devotees which you have given us. The devotees of the Lord are our well-wishers, what they speak is compassionately instructive and their care is causeless. This is due to them allowing themselves to be instruments in the hands of the Lord and guru parampara.


By your mercy, the opportunity for this

association is available. It is our prayer that we have a grateful heart, so that we always remember the sacrifices you made to follow your guru maharaja's instruction. You have awakened the dormant devotee in people and thereby spread auspiciousness in this world. We also pray to not take for granted the association of the devotees of the Lord.

Seeking the shelter of your lotus feet.

*Your servants,  
Kishore Krishna Dasa and Syamakanta Devi Dasi*

 Kishore Krishna Dasa  
and Syamakanta Devi Dasi  
Johannesburg  
South Africa


 Our dearest Guru Srila Prabhupada,  
With heartfelt loving devotion, I offer my respectful obeisances unto your lotus feet,  
our wonderful spiritual master.

**THANK YOU FOR** awakening my family and I to the ocean of nectar that comes from the loving devotion to our Lord Krishna. We feel the joy of being delivered from this materially afflicted world as though the blazing fire of material existence has been extinguished in our hearts and consciousness. We are eternally grateful for all the knowledge and

guidance you have passed onto on our family and the world at large. We shall continue to endeavour in your divine favour.

*Your servant,  
Kribashni Reddy*

 Kribashni Reddy  
Durban  
South Africa

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

**RECENTLY**, while listening to a Bhagavatam class, the speaker mentioned something amazing. He was giving a lecture on confidence and emphasised how devotees take such great risks to spread Krsna Consciousness. This is due to their high level of confidence. He specifically mentioned you, Srila

Prabhupada, as an example:

When the Bhaktivedanta Manor had a major lawsuit with the council regarding the building of a road through the Manor, the management at the temple had to appoint lawyers to fight our case. HH Sivaram to take

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and Family  
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on the case, they requested a full set of your books. The devotees warned them that your works were too voluminous and they wouldn't be able to finish it in time. They assured the devotees they would. So lawyers have a method of getting through enormous amounts of reading just by skimming and arriving at the gist of the subject.

After a few days, they were back at the Manor and were finished with all the books. They only had one question:

They asked, "Do you know the author of these books?"

The devotees were confused with the question, but answered, "Yes, he is the founder of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, our spiritual master."

But they interjected, "Do you really know who he is?"

Again, the devotees had that confused look and replied, "Yes, our spiritual master came from India in his seventies to spread the teachings of the Vedas..."

"No, no, no," they responded, "you'll don't understand who this man is..."

They continued, "Do you know what it is to live in a seventy year old body?"

The devotees' faces changed, knowing well what these barristers were implying. They were also in their old age and knew exactly how it felt, but were completely astonished and in awe at what you, Srila Prabhupada, achieved with several heart attacks, no money, all alone in a strange country and thereafter to have travelled all over the world in such a short space of time. Thus, they concluded you are not ordinary.

Srila Prabhupada, you illustrated the highest forms of confidence by simply executing the orders of your spiritual master without considering the risks, and thus began a worldwide revolution.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for being the perfect example, the true Acharya.

Today, I beg at your lotus feet to impart an iota of that conviction to me so I can carry out the orders of my spiritual master.

*Your ever-indebted servant of the servant,  
Kripamoya Dasa and Family*



Krishangi Dasi Naidu   
Cape Town  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.  
All glories to you on your Vyasa-puja!

**PLEASE ACCEPT THIS POEM** that I wrote in honour of gratitude:  
your Vyasa-puja to express my appreciation and

In a world of colours so grand,  
Our wise Prabhupada arrived at this land.  
He brought Krishna's love and showed us the way,  
In temples he built, we still pray.

With a bright smile he danced and sang,  
Guiding our hearts with devotions pang.  
And although he is now gone,  
His spirit and books will forever live on.

Thank You Srila Prabhupada for all you have done,  
In our hearts, your love forever runs.  
We'll carry your mission, spreading joy and grace,  
Keeping your life alive in every place.

*Thank you dearest Srila Prabhupada - I am forever grateful!*

*Your servant,  
Krishangi Dasi Naidu (age 13)*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my obeisances, all glories to you!



Krishna Balarama Dasa  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

*nama om visnu-padayakrsna-presthayabhu-tale  
srimatebhaktivedanta-svamininitinamine  
namastesarasvatedevegaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desa-tarine*

**ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED** in our lives, and we are still here trying to practice a Krishna conscious life. In the last year, so many new adventures in devotional service occurred. There were so many challenges, nothing too new, but so many just repeating themselves. By your kind mercy, we have come into Krishna consciousness and through your mercy we remain.

A short while back, I received a message from a devotee saying, "When you come to the Manor, there will be a kirtan emersion festival. The guests are HH Indradyumna Swami, HG Mahatma prabhu, HG Vaiseseka prabhu, HG Badahari prabhu, HG Kripa Moya prabhu and HG Sri Prahlada". I took a moment to take it in, and then began to ardently pray, "My dear Lord, please make sure nothing happens in any way to jeopardise this, I really need this." As I grew up in Krishna consciousness, these were my heroes. Indradyumna Swami would come to South Africa so often, and at times I was lucky enough to drive him around. Sri Prahlada was our age, and we could relate to him, he was a kirtan god. When he

sings, it's mesmerising. I first heard of Kripa Moya prabhu on a cassette called, "Now that's what I call bhajan" and later met him in Vrndavana after a roaring Srila Prabhupadagurupuja. I attended a VIHE course in the same year with Mahatma prabhu and remember a cassette of his Brahma Samhita verses. The others I came to know later. Vaiseseka prabhu because of his attachment to distribute Srila Prabhupada's books and Badahari prabhu for his deep kirtans. Getting this tsunami of mercy was certainly the best experience I have had in years. When I first heard of it, I thought "Srila Prabhupada, what are you doing?", and when I was experiencing it, I was thinking, "thank you Srila Prabhupada". What you have done Srila Prabhupada, and what you do is magical! Thank you for engaging my family and I in your service.

It is a great privilege for us to be here in ISKCON. Your example, of course, helps us so much to formulate our thoughts on how to deal with things. You are always focused on your activities in a devotional way, how you always engaged your time,

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and how in your engagement you always brought out the best in people.

In the last year, I have again been engaged in your ISKCON society, I thank you for this. Although there was great apprehension to take it up, it is taking on a new chapter in my life. I constantly think that it is such a difficult service, and I need lots and lots of help and guidance. I sometimes think that it would be so much easier if someone who was more influential and more devotional takes over, I wish that someone would just come forward to do it. At other times, I think I am wasting time, and I should just move on and try to do something substantial elsewhere. However, this service is so important.

Somehow, I am here and somehow, I am being engaged. Today I pray that you please engage me appropriately, please make me effective in your service. Please help me with this! Please allow me to be patient, tolerant and kind to others and when I am not, please give me the experience to learn, so that when it comes again, I am better equipped to deal with it.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for all your kindness you show to me. I am not worthy, but I am a willing recipient.

*Your servant,  
Krishna Balarama Dasa*

Krishnacandra Dasa   
and Family  
Alberton  
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisance.  
All glories unto you, Srila Prabhupada.

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

**THANK YOU** for building this home where fallen, conditioned souls like myself and my family can shelter. You have done so much, but fools like me are not taking full advantage of all your good work.

As we go deeper into Kali-yuga, I am taking colossal strain in remaining focused. However, by your mercy, I am fortunate to serve at Sri Sri Nitai Guara Hari, giving me strength. Please continue to be merciful upon me.

Serving at Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari has its challenges. Still, by your mercy, we are attempting to ensure that Sri Sri Nitai Guara Hari is more than comfortable and wants to remain at Their current residence in Lenasia. To ensure that the Lordships are comfortable, we have recently commissioned a generator to help with the ongoing electricity challenges and a borehole to assist during periods of

restricted municipal water supply.

We recently initiated an outreach program at the Nirvana Haven nursing home. The residents enjoyed the kirtan and the prasadam that we served. I pray that we can continue with this program. I would like for this to be the start of more outreach programs. By your mercy, I know that these outreach programs can become a success.

I am also ensuring that our local Namahatta programs continue to grow. This year, we have been blessed and have had regular programs. By your mercy, I am hoping that this will continue. Please help our Namahatta families by giving them the necessary strength to grow our Namahatta.

Srila Prabhupada, I am struggling, but you are so merciful that you have blessed me to serve in your

mission of taking us back home. Please forgive me for any shortcomings in my attempt to serve.

Please continue to be favorable to my family and me as we make slow progress on this highway

to Goloka Vrindavan.

*Your most fallen-conditioned servant,  
Krishnacandra Dasa and Family*



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Grace!  
All glories to this most sweet occasion that is your Sri Vyasa-puja!

 Krishnarupa Sewsunker  
Durban  
South Africa

**OVER THE PAST YEAR**, by your and your followers' causeless grace, it has become more palpable to me how much shelter there is within devotional service. This path of systematic purification through devotional service that you – as a perfect representative of your spiritual master and the disciplic succession – have delineated for us is tangibly so sheltering, and I feel intense gratitude to you for extending the complete privilege of devotional service to all of us so unreservedly. That you have awarded devotional service to the whole world is your compassion, your brilliance, your purity, and most importantly, your limitless love.

This path of loving devotional service is purifying, and even though I cannot be sure of my being purified in the sense that I am not able to measure any improvement in my consciousness, I am sure that I feel so joyful, safe and deeply content in devotional service. I wish to remain in this unmatched joy forever, to always serve your devotees, and to help to bring others onto this path so they may experience this joyful protection. Recently, I contemplated how devotional service feels like an embrace – one that reminds a person that they are safe and that they are home.

Nothing can compare to this feeling, and I wish to somehow help you in your mission to bring this

feeling to every single soul. I see many of my shortcomings (and I know there are still more that I do not see), and I realize that I am very limited, but I pray to you that you and your devotees may please allow me help you and may please bless me to be a tiny emblem of true warmth and love to whomever I encounter.

Your ISKCON is the most priceless jewel because it wraps one in the perfect combination that is devotional service along with abundant saintly association. Having the company of uncountable friends, guides, teachers and sources of inspiration all over the world, all fuelled and directed by the potency of your purity, is unequivocally the most valuable and precious gift. Thank you for the beautifully diverse, colorful, and nourishing association of your devotees; for making devotional service accessible all over the world; for the shelter of your voice and your words; and for the essential fortification your books and your lectures provide. There are so many ways in which I want to dive deeply into serving you, and I pray that through guidance, I may find ways to offer myself and my heart fully.

*Eternally yearning to be connected to you through  
service,  
Krishnarupa Sewsunker*



Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees



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

*nama om visnu-padayakrsna-presthayabhu-tale  
srimatebhaktivedanta-svamininitinamine  
namastesarasvatedevegaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desa-tarine*

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

**AS I THOUGHT** about penning an offering to you, I wondered where do I begin? There is so much that I am grateful for - for your shelter and belonging means everything to us. Whilst reflecting on the past few years, I began re-playing in my mind the devastation of the pandemic. . . the loss of lives and how we had to adjust our mindset and living arrangements to survive through the vicious sweep of a natural disaster. We lost many great lives, many leaders within ISKCON and great devotees, family, friends and acquaintances. We were unable to gather and mourn their passing and in just the same stanceneither were we able to collectively celebrate their contribution to this world. In literal isolation, we lived through one of the more challenging times in recent history, yet the paradox was that through the isolation - we had a common shelter. The only shelter that we did have was the glories of the holy name - the divine word - and the greatest gift of the Bhagavad-gita.

As travel restrictions eased off and some sort of normality kicked back in, I had longed to visit Sri VrindavanDham and take darshan of the holy places. This year that desire had come true and I could not believe that I was back at Sri Krishna Balaram Mandir after a few years of not being able to visit. The wonderful part of it all was that my family and I, together with my parents, were able to enjoy the 48th anniversary celebrations of the opening of Sri Krishna Balaram Mandir- the project that you had

personally seen through. It was with grandeur, pomp and festivity that the adivas ceremony took place in the luscious lawns of the MVT buildings. The next day, being Sri Ram Navami, the entire temple arena was decorated with colourful stringed garlands and packed out with devotees and well-wishers attending the celebrations. There was no holding back with the festivities: kirtans, darshans, offerings, abhisheka, prasada, dramas, classes - everything was executed in proper Vedic style, with complete care, class and precision. Forty-eight years later - the legacy that you have created is radiating even more.

I have also been fortunate to be engaged in some service in the ladies ashram in Vrindavan and continue with my services within the Vaishnavi Ministry and Public Relations and Communications areas. As I was scrolling through some past documents, I had come across a 2016 national print media supplement that I had co-ordinated in celebration for the ISKCON 50th anniversary celebration. The 12 page, full colour supplement was slotted in both a English medium newspaper as well as an isiZulu newspaper - with each page being dedicated to different aspects of both international projects and local offerings alike. The page that was set aside to feature the Founder-Acharya was titled: Master on a Mission and how apt was that title! That title of the article is forever incumbent on your timeless mercy towards the world at large.

In a world where time seems to be moving even



faster than it has ever been, deadlines seem to be the order of the day, children are inundated with keeping up with a fast-paced academic curriculum, climate is vastly changing, and the economy is becoming even more burdened with intense pressure of earning and living - with all of these hard realities - there seems to be no reprieve in this material world. Whereas, when we deeply reflect, we clearly see the wonderful knowledge that you have offered us, which makes for the perfect formula to live a life of solitude within the fast pace material world. The “simple living, higher thinking” formula creates the perfect equilibrium to remain focused in personal and spiritual growth instead of living the hamster wheel cycle of mundane, material living.

We are therefore grateful to you, Srila Prabhupada for envisioning the nature of this world - for the negative impact that time has offered in rolling out this dreaded Age of Kali, for taking the necessary action to create a house in which the whole world can live in. It would have been mighty easy for you, to have stayed in India and continued translating

the Vedic literature from a comfortable and familiar environment. Yet, you chose to earnestly follow your spiritual master’s instruction to push forward and create a society where the entire world will benefit. Decades later, we are now reaping the rewards of all your endeavours, we thank you. There is still so much to do, so much of your legacy to continue and so many lives to reach. I pray for your blessings so that in whatever capacity I am blessed with devotional service, that I may execute it to the best of my material and spiritual ability. I pray that you keep my sadhana fixed so that I am able to take small yet steady steps towards reaching the goal of life.

Srila Prabhupada, it is with deep gratitude that I write this offering to you and pray that you will forever bless my family and I by keeping us within your shelter.

All glories, all glories, all glories to Your Divine Grace.

*Your servant,  
Krsangi Radhe Dasi*



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

 Krsni Devi Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa

### ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED

and still, I remain a fool,  
chasing whimsical projects  
to keep in vogue at school.  
Everything is a struggle-  
work, relationships, and health.  
I’m slowly beginning to see,  
the Holy Name as being my only wealth.  
This material world can be cruel,  
no care for the real me,  
unlike your ISKCON worldwide,  
An ocean of mercy.  
When will the day come  
when I genuinely feel,

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& Other Devotees

love for the Lord and His devotees  
with spiritual zest and zeal?  
For now, I am grateful  
for the little services I do  
but the quality is lacking  
and the hours are but few.  
Thank you, Srila Prabhupada  
for casting me a net,  
to save me from drowning,  
in an ocean - cold and wet.  
I know I always ask,  
for yet another chance  
to be your crazy puppet,  
so please, please make me dance.

*Your servant, an insignificant fool,  
Krsni Devi Dasi*



Kubashnee Nair 🇮🇳  
Durban  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
All glories to you.

A HUMBLE AND SIMPLE thank will not  
suffice for the difference you have made in my life.  
Your books, lectures and devotees have all had  
the most profound effect on my spiritual life. From  
leading a mundane existence to now reaching an  
understanding of my existence and it gives so much

happiness to serve.

Thank you, my beloved Srila Prabhupada. I  
would have been lost without you.

*Your servant,  
Kubashnee Nair*



Kulasekhara Dasar 🇮🇳  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisance.  
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this sacred occasion 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  
nirvīśa-sunyavadi-pascātya-desa-tarīne*

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

**SRILA PRABHUPADA**, your kindness and compassion for all is so endearing to our hearts. The sacrifice you made and the austerity you endured to show mercy towards us is evidence of your causeless mercy to us who are suffering in the ocean of material existence.

Please, Srila Prabhupada, bless us always to imbibe your mood to try and show compassion to others as you did for us.

Bless us, Srila Prabhupada, to interact with each other with genuine humility and friendship.

Help us create a family spirit in service to your mission just as you wanted to establish a united nation with service to Lord Krishna as the center.

Help us graduate to deeper levels of bhakti where we maintain our individuality and contribute to spreading the glories of the Supreme Lord's Holy Names:

Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna  
Hare Hare / Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama,  
Hare Hare

On this holy day of your Sri Vyasa-puja, I beg you, dear Srila Prabhupada, to allow me to be an insignificant servant of your sincere servants.

*Your unworthy grandson,  
Kulasekhara Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Kunja Lila Devi Dasi  
Shelley Beach  
South Africa

### TRAPPED IN A NIGHTMARE

Helpless, alone  
I try to wake  
But temptations drag me down  
Deep into shadows  
Marked by the promise of death  
Over and over  
When will it stop?

An unexpected miracle!  
Jolted awake by an effulgence  
Still blind with pride and ignorance I would not bow  
Despite myself, I at least offer a flower  
And by your grace you save this  
undeserving, unworthy sinner  
This is your boundless mercy!

I am awake!  
Sanity prevails!  
There is beauty beyond imagination  
Reality! So much sweeter than the empty dream  
Reality! Where no fearful demons loom

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees



Reality! Where limitless love permeates

How can I ever thank you?

You sacrificed your place in the kingdom of the Supreme to save us

Overwhelmed with gratitude

Words do no justice

No gem exists

Nothing will alleviate this expanding debt I bear

To continue your mission is my only solace

My life now has purpose!

I am yours and you are mine

I am saved by your mercy

We are all saved by your love

This fool is saved by our dearest Srila Prabhupada!

*Kunja Lila Devi Dasi*



Laksmi Priya Dasi   
Johannesburg  
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to you on your most auspicious and glorious Vyasa-puja.

**I HAVE BEEN READING** Lilamrta for a while now, and this has made me value all your sacrifices, hardships, and victories so much more. Your conviction and determination in fulfilling your dear guru maharaj's instructions of spreading Krishna consciousness in the West have left me in awe of you. I am so grateful to your disciples for writing this most important part of our ISKCON history for us.

Reading through your trials and tribulations, the illnesses you experienced, and the disappointments, it is all so heartbreaking. However, reading about all the victories and all the happiness you experienced in being successful in your goals was

the highlight.

You are such an amazing personality. I feel so fortunate and eternally indebted to you for giving me a place in the home you have built. I pray that you always keep me engaged in any service you feel is fitting, and I pray to always accept. Please bless me so that I can never leave the shelter of your divine lotus feet, as well as that of my dear guru maharaj, His Holiness Partha Sarathi Das Goswami.

*Your servant eternally,  
Laksmi Priya Dasi*





My dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet on this most  
glorious day of your Vyasa-puja.

**MY OFFERING TO YOU** today is that of 'gratitude'. Having recently had the good fortune of traveling to the holy dham reminded me of how grateful we are to be a part of your ISKCON. Traveling to a foreign land is in itself scary and trying at times, but when you travel and have further restrictions such as dietary requirements, it makes it a little more challenging. Your ISKCON made our journey the most memorable and merciful one yet. Your ISKCON provided us with accommodations and the most delicious prasadam. Every night we went to bed receiving darshan and every morning woke up receiving darshan of all the magnificent deities in all your splendid temples. What more could we ask for!

Srila Prabhupada, your ISKCON provides us with everything we require to carry on our day-to-day lives. Besides being completely well situated, our days are blissfully occupied in chanting the Lord's holy name and trying to render loving devotional

service. It is unfathomable what our days would be like if we were not part of your ISKCON. ISKCON provides us with a safety net both spiritually and materially. ISKCON is our sanity in this insane world.

Srila Prabhupada, I want to thank you with all my heart for allowing us to be a part of your ISKCON. I want to thank you for allowing us to know, learn, and feel pure love for our most merciful Lordships. I want to thank you for allowing this most undeserving soul to know what my position in this life is. My prayer to you is to never allow my family and I to lose our place at the dust of your lotus feet. We beg to always be kept under your merciful shelter.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. Thank you!

*Your grateful grandchildren,  
Lalita Gopal Devi Dasi, Damodar Gopal Dasa and  
Bhaktin Vaishnavi*



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

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Loka Manohara Giridhari  
Dasa  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



Hare Krishna, dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.  
All glories, all glories, all glories to Your Divine Loving Grace.

*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**, your appearance is the most auspicious day. It is because of you that so many of us have come into contact with Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. You have started our journey back home back to Krishna. If you had not come, we would have no chance of ending this miserable world's repeated cycle of birth and death.

Srila Prabhupada, your mercy is causeless and limitless. You are instructing and inspiring living entities, Krishna's parts and parcels, every second, all over the globe, towards Krishna via your Krishna Consciousness movement and mainly your transcendental books. Words cannot even come close to describing your glories and how dear you are to all of us and your wonderful Krishna.

There is no doubt, Srila Prabhupada, that you are Lord Caitanya's chosen one.

prthivite ache yata nagaradi grama  
sarvatra pracara hoibe mora nama

"In all the villages and towns all over the world, everywhere, the sankirtana movement of Lord Caitanya will be preached" (Caitanya Bhagavata Antya-Kanda 4.126).

Srila Prabhupada, you have spread the chanting of the Hare Krishna mantra across the planet and made Lord Caitanya's prediction a reality. There is no doubt, Srila Prabhupada, that Lord Caitanya empowers you, and you are a very exceptional and unique soldier in His sankirtan army.

You have the blessings and full potency, our

glorious Guru-Parampara and all four sampradayas. Proof of this is how you, Srila Prabhupada, have made Krishna Consciousness - love of God, the most valuable thing available to everyone without discrimination. This is your incalculable mercy on all of us. By your teachings, one can worship Krishna in one's own home by chanting Hare Krishna, offering foodstuffs to Krishna, reading Bhagavad-gita, Srimad Bhagavatam, Caitanya Caritamrta and all your other books, and practically making the home a temple.

As the years pass, your transcendental and quite unbelievable accomplishments will become more and more well-known. Your fame as a pure devotee of the highest caliber of the Lord will increase, bringing joy to the hearts of all your sincere followers.

Your eternal spiritual master, His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Goswami Prabhupada, instructed you to preach this Krishna Consciousness to the Western world and that if you ever got money to print books. You traveled around the earth time after time to carry out this instruction because your heart is overflowing with compassion for all of us suffering souls.

You have stated that your books are non-different from Krishna, and to read your books is to associate with Your Divine Grace personally. So when someone reads your books, magic happens, and their relationship with Krishna starts to be revealed to them. This is the highest welfare work for everyone.

In my limited way, I pledge to help you, Srila Prabhupada, in your most important mission. Please give me the ability to remember and repeat your words and distribute as many of your books as



possible for your pleasure, Srila Prabhupada. I am useless and unable to do anything, but I will try by your mercy.

I thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for teaching me valuable lessons, for showing love and compassion even when I do not deserve it, for always

understanding me, for giving hope when there is none, for being a spiritual guide and a father, you are Srila Prabhupada, our ever well wisher.

*Your undeserving servant,  
Loka Manohara Giridhari Dasa*



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

**IN THE MIDST** of rampant selfishness amongst politicians, certain gross sinful activities being accepted as the norm amongst the people in general and so much suffering in the material sphere, you have given us an oasis of spiritual solace. You have lifted us up from our deep dark ignorance through your books and your merciful followers. You have provided us with a sustainable system of association and devotional service so that our little bhakti creeper can grow to a mighty and sturdy vine that reaches all the way to the lotus feet of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and then wraps itself tightly around the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha and Krsna.

We are deeply indebted to you for giving us this connection to the blissful sankirtan movement of

the Lord and we pray that we may always be engaged in some service to your dear and loyal servants.

We pray that our lives may become pleasing to you and that we may contribute in some meaningful way to your mission.

You are the saviour of the whole world and you have conquered everyone with your kindness, your deep compassion and your love.

All glories to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's Harinama Sankirtan. All glories to your dear followers. All glories to you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your humble servant,  
Lokanath Dasa*

 Lokanath Dasa  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada, Hare Krishna,  
Please accept my sincere obeisance at your divine lotus feet where I pray to remain and serve. All glories, all glories, all glories to you, Srila Prabhupada.

**I PRAY TO REMAIN** at your lotus feet as it is my only shelter. My only hope is you, dearest Srila Prabhupada. You are the saviour of millions and millions of souls, whose glories are spread over the three worlds, I am most unqualified but I beg you to save me too.

This year has been tough, but only through your

constant causeless mercy I am able to chant the Holy Name. I know I have let you down because you gave the world this incredible process to reach Vrindavan dham to forever serve their Lordships and I cannot even chant with bhakti and attentiveness. You are the warrior against the blazing fire of this material world, please guide me through my darkness

 Madana Govinda Dasa  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

towards your ever eternal bright light.

Thank you, dearest Srila Prabhupada, for bringing me thus far. I am nothing without your mercy. I only want to follow and serve my spiritual master who has dedicated his entire heart and life to serve at your lotus feet dearest Srila Prabhupada. You must be so proud of him. Your incredible, humble surrender to the Holy Name has encouraged a fallen soul like me also to try my best to make my spiritual master proud. Your sincere endeavours and instructions have led to many spiritual masters preaching all

over the world, giving many a chance to taste the nectar of the Lords Holy Name. This was only possible through your beautiful home you have built for all of us, ISKCON.

All glories to you Srila Prabhupada, time and time and time again.

*Your most insignificant grand servant of your servants of your servants,  
Madana Govinda Dasa*

Madhava Priya   
Johannesburg  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine  
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyā-desā-tarīne*

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

**THANK YOU** for making me Krishna conscious. Thank you for translating and giving us your books. I will always love you to the end of my life and back.

*Your loving servant,  
Madhava Priya*



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



Madhuri Devi Dasi  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

**SRILA PRABHUPADA** thank you for allowing such a fallen soul like me to take shelter under your lotus feet. You have saved me from the clutches of Maya. Krishna consciousness expanded in the western countries where mlecchas and yavana made a success in their lives under your guidance. How fortunate they are to be under your wings and spread sankirtana throughout the world.

Srila Prabhupada you are the topmost devotee of the Lord who organized so many dharma parikram which I really appreciate. It was unheard of before. I bow down to Vrndhavan, Mayapur and Jagganath Puri to be the holiest dhams in the world.

Srila Prabhupada thank you for guiding me

back to Santana dharma and nourishing me in Krishna consciousness. It has disciplined me having you in my home and serving you. Srila Prabhupada your presence is in your books will continue in the age of Kali yuga and change many lives and take them back to godhead.

Srila Prabhupada thank you for your kind mercy and giving me the opportunity to serve the Lord. May I always remain eternally in the service of your lotus feet.

*Your most fallen servant,  
Madhuri Devi Dasi*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada, our eternal spiritual master,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.



Madhurya Kadambini Devi  
Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa

**I WISH TO BE** a servant; I wish to be a devotee and I wish to be pleasing to you and all the acaryas in disciplic succession.

Only you can bestow mercy to help us on this path of purity. In a blink of an eye, you created a worldwide movement based on a personal loving relationship with God as well as His devotees. You taught us the true meaning of love and the promise of eternal happiness.

It's only because of you that people from all over the world, who would normally have nothing in common, have come together united to sing the glories of the Lord. Sacred places like Vrndavana have become accessible to people like me who knew nothing about spirituality and religion. You have brought down the transcendental teachings of the 6 gosvamis and the guru parampara who have so expertly described God's

true nature and purpose.

All the secrets of the Vedas and all of the hidden loving sentiments of the residents of Vrndavana have now become open to us. You have given us everything. I do not know the true meaning and import of what you have given us. Therefore, I pray that one day I may understand and that one day I will truly appreciate the treasury of love that you have opened for us all.

I pray that I always have a mood of gratitude towards the sacrifices you have made in order for us to advance spiritually and to attain the ultimate goal of life. I pray that I will be able to properly glorify you and always be your servant. Thank you for loving us in the true sense of the word.

Please help me to become your servant.

*Your aspiring servant of your servants,  
Madhurya Kadambini Devi Dasi*

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees



Madhurya Lila 🙏  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

**THANK YOU** for not leaving us in this material world to suffer. You came down to help us in all our spiritual practices and to bring us closer to the Lord. Without you, I would not be where I am today, and I am eternally grateful for you. I cannot express how much you have taught me, from your lectures to your

amazing books. Without you, I would be nowhere close to knowing about the Lord, and I am eternally grateful to you.

*Your eternal servant,  
Madhurya Lila*



Mahaprabhu Dasa 🙏  
ISKCON Phoenix  
South Africa



*My dear Srila Prabhupada,*

*nama om visnu-padayakrsna-presthayabhu-tale  
srimatebhaktivedanta-svamininitinamine  
namastesarasvatedevegaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desatarine*

**THANK YOU** so much for keeping me engaged in your devotional service at New Jagannath Puri, Phoenix, without which I will be so lost and engaged in serving Maya. I pray that I may only increase my devotion in Krsna consciousness, serving in your mission

and pleasing all the Vaishnavas.  
Happy Vyasa -puja Srila Prabhupada.

*Your most fallen servant,  
Mahaprabhu Dasa*



Maliga Bissessur 🙏  
Phoenix  
South Africa



Hare Krishna,  
I offer my humble obeisances to you Srila Prabhupada.

**LATE 2021** to early 2022 through a very difficult financial situation, I picked up the Bhagavad Gita As It Is (this book was on my shelf for over 20 years and I never opened it once), so I started to read. Amazingly I understood a fair amount of the deeper meanings of the book - all gratitude to Srila Prabhupada. By the time I completed reading my life

had changed in a huge way. I have always been very successful, but I also always had an inner thought: "What is the point of all this?". I am learning every single day by reading Srimad Bhagavatam. I cannot explain the joy and inner peace that I live through every day. I am content and I sincerely thank Srila Prabhupada for his mercy upon me the first day I

opened Bhagavad Gita. All glories to you Srila Prabhupada and I feel your teachings on every page of every book I read - most times I cannot even control

my tears. I love you.

*Maliga Bissessur*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to Guru Maharaja.



Manjumedha Devi Dasi

Pietermaritzburg

South Africa

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

**I AM SO GRATEFUL** for this opportunity to glorify you and thank you for everything you did for us.

I have come a long way, Srila Prabhupada; since I started practicing Krishna Consciousness in 1993, I have made much progress in my spiritual life and learned so much from your beautiful books, some of which I read daily.

I am so enlivened each time I read your books, Srila Prabhupada because I get your wonderful association. Thanks so much, Srila Prabhupada, for your causeless mercy and for helping me so much in my spiritual path.

I have been serving as a Pujari once a week at the Pietermaritzburg temple since 2017. I really look forward to serving our beautiful and merciful Lordships, Sri Sri Dayal Nitai Guara Hari. Despite all the challenges I have experienced in my personal and spiritual life. Our beautiful Lordships have reciprocated nicely and helped me continue my Deity service. My husband is not a practicing Hare Krishna devotee but does so much service by helping and supporting me. He does not usually attend our temple. However, he attended

three times already when I gave Sunday class. He was so fortunate to get Darshan of our beautiful Lordships. This is all due to your causeless mercy, Srila Prabhupada. Thank you so much!

I meet on a Zoom call once a week with matajis from various parts of the world to read Srila Prabhupada Lila-mṛta, your most amazing pastime, dear Srila Prabhupada. This is an enlivening experience for me, especially when we share whatever we read. When I read about how many challenges you had and how much you suffered for us, it makes my heart so sad and makes me realize how fortunate we are to have this beautiful home you built for us and to read your wonderful books.

I would be eternally grateful to you, dear Srila Prabhupada, for everything you did for us and all the progress I have made in my spiritual life.

*I remain your eternally grateful, worthless servant  
of the servant,*

*Manjumedha Devi Dasi*

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Manoj Dullabh  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



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

**I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS** my heartfelt gratitude for sacrificing so much to give us the real meaning to life. Without your efforts, I would not have a clear purpose in my life and I would have been so entangled in sense gratification. Thank you for giving me Krishna consciousness. There is truly nothing in this world that can make me feel more alive and at peace than engaging in devotional service, being in a kirtan, eating prasadam, and being in the association of devotees.

Having travelled recently to different countries, it is the best feeling in the world to be able to witness

what you have built for us. Going to a completely different country yet feeling at home is only by your grace. The prasadam, the devotees, the standards, all the same.

Thank you, dearest Srila Prabhupada.

I pray that I can always remain engaged in devotional service and in the association of devotees by your mercy.

*Your insignificant servant,  
Manoj Dullabh*

Mathura Mohan Dasa  
Mathura Mohini Devi Dasi  
Prahlaḍ  
and Jagannath  
Sandton  
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to your divine grace.  
All glories to guru and Gauranga.

**THANK YOU** for bringing Krishna consciousness to us and spreading the holy name around the world. We are all indebted to you.

We are so fortunate to receive your instructions through your books and direct disciples who are always serving you by preaching Krishna consciousness. To fulfil your mission we are trying our best to serve our guru and the devotees.

On your Vyasa-puja day we beg you to please keep us engaged in devotional service. We pray to always remain your surrendered servants.

All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your humble and grateful servants,  
Mathura Mohan Dasa, Mathura Mohini Devi Dasi,  
Prahlaḍ and Jagannath*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine  
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascaty-a-des-a-tarine

**I WAS BORN** in the darkest ignorance, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with a torch of knowledge. He shared his mercy by giving us the hidden wisdom and showing us our true purpose in this material world. O master of masters, our founder-acarya, thank you for saving us from this ocean of material suffering. We take shelter at your lotus feet, and

through your books, we are able to carry the message of Lord Caitanya and glorify thy Lordships, Sri Sri Radha Krishna.

*Your servant of the servant,  
Bhakta Moitheri Marota*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to you on your auspicious Vyasa-puja celebration. All glories to your ISKCON movement which is spreading throughout the entire planet so wonderfully.

All glories to the mission of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

**SRILA PRABHUPADA** so much has happened and is still happening on this earthly planet. Wars, famine, changes in climate etc. It seems as if the miseries and agonies of the material world are still ever increasing bringing so much pain, hardships, and unhappiness to human society. There are so many pseudo religious organisations trying to change things and mislead the human consciousness due to their own shortcomings, causing even more disturbances.

To some degree standing aloof from these situations and simply being observant, my heart melts from the thought of how immensely fortunate we are to have somehow and to some degree taken shelter of your lotus feet. If you had not introduced this Krsna Consciousness to us would we have ever seen the light at the end of this tunnel of material

existence. Our chanting, services, association of devotees brings us great relief and shelter from all the insanity that's happening around us daily.

You have saved us. I pray for the strength and mercy to save others. I beg your incessant, unconditional mercy to please allow me to be humble and sincere in this endeavour. Forgive my shortcomings, arrogance, sinful mentality and give me spiritual strength to help you in your continued mission of fulfilling Lord Chaitanya's desire. I am humbly begging Srila Prabhupada to be of some value to you in spreading Krsna Consciousness all over the world.

*Falling at your lotus feet, with all humility,  
begging to remain your servant,  
Mukunda Dasa*

 Moitheri Marota  
Durban  
South Africa

 Mukunda Dasa  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Mukunda Datta Dasa 🌸  
Durban  
South Africa



Hare Krsna Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your lotus feet.

**I WAS RECENTLY READING** an excerpt of yours in Hindi written on the 28th of June 1975 in Denver - it reads as follows:

“Harinama etna shaktishalilai ki aparadha karte hue jaapkiyajayegathobhiviyaktidhire-dhire-shuddhhojayega. Isliye hum mem jaapnahichod-nahai .Harparishiti mem hum mem Krsna ka jaapkarna”

I pray that your mercy always remain with me and that these words always protect me and keep

me continuously chanting Hare Krsna no matter what may happen in life.

Thank you very much for everything you have done for all of us.

All glories unto your divine lotus feet.

Jaya Srila Prabhupada.

*Aspiring to be a humble servant and devotee,  
Your servant,  
Mukunda Datta Dasa*



Nadiya Devi Dasi 🌸  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories unto Your Divine Grace on this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja. All glories to all the Vaisnavas of past, present and future.

**WITH EACH PASSING YEAR,** I see how your vision unfolds, and all the gifts of bhakti manifest in the most incredible way. If we stay faithful to the process, the goal is achieved. And that goal is so glorious - service to the Supreme Lord.

Your faithful sons and daughters are true vessels of mercy, so tirelessly cultivating devotion in the hearts of conditioned souls. The results of such acts can be observed in the lives of the amazing devotees in our midst.

More recently, I was so impressed by the life of a young devotee Her Grace Madana Mohana Mohini Prabhu. She so perfectly and spontaneously performed devotional service even though suffering from muscular dystrophy and being confined to her room. Her heart was overflowing with love for devotees and her Gurus, always finding ways to serve and associate with them.

Srila Prabhupada, you mentioned that purity is the force, and I can see in her life how perfectly she exemplified that. She did not look to material life for

enjoyment, but cultivated a higher taste through the process of bhakti - constantly observing Vaisnava festivals and honouring acaryas by being immersed in hearing about them and glorifying them. She showed how to attract mercy and also how it is possible and essential to stay connected to these great souls. She relentlessly offered her life in every way by simply following your process Srila Prabhupada.

I was so moved by her tenacity to serve His Holiness Giriraj Swami Maharaj. She would call his servants and ask for detailed information on how his room looked, and where each personal item was placed - it was all in preparation to serve Maharaj and that was her meditation - years of mental preparation. It was this love and devotion that brought His Holiness Giriraj Swami Maharaj to Pune, in reciprocation - how glorious!

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for all these amazing souls that teach us practically how to execute this sublime process that you gave us.

Today, on this most wonderful occasion, I sincerely beg for the dust of your lotus feet so that I can

be able to receive the association of the Vaisnavas birth after birth. Sometimes, I struggle and fall, but please keep me tightly bound to your lotus feet.

*Your granddaughter,  
Nadiya Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Grace!  
We wish you a very happy Vyasa-puja today our beloved Srila Prabhupada.

**ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY**, we would like to offer our heartfelt appreciation to Your Divine Grace. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving us everything in the most perfect way. We love your books, ISKCON, lectures, memories, pastimes and parsada. We love everything about Your Divine Grace and everything you have selflessly given us. It is truly a matchless gift, and we want to share it with everyone because we are all suffering in this material world and Krishna consciousness is the only solution to our problems.

An exemplary acharya, a brilliant author with outstanding purports and volumes of spiritual literature, a most compassionate master, humble, meek, most kind, pure and a perfect gentleman. Srila Prabhupada, Your Divine Grace and your ISKCON has transformed this world transcendently and with time you will be loved, appreciated and honoured

even more.

We beg to eternally remain in your ISKCON at your lotus feet doing our small little part to serve and please Your Divine Grace. We pray to always remember you and never forget you. Bless us to take Krishna consciousness sincerely and wholeheartedly, always remaining fixed, loyal and enthusiastic in bhakti and sadhana and wanting to share Krishna consciousness with others.

Thank you very much Srila Prabhupada, we are nothing without your causeless mercy and remain ever indebted to you.

*With all the love in our hearts your insignificant servants of the servants of the servants of Your Divine Grace,  
Nalinikanta Dasa and Hemavati Radhika Devi Dasi*



Nalinikanta Dasa  
and Hemavati Radhika Devi Dasi  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada, Hare Krishna.  
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

**MY SAVIOR**, Srila Prabhupada, you opened my eyes with the torchlight of knowledge and gave us Krishna consciousness and the maha-mantra to chant. Just by reading your books, “The Science of Self-Realization” and the “KrsnaBook”, I was encouraged to surrender to Krishna. You made me realize who the Supreme Lord is.

With the mercy of your guru and Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, you spread Krishna

consciousness throughout the world. Despite the hardship you went through, you didn’t give up, just to save us from this material world. I am so grateful, and so indebted to you for many lifetimes. I will never be able to pay back what you did for us.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krishna!

*Your servant,  
Nama Lila Devi Dasi*



Nama Lila Devi Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Nama Ruchi Devi Dasi  
and Sadhu Seva Dasa  
Durban  
South Africa



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

*nama om visnu-padayakrsna-presthayabhu-tale  
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine  
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desatarine*

**RECENTLY**, I had an opportunity to witness how your association has flowed through the hearts of your disciples and well-wishers. It opened my eyes to how your every action was filled with love and kindness. Love for Krsna, love for ISKCON, love for your disciples and most of all your love and kindness for the entire world.

Every ISKCON temple where your deity is placed feels like you are physically standing there with your arms wide open, ready to receive anybody that walks through those doors. That warm feeling crosses all over my being. We can call that

place a temple, a tirtha, a mandir but most of all for me it is a home.

Home for me will always be a shelter of love, kindness, safety, happiness and warmth. You have given us all these things and so much more to share it with everyone we meet. Today, on your Vyasa-puja I pray that I adopt your mood of love. I beg for the shelter of your lotus feet to contribute to your ISKCON movement in some little way possible.

*Your servants,  
Nama Ruchi Devi Dasi and Sadhu Seva Dasa*











My dearest Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your divine lotus feet.  
All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to your glorious ISKCON.

**THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY** of your divine appearance makes me proud to be your grandson and belong to this glorious family that you have created. Your instructions that you have left in your books and classes are enough for the whole planet to attain the desired success, Krishna-prema. Unfortunately, the majority of people are not open to receiving this mercy.

I am hopeful Srila Prabhupada that by hanging onto your dhoti I will one day reach the planet of no return and eternally serve the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha and Krishna (although I am most unqualified, but I am hoping against hope).

I try my best to serve your ISKCON to the best of my capacity in any service that comes my way. Although I know my service is unworthy, but what can I do, I am lazy, unintelligent and a typical

Kali-yuga rascal. Death is knocking on my door in the guise of pain and disease. Devotees are leaving and yet I am thinking that I still have time. Oh what a fool am I.

You are our saving grace and therefore I am trying to clutch unto your divine lotus feet, but my hand is too weak and slipping. I am therefore praying to you to give me the ability to be fully prostrate at your divine lotus feet.

Please protect your disciples and leading grand-disciples and guide them with intelligence to take your ISKCON forward.

Jagad-guru Srila Prabhupada ki jai.

*Your unworthy grandson,  
Namacarya Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

In this material world, where there is so much strife, calamities, and no peace, we can only depend on your infinite mercy to rescue us. More and more we realize there is no other way, other than to take

shelter of your divine, lotus feet...

*Your spiritual granddaughter,  
Nandamukhi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet where all the Vaishnavas have taken shelter. All glories to you on your appearance day. Your glories are sung all over the three worlds. All glories to my spiritual master, His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami.

**SRILA PRABHUPADA**, on this auspicious day of your divine appearance, your glories are being sung, poems are written, and memories are being shared.

I listen with awe at all the sweetness that has been captured and shared by your disciples. I cannot get enough. Currently, who has such divine qualities

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South Africa

 **Nandamukhi Dasi**  
Durban  
South Africa

 **Nandanandini Devi Dasi**  
ISKCON Cape Town  
South Africa

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& Other Devotees**

as you? Anyone that even does some good has ulterior motives.

I have been listening to many memories of you and your divine pastimes, and as the common term goes “god sent”. A term used loosely to describe a person doing good on a material platform and that person still have Karmic reaction. A so called charitable person who does “good” deeds to those in less fortunate situations. An everyday person will interpret said man as a Godsend, however he is still doing deeds on the material platform and will consequently still take karmic reaction for his actions, and those less fortunate people will have only their body temporarily satisfied. But a person that speaks and only teaches about the Absolute Truth is one that is Patita-pāvana – the deliverer of the fallen.

tad-vijñānārtham sagurumevābhigacchet  
samit-pāṇiḥ śrotriyaṁ brahma-niṣṭham

“In order to learn the transcendental science, one must approach the bona fide spiritual master in disciplic succession, who is fixed in the Absolute Truth.”  
- Muṇḍaka Upaniṣad 1.2.12

Srila Prabhupada, as your followers we understand this as you were sent by the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Kṛṣṇa.

This is very nicely described in the first stanza in the Gūrva-aṣṭaka by Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura -

saṁsāra-dāvānala-liḍha-loka-  
trāṇāyakāruṇya-ghanāghanatvam  
prāptasyakalyāṇa-guṇārṇavasya  
vandeguroḥ 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.”

Srila Prabhupada, it is understood that the spiritual master is coming from Lord Kṛṣṇa. He acts as “power of attorney” for the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Power of Attorney empowers one to act and make decisions on behalf of a certain person. There are many incidents that you understood our fallen nature and made it practical for us to be able to go back to Godhead. You have told us many times, just follow these rules, I will personally come and take you to the Supreme Lord. I have the back door keys.

His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami related an incident that occurred in 1972 at the London temple. You were giving a class when you suddenly went very silent. You were looking at the Deities, which were next to where you were sitting. It was already a few minutes gone that you were silent, and then you said, “I have captured Kṛṣṇa for you’ll, please take Him”. This story still pulls at my heart strings.

Srila Prabhupada, to leave the Supreme abode to come and save us fallen and conditioned souls must have been so difficult. Who would want to? Only you, who has so much compassion, kindness and love. Thank you so much Srila Prabhupada. I know in all my lifetime I will not be able to pay this debt, but I can pray to always take shelter of your divine lotus feet.

Please accept this humble offering.

*Your granddaughter,  
Nandanandini Devi Dasi*







Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.  
All glories to Your Divine Grace. All Glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga.



Narahari Dasa  
Durban  
South Africa

**TO OUR DEAREST** spiritual grandsire, Srila Prabhupada, I offer millions of dandavats and humble obeisances at your lotus feet for your loving and compassionate mercy. In your expert, but tactful manner, you gave the whole of humanity at large, the most confidential knowledge in Krishna consciousness and the holy names of the Lord.

Admirably, you undoubtedly are the chosen one, not only by your spiritual master but by the Supreme Personality of Godhead himself, Sri Krishna. There are no amount of words that can epitomise or glorify the magnitude of the deeds of goodwill and enlightenment - what to speak of peace, happiness and tranquillity - that you single-handedly provided, and in doing so, transformed the millions of lives throughout this world!

You provided all of us with the simple anecdotes

for our diseased minds and bodies, but most of all, you also gave us all the simple truths of life to enable us to be able to finally meet with our maker.

Please allow us to always take shelter at your lotus feet, for we are such fallen, degraded and insignificant souls in this material world. We are indebted to you for life, thus we humbly beg for your forgiveness for any offences knowingly or unknowingly committed against your teachings.

I thank you unconditionally for always having us, fallen souls, in your thoughts. My obeisances at your lotus feet Srila Prabhupada, the saviour of the world. His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada ki jaya!

*Your Servant,  
Narahari Dasa*



Dearest ŚrīlaPrabhupāda,  
Hare Krishna. Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet.  
All glories to your Divine Grace!



Nashvin Gangaram  
Durban  
South Africa

**UNFORTUNATELY**, this offering has yet again been written as a last-minute submission. I would therefore like to make a commitment that my offering for next year be a compilation resulting from a continuous meditation on you throughout the year. Please empower me to realize this.

This past year has been the most challenging of my life, but by your mercy I have been able to face these challenges and grow from them, and even appreciate and embrace them. It is at times like these that we realize our great fortune of being connected with your movement and teachings.

Without this connection, even minor setbacks in life would be a cause of instability, but with this connection, everything becomes an impetus for spiritual growth.

Thank you for arranging many opportunities to share Kṛṣṇa consciousness with others and improve the quality of various services.

Please continue bestowing your favour upon me even though I do not deserve it.

*An aspiring servant of your loyal followers,  
Nashvin Gangaram*

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Nayana Manjari Devi Dasi  
Cochabamba  
Bolivia



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga!  
All glories to you, our Founder-Acharya!

**THANK YOU** so much for coming to the material world to save fallen souls like myself. Your books saved me from what would have been yet another unsuccessful life. By your infinite mercy, I have had the opportunity to associate with you in your vani form, and with other pure devotees of Lord Krsna. You have really given me the greatest gift of all, knowledge of the path of bhakti-yoga, and not just that, you left us a clear way to implement this knowledge so

that we may ourselves one day become devotees of Lord Krsna.

I pray that you can find some way to engage a person of no real intelligence or significance as myself in your service, and hopefully Lord Krsna may then look kindly upon me.

*Your humble servant,  
Nayana Manjari Devi Dasi*



Nikhil Manilal Govindram  
Gauteng  
South Africa



Dearest His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to you.

**MY FIRST INTRODUCTION** to the potency of the holy name was through the book “Chant and Be Happy” by Srila Prabhupada. After reading such an exemplary book on how immensely powerful the divine name is, one line that has been engraved into my mind is: “Chanting the name of God is a form of service, and God reciprocates that service by purifying the heart from within.”

This alone has proven to be the absolute truth of how one can attain peace and sincerity of one’s heart. Chanting the holy name is like a purification process, much like soiled water passing through a

filter. My mind becomes filtered of all material distractions, and it only focuses upon the lotus feet of the Lord when chanting the holy name.

Srila Prabhupada has given the world the privilege to attain the true form of God in one’s heart, mind, and soul.

Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna,  
Hare Hare/ Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama,  
Hare Hare.

*Your servant,  
Nikhil Manilal Govindram*



Nikunja Kishori Devi Dasi  
Cape Town  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisance’s!  
All glories to your lotus feet!

**ON THIS MOST** auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for you coming to this world and spreading the message of Krishna Consciousnesses. Reflecting

back on my existence, I cannot even fathom where I would be right now if I was not given the mercy of following the Krishna Conscious movement. I would have been void of purpose, thinking that

maintaining this material existence and body to be my purpose. How fortunate and grateful are we to have been delivered from such an unimaginable and miserable existence.

I was not fortunate enough to have had your personal association dear Srila Prabhupada but I have realized that through other means I have been given the mercy to personally associate with you.

I have had the good fortune of serving in your temple and through the mercy of many devotees who have swapped down to carry me in my service to Krishna, I have had the good fortune of making garlands for the Lords, doing backup service that enabled me to put you to rest in the evenings and now I have the mercy of cooking for the Lords in the mornings.

Every day you show me how to accelerate my progress towards the lotus feet of Sri Sri

Radha and Krishna by improving my chanting of the Holy Names. By your pure teachings, I can understand that the perfection of my life is to be cent percent engaged in the service of the Absolute Truth, Lord Sri Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

My simple prayer, dear grandfather Srila Prabhupada, is that I always be engaged as an instrument of Lord Krishna's mercy without desire of material benefit.

Our beloved Srila Prabhupada, please bless us so that we can continue following in your unique example to carry on with our service of offering our lives to your divine lotus feet.

*Your servant and granddaughter,  
Nikunja Kishori Devi Dasi*



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



Nikunja Seva Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa

**SRILA PRABHUPADA**, I feel very bad to have disappointed you. Earlier this year I had some health issues and I had to press pause. I had some realization how I have just been going on auto pilot and not stopping to think and reflect on my spiritual practice. I love devotional service, but there has to be a balance, which I never made time for.

When I was confined to my room, I was very grateful that I could use the time to diver deeper into your books, and also try to be more attentive to my japa, which I am feeling is making a world of difference to my consciousness.

While I was in hospital, I had many of the staff inquire of my practice of spiritual life and when I presented them with your Science of Self Realization, they were so fascinated to hear about you and how you went to the West to start the movement.

Srila Prabhupada your purity speaks for itself.

People come in contact with you just by seeing your books, what to speak of reading it and you transform their lives. There are many people who are reading and practicing Krishna Consciousness just by getting one of your books, let alone meeting a devotee.

Srila Prabhupada, you created our good fortune. Although you were criticized by your God brothers for allowing ladies to stay in the temple, you did not let it bother you. Now we see that your centres throughout the world are mostly run by ladies or ladies are doing majority of the Deity worship, etc.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you once again for creating my good fortune, for giving us the holy name and residence in the holy Dham, where you made every step a dance, every word a song and there is a festival every day.

Srila Prabhupada, I am very grateful to you for all that you have done for me, and I pray that you will

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empower me to go out and give this gift of Krishna consciousness to others.

Begging to always remain in your divine association and to always be sheltered at your lotus feet.

*Your unworthy granddaughter,  
Nikunja Seva Dasi*



Nimai Mistry 🙏  
Randburg  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada, Hare Krishna!

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada, on your most auspicious Vyasa-puja.

**THANK YOU** so much for giving all of us an equal amount of mercy and intelligence to chant and read your books like “Chant and Be Happy”. I’ve started reading it, and it’s really interesting!!! I really enjoy reading, and I’m really looking forward to reading more of your books!!!

Thanks for giving us the power to think and

satisfy Krishna and Radha. Thanks for being there for us always, and we are grateful and thankful for you!!!!I pray for your protection so much.

Thank you so much!!!!!!

*Your servant of the servants,  
Nimai Mistry (7 years old)*



Nirupama Bhakti Devi Dasi 🙏  
Blantyre  
Malawi



Hare Krishna,

Please accept my most humble obeisances His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

**I FEEL SO BLESSED** to be a part of your movement Prabhupada, I am here only by your, my guru maharaja HH Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj and his dear disciple HG Batu Gopal Prabhuji’s mercy on a fallen soul like me. When I hear the innumerable initiation stories of disciples, I feel so blessed about my initiation, I cannot emphasize enough. Almost a year into this moment, I feel I am doing enough sometimes and sometimes I feel like I am such a disappointment, but when I listen to your lectures or kirtans it just brings back the inspiration to follow your path, many folds stronger than before. I am honored to have this opportunity to give you my message through this medium, on your Vyasa-puja 2023. Infact just yesterday I could play the kartal after just three days of practice but only to your tune of the

Hare Krishna maha mantra. And it only confirmed your constant love and attention towards me, I am sure every disciple on this path of devotion, on this path back to Godhead initiated by you is under your constant shelter.

I can’t thank you enough for your love, mercy and blessings JagatGuru. Please bless me to always stay strong and grow deeper in this movement and achieve Krishna Prema.

Jai Srila Prabhupada

Jai Guru and Gauranga

Jai Jai Shri Shri Radha Shyamsundar

Jai Jai Shri Shri Radha Damodar

Jai Jai Shri Shri Radha Madhav

*Nirupama Bhakti Devi Dasi*







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

 Nityananda Dasa  
and Vasudha Devi Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa

IN 1975 there was a wonderful pastime you exchanged with some Hindu leaders from other organisations and their profound appreciation of you and your work. While in Berkeley, Śrīla Prabhupāda received a visit from Yogi Bhajan, founder of the HHH Foundation, Swami Chidananda, president of the Divine Life Society, and Jain leader Swami Sushill Muni, president of the World Fellowship of Religion. Swami Sushill wore a white turban and, across his mouth, a white mask, in the tradition of the nonviolent Jains, who try to avoid killing even airborne microbes. Yogi Bhajan, dressed in typical Sikh fashion of white turban and white loose-fitting garments, was accompanied by a few of his Western disciples, similarly attired. Visits from various swamis and yogīs were not uncommon for Śrīla Prabhupāda. Even when he did not agree with a particular philosophy, he was always the cordial host, pleasantly receiving guests in his simple quarters.

In Hawaii Yogi Bhajan had also visited Śrīla Prabhupāda to invite him to his Unity of Man Conference, which many sādhus were already scheduled to attend. Śrīla Prabhupāda had spoken sternly, pointing out that simply gathering people at a meeting was not unity. Real unity could be achieved only if the participants of the meeting agreed to accept the authorized science of God in the revealed scriptures. Now they had come to invite him to a second Unity of Man conference.

Swami Sushill and Swami Chidananda were particularly enthusiastic in praising Śrīla Prabhupāda and his ISKCON. “Your movement is something different,” said Swami Chidananda. “It’s all over the world, and you have so many thousands of people all over the world. We can’t describe it. It’s so amazing, and in this age how wonderfully it has been done! Without God’s mercy nothing could have been done. That six lakhs of magazines have come out and been

distributed in one month – it’s amazing!”

Swami Sushill added, “You have established the same principles without any change here in a modern way. In Bengal, without your āśrama we couldn’t have done anything. When we know there is an āśrama of Caitanya Mahāprabhu, we don’t need to worry about anything, where to stay. What strikes me is that you don’t compromise anywhere.”

They mentioned the horrible sin of cow slaughter, and Śrīla Prabhupāda told how his movement was protecting cows in New Vrindaban. When Swami Sushill asked how Prabhupāda interested the young people in God, Prabhupāda gave the example that the most popular sweet shop in Delhi was the one where everything was made with pure ghee. “If the thing is good,” Prabhupāda said, “then there won’t be a shortage of customers.” He further pointed out that his teachings were based purely on Bhagavad-gītā, surrender to Kṛṣṇa.

When Swami Sushill asked how Prabhupāda got his followers to take shelter of Kṛṣṇa, Prabhupāda replied, “It’s God who did it. God says, māmekāṁśaraṇamvraja. So that is our duty – just to take shelter of Him. Lord Caitanya says, yāredekhatāre kaha kṛṣṇa-upadeśa. That is, whoever you meet, just preach the teachings of Kṛṣṇa as in the Bhagavad-gītā. I don’t have any upadeśa [instructions]. It’s just Kṛṣṇa’s upadeśa. We are all foolish. We can’t have any upadeśa. So, what are the teachings of Kṛṣṇa? We just keep on saying them. Kṛṣṇa says do like that, and that’s what we do. So this is our secret. I do this, and that’s what I teach to all these people. I am totally against manufactured religion. Evaṁparamparā-prāptam – just as Kṛṣṇa says.”

In reply to Swami Sushill’s question of how people could be brought together, Prabhupāda quoted a verse from Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam that lists many races of the world and explains that all of them can be

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purified by taking shelter of Kṛṣṇa's pure devotee.

Prabhupāda's guests again invited him to their conference, and Swami Sushill added, "We were very glad to meet you today. We would like to call you sometime in our meeting of yoga-dharma."

"We'll come," said Prabhupāda. "What about your fellowship?"

"It's called World Fellowship of Religion," said Swami Chidananda. "Yogiji has made this Unity of Man Conference."

"But we invited him," said Yogi Bhajan, referring to the previous invitation.

Swami Chidananda: "But now you are having the second one."

Yogi Bhajan: "Yes, the second meeting is in Mexico. We will call him then as well."

ŚrīlaPrabhupāda smiled and said, "I told you before, there is not going to be any unity." This candid remark made them laugh.

"You say," said Swami Chidananda, remembering Prabhupāda's analysis, "that until everyone is God-minded, until then..."

"When God will desire," said Yogi Bhajan, "then everyone will become God-minded. What's the great deal about it?"

"God Himself says," said Śrīla Prabhupāda, "duḥkhālayamaśāśvatam – there is suffering. You cannot stay in this world. You have to leave. The main problem is birth, old age, disease, and death. So we are not anxious to adjust these things here, but these are the real problems."

"What can we do about birth, old age, disease, and death?" asked Swami Chidananda.

ŚrīlaPrabhupāda continued preaching Bhagavad-gītā. Without overtly disagreeing, Prabhupāda's

guests inquired and listened with respect, considering him a great spiritual leader, potent in spreading Hindu dharma.

"He is great," said Yogi Bhajan. "That's what I want to learn – how he can do that."

Thank you for being merciful and kind to all humanity. You are like a sacred cow us – whom ever comes and takes your divine darshan – get nourishment.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, you are like Narada Muni, the transcendental preacher traveling all over the universe. In Srimad Bhagavatam 4.27.22 purport you very nicely explain: "The great sage Nārada Muni has a spiritual body; therefore old age, disease, birth and death do not affect him. Nārada is the most kind devotee of the Supreme Lord, and his only business is to travel all over the universe and preach God consciousness. In other words, his business is to make everyone a Vaiṣṇava. Under the circumstances, there is ordinarily no need for him to stay in one place for more than the time he requires to preach. Since by his own free will he is already traveling all over the universe, the curse of Kālakanyā is described as fortunate. Like Nārada Muni, many other devotees of the Lord are engaged in preaching the glories of the Lord in different places and in different universes. Such personalities are beyond the jurisdiction of material laws."

You have blessed your disciples and grand disciples to follow in Narada Muni's footsteps – which is non different from your footsteps.

Thank you.

*Your servants of your servants,  
Nityananda Dasa and Vasudha Devi Dasi*





Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All Glories to Sri Sri Radha Krsnaji, Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhuji and to Their Lordships Jagannath, Baladev and Subhadra Maharani ji and to Sri Giri Govardhan ji.



Noleen Durgapersadh  
Durban  
South Africa

**I AM FOREVER GRATEFUL** to you for your wonderful and meaningful impact on my life , for re-purposing my life and giving profound value and direction to my existence.

Kindly grant me your blessings so I can continue to distribute your books and engage in devotional

service in ISKCON.

Thank you for being a saviour to all living entities in this world.

*With severest appreciation and gratitude,  
Noleen Durgapersadh*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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



Ntumba Kalombo Jessica  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

**I OFFER MY HUMBLE** obeisances unto you - His Divine Grace A.C Bhaktivendanta Swami Prabhupada - the divine messenger of our Lord Sri Krishna.

I am grateful for the companionship that you have provided me along my journey back to Godhead. But I am mostly grateful for the example you have set for me to follow as a human in this material world. I thank Krishna for your existence and your shelter as my guide and absolute life coach. All

glories unto you, Sri Gauranga, and Gurudeva. All glories to you, my beloved grandfather.

Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna,  
Hare Hare / Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama,  
Hare Hare.

Srila Prabhupada ki jaya!

*Your granddaughter and student,  
Ntumba Kalombo Jessica*



Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Oomawathie Albert Krishna  
Durban  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

**WITH SO MUCH LOVE**, gratitude and humility, I thank the teachings of Srila Prabhupada that has made me a great and completely healed devotee in Krishna Consciousness now and forever. Salutations to the

Lordships Radhe Radhe. Hare Krishna.

*Oomawathie Albert Krishna*



Oomawathie Albert  
Durban  
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.

**SRILA PRABHUPADA**, my humble obeisances onto thee, for leading me - a humble devoted servant of Supreme Lord Krishna and Sri Radha. I am ever so grateful and filled with love, humility and gratitude - now and for a lifetime - for the complete healing of my health conditions related to my throat, stomach, hernia and asthma; and for always blessing my

daughter Aradhana and our entire family with healing, blessings and protection. Hare Krishna, Radhe Radhe, Jai Jagannatha!

*Your Servant,  
Oomawathie Albert*



Oveshlin Govender  
Cape Town  
South Africa



Hare Krishna dear Srila Prabhupada and godchildren of Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

**SRILA PRABHUPADA** distributed his books throughout the world and brought the stories of Lord Krishna and Srimati Radharaṇi to life. I would like to thank Srila Prabhupada for giving us the taste of this nectar. Please shower your mercy upon me and

all glories to you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your aspiring servant,  
Oveshlin Govender*



Padmanabha Dasa  
and Padmavati Dasi  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



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-padayakrsna-presthayabhu-tale  
srimatebhaktivedanta-svamininitinamine  
namastesarasvatedevegaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desa-tarine*

*sri-krsna-caitanya prabhu-nityananda  
sri-advaitagadadharasrivasaki-gaura-bhakta-vrnda*

**LET US OFFER OUR** respectful obeisances unto your Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, the spiritual master of this Age, who, out of his great compassion for those materialists who struggle to cross over the darkest regions of material existence, spoke this most confidential of Vedic knowledge, after having personally assimilated it by experience.

This movement is always growing from

strength to strength. Daily we see this in the progress ISKCON is making throughout this world.

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 most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.



**BY THE MERCY** of your Divine Grace and Guru Maharaj, I am here to offer you my appreciation and gratitude in words of glorification.

I am very blessed to be sheltered in the house, you built for everyone ISKCON. You built a house where everybody can live. I was reflecting how amazing this Krishna consciousness movement is. Whatever is desired sincerely get fulfilled. I served in a small place in Swansea South Wales with only few devotees, so devotees association is very scarce. However, this year marks the 50th anniversary of Sri Radha Gokulananda at the Manor. By your mercy, I was able to attend the holy name weekend. And I felt so immense happiness being in the presence of many senior Vaisnavas, your exalted disciples. Words cannot describe the joy but you know what

I can never repay you but I will try my level best to serve your mission faithfully to please you.

I mean. Even though I do hear from them online, seeing them in person is like being in the spiritual world. They all served your Divine Grace in very specific unique ways. And having their association is like being in your presence. They are all exemplary. I felt so fully satisfied coming back to the place where my service is. And realising that you did not only give us Srimad-Bhagavatam to read but you also left us many living Bhagavatams to follow. These devotees are living Bhagavatams. Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept this realisation at your lotus feet. Only by Guru Maharaj's mercy and your mercy, I am able to appreciate, admire and respect the devotees. Thank you ever so much Srila Prabhupada for everything you gave me.

*Your grand disciple,  
Padyavali Devi Dasi (SRS)*



 Padyavali Devi Dasi  
Swansea  
UK

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Parama Karuna Dasa  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



Hare Krishna my dear Srila Prabhupada,

**THANK YOU** for all the kindness and mercy that you bless me with. Our book distribution is going well every weekend. We try to do as much as we can.

Thank you for always listening to our worries and concerns and fears and always helping us.

May I always remain your humble servant.

*Your servant,*

*Parama Karuna Dasa*

Paramatma Dasa  
Durban  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to Your Divine Grace.

**I AM WRITING** this letter to express my deep gratitude and admiration for your profound spiritual teachings and the tremendous impact you have had on the lives of countless individuals around the world. Your unwavering devotion to Lord Krishna and your tireless efforts to spread the message of Bhakti Yoga have touched the hearts of so many.

Your dedication to preserving and sharing the timeless wisdom of the Bhagavad-gita As It Is and the Vedic scriptures is truly inspiring. Through your translations, commentaries, and personal example, you have made these profound teachings accessible to people from all walks of life. Your writings have provided invaluable guidance on topics ranging from philosophy and spirituality to practical aspects of living a meaningful and purposeful life.

The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), which you established, stands as a testament to your vision and commitment. ISKCON has become a global movement, touching the lives of millions and creating a community of devotees dedicated to the practice of Krishna consciousness.

I am grateful for the spiritual shelter and guidance that I have found through your teachings. Your emphasis on love, devotion, and service to Lord Krishna has helped me deepen my understanding of spirituality and has transformed my life in profound ways. Your teachings have provided me with a solid foundation for navigating life's challenges and has given me a higher purpose to strive for.

Even though you left this world in 1977, your teachings continue to inspire and guide us. Your legacy lives on through the many dedicated disciples and followers who carry forward your mission with great enthusiasm and sincerity. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for illuminating our lives with the divine knowledge of Krishna consciousness. Your teachings continue to touch the

hearts of millions, and your influence will forever remain a guiding light for those seeking spiritual enlightenment.

With deepest reverence and gratitude.

*Your Servant,*

*Paramatma Dasa*



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 His Divine Grace Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Thakur. All glories to Your Divine Grace, Srila Prabhupada, who was personally sent by the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu in His mission to reclaim all the fallen souls and to take us back home, back to Godhead.

 Paramisvara Dasa  
and Paramisvari Devi Dasi  
King Williams Town  
South Africa

*om ajnanatimirandhasyajnananjanasalakaya,  
caksurunmilitamyenatasmaisriguravenamah*

**DUE TO OUR** sinful activities, we have taken birth in this material world and we are now passing through this age of Kali-yuga. It is amazing that within this one lifetime and in just 50 years of it, we see the speed in which this world is deteriorating. We cannot even imagine what will happen in the future if the deterioration continues at this same speed.

Taking birth in this material world again will only mean taking birth in times that are extremely worse than what we are currently experiencing. Those who have not taken to this beautiful movement of Krishna Consciousness that you so wonderfully founded will not even know of the dangers that are still to come. How can someone prevent a dangerous situation if they are not even aware that it even exists? You have shown us the dangers and at the same time have given us the remedy for those dangers. For this we are eternally grateful to you, Srila Prabhupada. You have so lovingly made this information available to everyone. Such is your mercy.

Everyone, from the neophyte stage to the most advanced stage in this wonderful movement owe everything to you. Everything we know about devotional service to the Supreme Lord comes from you only.

The vastness of knowledge that you bestowed upon all in this world is immeasurable. No matter how advanced a person gets by studying your books they will still continuously gain new knowledge as they go deeper into your books. Your books are a universe of knowledge on its own. All the devotees in

the world put together can never repay you for what you have done for us.

It amazes me how you simply gave us the Hare Krishna maha mantra and with that an entire expanse of Lord Sri Krishna's mercy came pouring down upon us. The Hare Krishna maha mantra is the key to everything and you gave it to us freely.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, thank you so much for everything that you have done for us. To show you our appreciation and gratitude, which is near impossible, we can only glorify you every day by worshiping your divine lotus feet, and by following your instructions in your books and the beautiful leadership that you established to continue your wonderful work.

We want to wish you a very, very happy Vyasapuja Srila Prabhupada. We bow down again and again to your divine lotus feet and pray that you will always keep us in 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. Please hold onto us dearest Srila Prabhupada and never let us fall down. This is our deepest prayer to you.

Hare Krishna.

*Your very insignificant and lowly servants of your servant,*

*Paramisvara Das and Paramisvari Devi Dasi*





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

**SEEING AND HEARING** from you in 1975 at the age of six was my greatest fortune. Through this fortune, I have been able to get the association of devotees, receive the Holy Names of Krishna Bhagavan, and also meet and get harinam diksha from my eternal master Bhakti Caitanya Swami and also know the meaning of my human life of serving Krishna and His devotees. My guru is your eternal servant and dear associate.

As ISKCON, you and all your followers continue to give the world access to Krishna in Goloka Vrindavan of pure love. As jagat guru and our pre-eminent guru, you continue to save a civilization otherwise lost in sense gratification and repeated birth and death. You are paramhansa and parivrajakacarya in your prakaat-lila. You are in Krishna's super-excellent pastimes. All glories to you.

As His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati instructed, you left your comfort zone to benefit all beings, starting in English-speaking Western countries. You continue to smash impersonal and mayavadi philosophies and establish the personal nature of Krishna as the most complete, highest transcendental truth. Like all the pure Vaishnava of Goloka Vrindavan, your fame is spread in all the three worlds. Thank you for your mercy on me; that I do not waste this valuable human form of life.

By your mercy, I have been able to serve devotees, get their mercy, have access to knowledge of Krishna and His pure devotees through BBT books, and most importantly, distribute these books.

Many of us who love and are chaste to you talk of Prabhupada's books. This is because you established sastra in parampara as non-speculated transcendental truth, as our foundation. This is after lifetimes of speculation. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

These books will be around for the next 10,000 years of the golden age predicted in the Bhavisya

Purana. We now need to distribute the books you painstakingly wrote to benefit all fallen and conditioned souls, to claim them back to Krishna from samsara.

This, as you know best, is as per the desire of Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu (CC. Madhya 19.151):

brahmāṇḍa bhramite kona bhāgyavan jiva  
guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde paya bhakti-lata-bija

I have been fortunate to access Goloka Vrindavan Dham and give other fallen and conditioned souls latent access to Krishna through harinam, Food for Life, preaching, Nama-hattas, Ratha Yatra, and book distribution.

Since 1994, by your grace through my spiritual master and the Vaisnavas, I have distributed about 52,000 books and done nine marathons.

I hereby give thanks for meeting Jivananda Prabhu, Suhala Sakha Prabhu, and Sri Vrindavan Das at the St. Georges Mall in Cape Town in October 1994. I was seeking the truth and became distressed and materially frustrated in my search. Shortly after the meeting, I started doing books by your mercy and Lord Caitanya's arrangement. Due to past addictive karma and offenses at the devotees' lotus feet, I almost lost the association of devotees.

I, however, was saved by your mercy and the mercy of the devotees and my guru, Bhakti Caitanya Swami, who is a transparent medium of Your Grace. These days, I do book distribution out of love for you, my spiritual master, and the pleasure of the devotees, as the instruction of our parampara, to please Krishna Bhagavan and for the benefit of all beings.

By all this mercy, a seemingly difficult instruction of book distribution has become a blissful, satisfying process of Guru-seva.



As an offering to you in 2023, I offer and avail myself as a faithful member of your and our ISKCON and Bhaktivedanta Book Trust to do book distribution for the rest of this life predominantly in the Western world, namely Africa until such a time that old age predisposes me to leave my body in the Holy Dhams of Sri Vrndavan or Sridham Mayapur.

Even then, I intend to do books. To do so, I beg for your mercy to remain fixed in Krishna and not be affected by the thick ignorance, maya, of the Western world, to stay chaste to ISKCON without deviation, and to lose all material desire as I endeavor

to please my Guru Maharaj to whom you are also very dear.

All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada, not only today; for evermore.

All glories to Sri Krishna Bhagavan.

All glories to Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Goswami Maharaj.

Hare Krishna.

*Your grand disciple,*

*Patita Pavana Dasa*



Hare Krishna dear Srila Prabhupada and godchildren of Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

**TO ME**, Srila Prabhupada is vanguard of literary nourishment and bastion of Sanskrit knowledge. My immense gratitude and appreciation for Srila Prabhupada's invaluable contributions to Krishna

consciousness.

*Your aspiring servant,*

*Peri Govender*



 Peri Govender  
Cape Town  
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Pisima Devi Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa



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

*nama om visnu-padayakrsna-presthayabhuta-  
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine  
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-tarine*

**THANK YOU**, Srila Prabhupada, for saving my life! Without your sacrifice, I would have surely wasted this precious human form of life in mundane activities. I was never a happy child and I was always fumbling around in search of love not even knowing what love was. Until one day, 30 years ago, I was fortunate enough to receive two of your books. It is through your books I have understood what love is and the real aim and purpose of life.

Your teachings dear Srila Prabhupada set me on my journey and on the right path. Being so conditioned, I made mistakes along the way but you were so compassionate, understanding and merciful. You allowed me to continue.

By your mercy I am able to chant, follow the regulative principles, associate with devotees and engage in devotional service. My life has been one of struggle but you have helped me understand this through your Srimad Bhagavatam translations and purport, two of which I cling onto.

“My dear Lord, one who earnestly waits for You

to bestow Your causeless mercy upon him, all the while patiently suffering the reactions of his past misdeeds and offering You respectful obeisances with his heart, words and body, is surely eligible for liberation, for it has become his rightful claim”. (SB 10.14.8)

“The Personality of Godhead said: If I especially favour someone, I gradually deprive him of his wealth. Then the relatives and friends of such a poverty-stricken man abandon him. In this way he suffers one distress after another”. (SB 10.88.8)

I am sincerely trying, Srila Prabhupada to not let your sacrifices go in vain. I continually need your mercy and blessings so that I may advance in my devotional life and make my life successful by surrendering fully. Once again dear Srila Prabhupada, thank you for saving my life!

Your Servant,  
Pisima Devi Dasi



Prabha Durgapersadh  
Durban  
South Africa



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

**MY DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA** thank you for bringing Krishna consciousness into my life. Your selfless efforts are my saving grace in this material world where I am surrounded by individuals so soaked in sense gratification. Your beautiful literature and teachings are like nectar in my life. My day is only

complete when I read your exalted words.

Thank you for being my saviour and providing me with an anchor composed of the valuable philosophy with which I am able to live. I shudder to think what my existence would have been without you. Until the day you left your body, you preached

and I pray that I am able to serve you in a small way.

By your mercy and arrangement, I will continue to endeavour to live in accordance with your spiritual guidance.

Please guide and assist me in achieving this.

*Your aspiring servant,  
Prabha Durgapersadh*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet on this most auspicious day of the year. All glories to Your Divine Grace.



**BECAUSE OF YOUR** teachings and my association with the senior devotees of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, my life and my family member's life has improved spiritually. We are forever

grateful to you — all glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*Your forever grateful servant,  
Prajnan Maharaj*



Hare Krishna Srila Prabhupada,  
I am just sending you an offering of thanks for me being who I am today.



Thank you for your continuous support and advice on the importance of us wrapping up our business in this material world and focusing on coming back to you in the spiritual world

It is difficult but by listening to your morning walk lectures and reading your books gives me the strength and determination to follow your instructions even more

Thank you for your constant reminders on facing the consequences

If we don't follow your instructions this makes me more conscious of trying to do the correct thing. I know you are always guiding us and see this in many instances

Thank you for all the services you so mercifully send our way. We try to embrace it always so that we don't have any regrets. A very big thank you for carrying us through major incidents that come our way and for giving us shelter at your lotus feet as always.

Thank you for the biggest, most important service you have mercifully given to our family which

is book distribution. This gives us so much satisfaction knowing that your guru maharaja Srila Bhaktisiddhanta will be satisfied, not forgetting this also makes you smile

Thank you for being so accessible to us all. May we as a family always continue to serve you according to your instructions and please help us on our spiritual path.

We are so fortunate to have your association and thank you for your daily love and support and for allowing us to share you and Sri Krishna with everyone we meet through your books because your books can go to places where we cannot go. You told us that Mahaprabhu has predicted that the holy names will be heard in every town and village so book distribution is the only way.

Hope that you will understand my offering to you Srila Prabhupada

*Your servant,  
Prema Datri Devi Dasi*

 Prajan Maharaj  
Durban  
South Africa

 Prema Datri Devi Dasi  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Prema Sarovara Dasi   
and Madhava Caitanya  
Randburg  
South Africa



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

**EVERY YEAR** my gratitude to you grows, just a little as I attempt to grow in my insignificant way. This year, my reality checks have helped me increase my gratitude to you as I appreciate the sacrifices you so selflessly made to help us come back to Krsna. Honestly, I don't think I can or will fully comprehend these sacrifices as I continue in my complacent way to practise Krsna consciousness.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for the kindness you extend to us, have extended to us and will continue to extend to us.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your love that you so freely gave and continue to give

My favourite spot to chant is at your lotus feet, it makes me feel safe, at the lotus feet of my dearest grandfather. Thank you for your shelter, especially through times of challenges.

We are eternally grateful to you for your mercy. Kindly continue to keep us under your kind shelter

*Your granddaughter and great-grandson,  
Prema Sarovara Dasi and Madhava Caitanya*



Prema-vanya Dasi   
Bhakta Gambhira-caitanya  
and Krishna-Candra Dasa  
Durban  
South Africa



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

**AFTER THIRTY YEARS,** I have been very fortunate to be still given shelter in your ISKCON. Each day, as I read from your books or your numerous quotes, I find myself nourished and enlivened to hear. The process is hearing as you have meticulously illustrated, and by beginning my day with chanting japa and listening to kirtan while traveling or at work and by reading or watching your lectures and excerpts, I am constantly reminded how hearing is the key to this process of Bhakti. Reading and hearing are the basis, and I find that prayer naturally evolves. Prayer allows me to look within myself and observe my desires and goals. Prayer allows me to internalize and evaluate where I am currently, what drives me, and where I need to be ultimately.

Almost weekly, I find that whatever is embodied in my prayer is then illuminated by or resolved when reading your books or books about you or listening to your lectures. This makes me more conscious of my aspirations or my desires.

Each day, when listening to your unbelievable achievements, I am repeatedly astonished. Then, after a moment, I reflect on how you are not an ordinary soul.

Especially a few weeks ago when I read an excerpt of where one of your disciples wrote an article referring to you as a 'man who was changing the lives of people.' You corrected the devotee who read the article to you by saying to instead refer to you as - a pure devotee, self-realized soul, or representative of Krishna. This point hangs in my memory very often. From this point, I reflect on how you, as a uttama, had to come down to the madhyama level to accomplish so much.

Anyone, even a non-devotee who reads objectively about your pastimes, will find them beyond astonishing as no one could have done what you have done. Recently, I watched a video of various spiritual and political leaders who also extolled your glories and repeatedly stated that what you have accomplished is incomparable to any other person.



You are in your own category, dearest Srila Prabhupada - no one can hold a candle to you.

I also recall His Holiness Tamal Krishna Maharaj giving a class, stating in his bold way how you are the one who is carrying ISKCON and how you are guiding this glorious movement of Lord Caitanya's mission.

Everything we have, from your books to the

Deities and all in between, directly results from your causeless mercy. Everything we have in Krishna Consciousness is flowing from you.

*Your servants,*

*Prema-vanya Dasi, Bhakta Gambhira-caitanya and Krishna-Candra Dasa*



To my dearest grand-spiritual-master, jagad-guru Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories unto thee.

**THE VERY FIRST TIME** I started to chant I noticed I used to do it within two and a half hours, but now I'm not so quick as I used to be. I'm struggling in my chanting because I cannot finish in time. Dear jagad-guru Srila Prabhupada, I pray that one day you'll bless me

that everyday I will chant my 16 rounds very nicely within two and a half hours.

*From your dearest granddisciple,  
Premika Devi Dasi*



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

**YOU RESCUED ME** from this material world, yet still I cannot be grateful for this. I chant my rounds and read every day but I know it is not enough. You so mercifully keep me engaged in devotional service. I have the opportunity to do pujari service and I am indebted to you for that.

I have had the good fortune of having the association of your dear son His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami who kept me in Krishna consciousness. He taught me how to be a devotee, to chant with humility and serve the devotees. I know that this would not have been possible without your mercy. He always stressed how important you are to ISKCON.

You fearlessly travelled the world preaching and

teaching people to be Krishna conscious. Everywhere you went you made devotees and people appreciated and grew to love you. I also have the good fortune to listen to your lectures. You speak about Krishna with so much love and in great detail. You have simplified this process for us so that we can go back home, back to Godhead in this lifetime. You have taught us the art of dying and you are the perfect example.

Help me to always remain in ISKCON and to serve the devotees and the Lord unconditionally.

*Your most fallen servant,  
Priya Darsini Devi Dasi*

 **Premika Devi Dasi**  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

 **Priya Darsini Devi Dasi**  
Durban  
South Africa



**Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees**

Priya Malini Devi Dasi 🌸  
Midrand  
South Africa



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

**AN IMPORTANT INSTRUCTION** of Lord Krsna appears in Bhagavad-Gita As It Is:

“Engage your mind in always thinking of Me, become My devotee, offer obeisances unto Me, and worship Me. Being completely absorbed in Me, surely you will come to Me “. (9.34).

The only reason I am able to read this authoritative translation is because of your selfless effort to broadcast Vedic knowledge through the English language. You also created the vehicle through which this knowledge can be put into practice enabling countless souls to think of Krsna, offer obeisances to Krsna, worship Krsna, and to become Krsna’s devotees. You have

reduced the process of crossing over the unfathomable ocean of nescience to a small step over water contained in a calf’s hoof print. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. I am so grateful that I have been connected to your lotus feet by my spiritual master.

I humbly bow down and offer my eternal obeisances to you, Srila Prabhupada, the transcendental professor of spiritual science. Your transcendental lotus feet are the proprietors of devotional service. All glories to you! Hare Krsna.

*Your grand servant,  
Priya Malini Devi Dasi*



Puja Singh 🌸  
Witbank  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada, our dearest Guru,

**FROM OUR HEARTS**, we thank you so much for the sacrifices that you made for us. Without you, Srila Prabhupada, I would have been blind, not knowing what to do or where to go. I ask for your mercy for both my children and me.

Thank you for instilling such knowledge in your books and practices, just for us to

return home and render services to Sri Radha Radhanath and all the temples world wide forever. We bow down to you, our jagad-guru, Srila Prabhupada.

*Hare Krishna,  
Puja Singh*





Our dearest, beloved Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.  
All glories to your divine grace. All glories to your benevolent and compassionate nature.

 Pundarika Vidyānidhi Dasa  
Durban  
South Africa

**SRILA PRABHUPADA**, O kindest of souls, how fortunate are those who come into contact with your divine mercy, either through the medium of your books, your followers, your centres, or anywhere you have strewn the seeds of bhakti. This is your kindest favour to all of humanity – an opportunity to regain our service to the Supreme Lord.

I was being battered and tossed about by the unforgiving waves of this mighty ocean, gasping for air, and anxiously waiting, hoping, for it all to ease or cease – but on the contrary, it got more intense! It was so tiring and draining – going through it all day in and day out, again and again! But, by your divine arrangement, I encountered ISKCON and devotional service, which put me on the path of freedom. Although I am a novice to it all, I feel happy to

be on this journey. I know there is still a long way to go, and the journey can and most certainly will be difficult to navigate with all my anarthas and conditioning, I remain hopeful that with the association and guidance of the sadhus, I will be successful – making your divine grace proud!

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for all your sacrifices, efforts, and struggles just to make our lives fortunate and successful.

We remain eternally indebted to your divine grace for bestowing this blessing upon us.

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*Your eternal servant,  
Pundarika Vidyānidhi Dasa*



My Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept our humble obeisance's at the dust of your divine lotus feet.  
All glories to you, all glories to your ISKCON and your sincere followers.

 Purnendu Krishna Dasa  
and Family  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

**A YEAR OF TRIALS**, a year of learning's grace.  
A year of depths explored, in faith we embrace.  
A surrender pure, unlocking mercy's key.  
Where would I dwell without you? Who would I be?

Reflecting on your saving grace, profound.  
A lifeline against life's tides, I'm bound.  
No purpose lost, no aimless, drifting soul.  
Your love, the beacon that makes me whole.

Seeking answers, through the haze and pain.  
Only you reveal the truths that sustain.  
In heartache's grasp, you bring the healing balm.  
Opportunities missed, regrets transformed.

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& Other Devotees

Amidst the ebb and flow, sometimes it lasts.  
Sometimes it hurts, but still our hearts hold fast.  
For you, our beating hearts forever yearn.  
In weakness, you lift us, and we return.

Your loving call, an ever-guiding light.  
You never left, upheld us in our plight.  
Lessons learned in depths we never knew.  
Don't forget us, we plead, our trust in you.

We crumble, fall, our purpose seems unclear.  
Yet, you uplift us, even in our fear.  
Limiting doubts, you banish from our sight.  
Our fragility embraced, held tight.

Your presence constant, through it all, so clear.  
In patience, you wait, always drawing near.  
The lessons taught, their purpose now unveiled.  
For love unbounded, in you, we're held.

I couldn't stay away, your call, so strong.  
Never give up, you urged, despite the wrong.  
In the end, we strive, though trials abound.  
You lift us higher, our solid ground.

You saved my child, my precious, cherished boys.  
And me, who could have known, with endless joys.  
In their hearts, your words eternally reside.  
May they never forget, in you, to confide.

With freedom found, our eyes now opened wide.  
Through storms you raise us, our fears subside.  
Defeated we are not, winds of change you bring.  
Renewing hope, and joy, your gifts we sing.

You've given us a path, a home, a kin.  
Everything we need, your love akin.  
In gratitude, I pray, an instrument of grace.  
To expand your mission, your light embrace.

At your lotus feet, I humbly remain.  
Forever indebted, your love sustains.  
May your facility grow, boundless and grand.



As we walk together, guided by your hand.

*Your insignificant servant,  
Purnendu Krishna Dasa and Family*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisance's.  
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day.

**ALL GOOD THINGS** are only due to your grace and mercy upon this most fallen and foolish soul. Despite having fingertip access to the most valuable gift, I take the Krishna consciousness process for granted. As I read your books, get association of the Vaishnavas and try and serve their Lordships I am reminded of the actual goal of life, and the importance of this perfect process you have so mercifully shared.

I pray that by your unconditional mercy that I

may always remain under your shelter. Thank you for lighting the lamp of knowledge within my heart and elevating me to a position where I may take full advantage of this human life. I shudder to think of a life devoid of your love.

*Your aspiring servant eternally,  
Pushpamalini Dasi*



Pushpamalini Dasi  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



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

*om ajnanatimirandhasyajnananjanasalakaya,  
caksurunmilitamyenatasmaisriguravenamah*

**WE ARE GOING** to rejoice this day in your honour, because you are the most perfect Vaishnava and a representative of Sri Vyasadeva.

We are grateful to you for your mighty contribution in the form of written words and also in the form of your own behaviour.

Due to your causeless mercy you have translated the Bhagavad-gita as it is and have elaborately given purports so we can have a clear understanding of the message of Krishna.

You have also inspired the devotees to open goshalas where gomata, who is so dear to Lord Krishna, is offered all protection second to none.

Following your teachings ensures that we do not have to fear being misled by others.

*With loving gratitude and dandavats from your  
granddisciples,  
Raam Dasa and Chandrika Devi Dasi*



Raam Dasa  
and Chandrika Devi Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa



Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Radha Damodara Dasa   
Bhaktin Ashika  
and Radhika  
Durban  
South Africa



Beloved Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept our most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.  
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this Sri Vyasa-puja day of the year 2023.

LAST TIME, Srila Prabhupada we focused on how the constraints of a pandemic and the subsequent economic difficulties led us to better understand your teachings. You said there is danger at every step and that one cannot depend on a stable material basis. Actually, it is Krsna's mercy when material life is topped. In addition, Srila Prabhupada, you have taught us that when a great saintly personality departs this material world, there will be calamities. Your beloved son, His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami reunited with you, after many years of anguish being personally absent from you. This plunged the world, and more so, our world into a spiritual dearth and the material turmoil worsened. Now we find ourselves in an inexplicable world situation. You taught us that nations would fight nations without reason, and that wherever wealth is misused, there will also be immorality and diminishing human values. Now we see that a substantial part of the world is ruled by political despots, drug lords and terrorists. Most people feel they would like a change. Perhaps this is the transition to a period of time when awareness of your magnanimity will grow rapidly. You said that your books will be the law books for the next 10 000 years. As Kaliyuga worsens, more people will turn to your Society, Srila Prabhupada, and to your books, learning of the reality of life that is so much richer than the one they have followed. Almost no one is happy. Devotees of your Society are the only persons really enjoying life although appearing to the outside to be unfortunate.

You have taught us to use everything in Krsna's service - our wealth, knowledge and time. So although life appears harder, we must go deeper within ourselves to find the spiritual reality, to find our spiritual master, and to find you. While it is harder, it is also sweeter. Please bless us Srila Prabhupada, with the fortitude and presence of mind to persevere until success.

Each year, Srila Prabhupada, Radhika writes her own words of offering. This is her offering for 2023:

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

Words cannot begin to explain how painful and confusing this time has been. In 2020, we lost guru maharaja; it seems as though all of the situations dealt to us have been slipping out of control ever since, but I have faith in the lessons I am being taught through the hard experiences in life. You are the perfect example of someone who has never given up, and achieved the greatest success in the most challenging of circumstances.

There is a void in life, a disconnect. The only thing that helps me not fall into my void is your teachings of the Lord. By giving us Krsna consciousness, you remind us that life is more important than what society lets on. You saved us from an inconceivable amount of agony, confusion, and loneliness by working as hard as you did to bring us the Absolute Truth and to remind us of Krsna. I will never be able to express my gratitude towards you and my extreme admiration for your sheer determination and bravery, but I do pray to you that I am of some use to you and that this life of mine and the lifetimes ahead of me are not gone to waste.

I know that you and guru maharaj have been reunited, and I humbly ask for both of you to shower us with your guidance and protection.

Forever your servant,  
Radhika

*Your insignificant servants,  
Radha Damodara Dasa and Bhaktin Ashika*





My dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet on this 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-desa-tarine*

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

**SRILA PRABHUPADA**, you are the spiritual father for all the fallen souls. You gave us Krishna bhakti so we can go back to Godhead and survive in this material world. We can never thank you enough, dear Srila Prabhupada, for what you have done for us.

Srila Prabhupada, you are the most loving and amazing spiritual master in the world. You gave Krishna consciousness to the world as a whole. You

fulfilled your Gurudev's desire and spread Krishna bhakti to the world.

I offer my humble obeisances to the most amazing and loving spiritual master.

*Your eternal servant and daughter,  
Radha Darshni Devi Dasi*



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

**TIME IS GOING BY** very fast and my spiritual life is getting as I am getting older. I am currently engaged with growing bananas and papayas, some of which I sell, and I offer them to the New Jagannath Puri and Sri Sri Radhanath temples, my neighbours and my Guru Maharaj.

My other activities include cleaning the plastic waste in the environment and planting of leafy vegetables plus fruit trees. I also built my own hiking pathway and I train in boxing, hockey and I am focused on my studies.

Whenever there is time, I practice on my musical instruments, participate in Ratha Yatra and harinamsankirtan, but my main contribution to you, is that I opened up the Jagannath Athletic Club.

I feel that the basic norms of your ISKCON can restrict one's progress in Krishna consciousness.

Hoping to seek your blessing and guidance to advance more and to stay focused. Hare Krishna.

My dad says I was born differently. Garbhudan Samskara.

*Your Servant,  
Radha Radhanath (Age 18 years)*



Radha Darshni Devi Dasi  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



Radha Radhanath  
Cape Town  
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Radha Raman Dasa   
and Priya Kishori Devi Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa



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

**HAPPY 127TH SRI VYASA-PUJA**, Srila Prabhupada.

In the purport of the Srimad Bhagavatam (SB 6.16.6), you state:

“Harassed life after life by the laws of nature, the living entity wanders throughout the entire universe in different planets and different species of life. Somehow or other, if he is fortunate enough, he comes in touch with a devotee who reforms his entire life. Then the living entity goes back home, back to Godhead.”

Srila Prabhupada, we have seen how complicated life is for most people. We do things without understanding, with the hope of material gain. We become entangled in trying to find happiness in places that ultimately bring us misery. But, by your mercy, you have put this perfect plan of sankirtan soldiers to distribute your books to transform people’s lives, like ours, and you give them a chance to reestablish their relationship with the Supreme Lord.

Being in your ISKCON has been our greatest blessing as it has given us purpose and keeps us fixed in spiritual life. We are deeply indebted to you for all the hard work that you put in by

establishing ISKCON and the standards that follow. You have made it easy for us to follow and to understand.

This year we experienced the departure of

my Guru Maharaj, your dear servant, His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj. In his example, we see your instructions come to life and how if one takes their practice of Krishna consciousness seriously, their life can be perfected, even at the time of death.

We beg for your guidance in our lives on how to rid ourselves of unnecessary distractions and see our life through the eyes of Srimad-Bhagavatam. Our gratitude to you has deepened in our Srimad-Bhagavatam reading group as it really gives us the bigger picture of life and answers the doubts we have, especially coming from a non-Krishna conscious background.

In the chapter we are reading at the moment in Canto 9, we see how the Lord provides Ambarisa Maharaja protection through his Sudarsana chakra from the wrath of Durvasa Muni. Similarly, you, Srila Prabhupada provide us spiritual protection through your books and that is acting like the Sudarsanachakra in this day and age.

Please forgive us for our shortcomings and please empower us to assist you in your mission.

*Your servants,  
Radha Raman Dasa and Priya Kishori Devi Dasi*







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

 Radha Thakurani Devi Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa

**HAPPY APPEARANCE DAY** dear Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for coming to deliver the millions of conditioned and fallen souls in the age of Kali-yuga.

Like a rock-star your fame is spread all over the world. Rocking the world with the maha mantra, you have created the most amazing rock concerts that scream the holy names of Krsna in every town and village throughout the world.

Even other great rock-stars like the Beatles have succumbed and recognised your great rock music of the maha mantra.

Temples are rocking 24/7 with the amazing kirtan, festivals and lectures that you have given us in glory of the ultimate rock-star, Lord Krsna, for which our hearts melt and scream in joy.

Like many rock lovers that faint upon seeing the rock-star, similarly, when we think of Krsna, when we see His divine form and when we sing His name in glorification at these many rock concerts of the maha mantra and Vaishnavas, the yearning to go back to the spiritual world swells immensely.

You have melted our hearts of rock, dear Srila Prabhupada, with your compassion and transcendental knowledge.

You really are the most wonderful rock-star;

sublime in your attire, words, grace and ever present in our hearts, inspiring songs and words in glorification of the lost Vedic wisdom and the ultimate gem of knowing our constitutional position as dasa-danudas.

We are simply beggars at the concert hoping you will bestow your merciful glance upon us and take us from the material world of misery back to Goloka Vrindavan.

You are the ultimate diamond and to realise your worth we must take it upon ourselves to be serious in our Krsna consciousness. By the sole mercy of my spiritual master, HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami, I was awarded Brahmin initiation in January. Also, I try to distribute your books as much as possible. Please bless me so my other devotional activities can please you.

Thank you for coming to this empty and bereft rock called Earth and spiritualising it by giving us your transcendental association, lectures, teachings and books, and teaching us the point of the Vedas which is to love Krsna.

I am eternally indebted at your lotus feet Srila Prabhupada.

*Your fallen servant,  
Radha Thakurani Devi Dasi*



Our dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
All glories to His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. All glories to His Divine Loving Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Goswami Prabhupada. All glories to the divine loving couple Sri Sri Radha Radhanath.

 Radha Vallabha Dasa  
and Guna Manjari Devi Dasi  
Durban

*nama om visnu-padayakrsna-presthayabhu-tale  
srimatebhaktivedanta-svamininitinamine  
namastesarasvatedevegaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desa-tarine*

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

**THE ESTABLISHMENT** of your International Society for Krsna Consciousness is the greatest boon for humanity at large. It is indeed, impossible for anyone, in this entire material world to fully thank or commend you, for your impeccable deed in distributing this transcendental Krsna consciousness knowledge to every nook and cranny of everyone's heart.

Without your appearance, Srila Prabhupada, this material world would have been nothing less than a dungeon, in which every single living entity would 'rot' in darkness.

The introduction and distribution, of a single system of worship i.e. chanting of the Holy names of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Sri Krsna, known as the mahamantra, (Hare Krsna, Hare Krsna, Krsna Krsna, Hare Hare / Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare) in every language is, off-course, most unique.

This Hare Krsna movement does not only purify the hearts of everyone, but also delivers the spirit soul to their original domain - the spiritual world, simply by releasing them from the clutches of maya.

In this regard Srila Prabhupada, we, as your most insignificant grand disciples, can only thank you for sending your wonderful spiritual sons to continue waging war against maya on the battlefield of this material world.

Through them we can see your fine example you set as stated in Bhagavad Gita, (Chapter 3 Text 21)

*yad yad acaratisresthas  
tad tadevetarojanah  
sayatpramanamkurute  
lokas tad anuvartate*

“Whatever actions a great man performs, common men follow. And whatever standards he sets by exemplary acts, all the world pursues”.

Srila Prabhupada ki Jai !!!

*Your most underserving grand disciples,  
Radha Vallabha Dasa and Guna Manjari Devi Dasi*



Radha-dyuti Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisance's at your lotus feet again and again.  
All glories to you on the most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

**MY CONSTANT LAMENTATION**, Srila Prabhupada, is my inability to chant with taste. In a letter to Devananda Prabhu you wrote, “Simply our prayer should be, My dear Krishna, please remind me to always chant Your Holy Name, please do not put me into forgetfulness. You are sitting within me as Supersoul, so you can put me into forgetfulness or into remembering You. So please do not put me into forgetfulness.

Please always remind me to chant, even You send me into the hell, it doesn't matter, just so long as I can always chant Hare Krishna”. From this prayer we can feel the beautiful and unwavering conviction you have in the holy name. Below I have written a poem as an offering unto you in the hope that this prayer will help transform my lamentation into spiritual success.

Life portrays the constant mundane  
And forever remains fast paced  
Oh Dearest Srila Prabhupada  
I pray to chant with taste

Although so many hardships  
In every step we faced  
And yet Srila Prabhupada  
I do not chant with taste  
Days go by and hours are lost  
Time cannot be replaced  
And still Srila Prabhupada  
I do not chant with taste  
The effects of maya are oh so strong  
It holds me to disgrace  
And still Srila Prabhupada  
I do not chant with taste  
Your words so pure, filled with faith  
Your life the epitome of grace  
I hold on to that shining light  
To one day chant with taste

*Praying to be a worthy recipient of your blessings and favour.*

*Aspiring to be a servant of your servant,  
Radha-dyuti Dasi (PSDG)*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.  
All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari! All glories to your Divine Grace!



Radhakund Devi Dasi  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

**PRABHUPADA**, as the auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja day approaches, I try to choose a theme for an offering to you. I find that my thoughts are constantly on your glories and the loving interactions that you had with your various disciples and with people in general. Listening to so many of your disciples, the common thread is the genuine love and care that you expressed to all. I find that at different times in my life, different aspects of your exemplary life and achievements stand out to me.

Your dear son, Shyamasundarprabhu, spoke a few times of how they experienced magical things occurring because of “Swamiji”, as you were affectionately called then. He narrated how once when you were all rushing to go to a programme where

you were going to speak, they suddenly came across a bridge ahead, being broken. So you asked all the brahmacharis to get off the car. You then asked the driver to reverse the car and then accelerate forward at a high speed so that the car could ‘fly’ over the broken section of the bridge. The driver followed your instruction and managed to get the car to ‘fly’ successfully over the broken section of the bridge.

There were a number of other magical things taking place, for example the raining down of \$100 dollar bills which helped pay the rentals for the center or the sudden bolt of lightning when Shyamasundarprabhu had eventually plucked up the courage to ask George Harrison to fund the printing of the Krishna book and George agreeing to do so. Also, with less

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than 2 weeks to go before the opening of the Radha Krishna temple in London, a businessman suddenly made contact declaring that he had Radha Krishna deities and how you so expertly managed to get them completely free.

Srila Prabhupada, you always appeared totally composed and humble throughout all these miraculous occurrences. Your consciousness was always absorbed in Krishna and you continued the preaching about Krishna against all odds and challenges that arose. In the Damodar Lila it is said that the Lord is purchased by His devotees love. You, dear Prabhupada, are an exemplary personality portraying your intense love for Sri Radha and Krishna. So, it's no wonder that these magical moments manifested during your preaching in the West.

Even though you may not be physically present on this material planet anymore, the magic continues through your beloved books and back to Godhead magazine distribution and preaching. So many souls are continuing to be touched by the books that you have painstakingly and tirelessly translated. It continues to captivate people all over the world, giving them an opportunity to get out of this repeated cycle of birth and death.

Recently Damodar Dasa had gifted a copy of the Coming Back book to a security guard near a printing store. A few weeks later Damodar Dasa returned to the printing store and he heard someone screaming, "Sir Sir". Damodar turned around and saw the same security guard running towards him. He said, "Sir, that book you gave me, something happened to me when I read it. It changed my life. Do you have you have another book for me?"

Prabhupada this is yet another magical moment of you still touching yet another soul and another magical moment for book distributors since occurrences like this keep the fire of enthusiasm alive for book distributors.

Recently I messaged a businessman regarding the purchasing of books. I did not hear from him for a few weeks and I thought that perhaps

he was not interested. I know that I do not have a strong voice therefore I do book distribution via text messages. I was getting used to my text messages being totally ignored. Shortly thereafter I had another setback in my health and was in unbearable pain for many days. One evening I felt totally drained both physically and emotionally and just cried out to you to please beg Krishna to let me leave my body. Just then I heard my phone vibrating with an incoming message. Normally I do not check my phone when I am unwell however that day I opened the message.

It was from the businessman that I had contacted a few weeks earlier. He messaged, "Radha I'm so sorry for ignoring your message. Please can you send me the bank details for the books?" The bank details were sent to him. The next day I received proof of payment from him for a large number of books. Prabhupada, I cried different tears that day, tears of gratitude. Prabhupada, I knew that you knew that I was struggling and so you had given me your causeless mercy yet again. I always want to make you happy but here you had magically helped me make you happy with a batch of books being distributed.

Prabhupada as your dear son His Holiness Bhakti Tirtha Maharaj had once said that it's nonsense to think that you are gone. I fervently believe this Prabhupada because of personal experiences like this I realise that you are still ever-present and still care immensely for us and giving us your love, just like during the magical years when you had come to the West to preach.

Prabhupada thank you so much for keeping the magic of Krishna consciousness alive, in so many ways. For example, through my own personal endeavours of book distribution or somehow giving me the strength to continue or when you come into my dreams or by encouraging feedback from people who have had their lives change for the better due to coming into contact with one of your books.

You had once told His Holiness Indradyumna Maharaj, "So much endeavour in this material world



but when I take you back, back to Godhead, everything will be easy and sublime.” Prabhupada I find these words so comforting to cling onto. It is just the solace that one needs during the often turbulent journey through this material world.

Dear Prabhupada, I patiently await the ultimate magic, the day that you will mercifully snatch me out of this material existence and unite me with Krishna. I will then be able to experience the never-ending magic of Sri Radha and Her beloved Lord Krishna’s never-ending and most beautiful and captivating pastimes. The magical moments of Krishna repeatedly outwitting Jathila and Abhimanyu and sneaking yet another loving pastime with His most beloved Sri Radha.

Prabhupada you have given us a window to the magical spiritual world full of nectarean and often humorous pastimes of Krishna through your Krishna book and your various talks. This has

re-emphasised the point that you once made that we could be singing and dancing with Krishna instead we are here in this material world, rotting like dogs and hogs. All these miseries in this material world are surely the best impetus to hang on to your lotus feet, dear Prabhupada and to beg for your mercy in helping me to cross over this material existence and enter into the magical and ever-blissful realm of Goroka Vṛndāvana, where every step is a dance and every word is a song.

Dear Prabhupada, I beg of you to always remind me of the magical world of Krishna consciousness. Please bless me that I may always strive and be enthusiastic to serve you so that I may always remain a worthy recipient of your magnanimous mercy.

*Your indebted granddaughter,  
Radhakund Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Kindly accept my most humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.  
All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

**I WOULD LIKE** to thank you from the bottom of my heart for saving us, and all those connected with the ISKCON family that you have so humbly made for us. Life is so very difficult for many of us, and you coming and showering your mercy upon us poor souls, is a blessing in disguise.

You have given us so much love and knowledge about Kṛṣṇa through your books that it is impossible for us to comprehend all in this life through so much that you have given us.

Chanting the holy names of the Lord, a satvic


lifestyle, and best - mangal aarti, as well as Vedic culture, among others.

I also thank you for giving us a loving Guru

Maharaj in His Holiness Gopal Krishna Goswami Maharaj.

We all love you Srila Prabhupada – Haribol.

*Your servant,  
Radhamohan Dasa*

 Radhamohan Dasa  
Quatre Bornes  
Mauritius



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Radharani Naicker 🌸  
Durban  
South Africa



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

*nama om visnu-padayakrsna-presthayabhu-tale  
srimatebhaktivedanta-svaminitinamine  
namastesarasvatedevegaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desa-tarine*

**THANK YOU** for all you have done and given to us - creating a wonderful home and family for us to enjoy.

Your most instructive books, clear and concise philosophy and sweet devotional seva is not only easy to understand but is the only correct path in this day and age of Kali-yuga.

Thank you for dedicating your life to save us all, for caring for us more than we ever could for ourselves.

I apologize for not realizing sooner the best

thing I could ever do was surrender and understand my real goal of life. My only hope is that I am always on the path of bhakti and never forget why I am in this material world.

Please always engage me the lords and your amazing service always and forever.

*Your humble servant,  
Radharani Naicker*



Radha-rasa-sudha-nidhi 🌸  
Devi Dasi  
Centurion  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to you, our munificent saviour!

**AS I RELISTEN TO** Prabhupada-lilamrta, as read by your dedicated disciples, I remember how much you really went through to give us Krsna consciousness. Not only was bringing it to the west and building a basic foundation very difficult, maintaining it and building it up was just as trying. Your first Vyasa-pujas in the west were not celebrated properly, as the devotees had no idea about what to do. You had to patiently teach them about how to celebrate a Vyasa-puja, and how to worship adeptly. You even had to teach us how to celebrate you due to our complete ignorance. You fought many battles outside and within the movement. Fighting for Krsna's Temples, books and devotees, but also standing against speculative beliefs, sahajiya mentalities, great envy and the attempts to minimise your position as the founder-acarya of ISKCON. You're one of Krsna's

most special servants yet look at all the hardship you went through. I complain about dismal and fleeting problems and sometimes feel like there is no hope. But you remained forever fixed in your position of a Krsna-bhakta, regardless of every hurdle thrown your way. May I be blessed with such faith and determination.

Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur says in his song Bhajana Lalasa, song 7:

*ekākīāmāra, nāhipāyabala,  
hari-nāma-saṅkīrtane  
tumikṛpākori', śraddhā-bindudiyā,  
deho' kṛṣṇa-nāma-dhane*

“Alone, I find I have no strength to chant the holy name of Lord Hari. I beg you, therefore, please be

merciful, and with a particle of faith, give me the great treasure of the holy name of Krsna.”

Having to live in the ‘decade of tears’, your wonderful servants are leaving us slowly, and a deep sense of hopelessness overcomes me. Who are we to continue this movement on our own? What can I do with my limited knowledge and realisation? They were sold out to you completely, but I remain still trying to keep my one foot in material life. Surely

our only hope is to pray for mercy and guidance so that we may try to live up to what we already given to us. May I be blessed with such strength and steadfastness.

Thank you for everything you have done and are doing for us, dear Srila Prabhupada. We are forever grateful and forever indebted to you.

*Your granddaughter and eternal servant,  
Radha-rasa-sudha-nidhi Devi Dasi*



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

**IN LIFE**, we take so many things for granted, only later appreciating and beginning to understand their immense value.

In the first few months of this year, I really felt the therapeutic effect of harinama sankirtan, not just personally, but also visibly observed the tremendous impact this sublime process has on others. People are spiritually starving and harinama sankirtan appeases their hunger in this material wilderness. They become rejuvenated by the spiritual injection of harinama sankirtan. Many people we meet contemplate changing their place of living or work, or traveling extensively to forget the miseries that plague them in their daily lives. But alas, our judgement is so clouded, that we believe that if we extricate ourselves from our current situation, we will be better. Miseries will follow us no matter where we travel to. What needs to change is our mindset - we need to understand the temporariness of everything. So many times you remind us in your writings that a human being’s only business is inquiring from a bona fide spiritual master about how to extricate oneself from the entanglement of

fruitive activities.

Material life is like there’s a push on and off button... ‘on’ and everyone’s rapidly rushing around, then suddenly it all stops when the ‘off’ button is pressed. Death is a stark reminder of how limited time we have in this material world. There is a sense of urgency to use time wisely to cultivate our Krishna consciousness. You reminded us to turn to the one who will cure us from the fever of material existence.

When the world pulls us down, only He can and will always pick us up. Thank you for saving us from this battlefield of material existence, you selflessly ensured that we stay directed on the path back to Krishna, now the onus is upon us to stay dedicated to this mission.

On this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, I earnestly appeal to you to cast a drop of mercy in this direction.

*Struggling to be a servant of the servant of the servant,  
Radhe Radhe Dasi*



Radhe Radhe Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa



Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees



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

*vancakalpatarubhyas ca krpasindhubhyaeva ca  
patitanampavanebhyovaisnavebhyonamonamah*

**2022/3 CONTINUES** to be difficult for the mind and body, at least for myself. The world coming out of the pandemic appears to be more morally deprecated, and people are finding it difficult to steer through these murky times. It doesn't help us that our leaders in society, certainly in governments around the world, don't appear to have answers to deal with our seemingly complicated issues such as poverty, healthcare, justice, equity, employment, and so on.

With social media, it appears that living is done vicariously through others, from those who inspire to even those who are just different in their world outlook, and this doesn't even need to be with virtues. Everyone has an opinion, and that's okay until those opinions and views creep into your space and alter your environment. The truth is lost, often not even considered, and commonly peddled as inconsequential. The sightings of Kali-yuga are visible, and I am convinced no sane person will say otherwise. Your creation, the house you created for all—The International Society for Krishna Consciousness, is also not spared.

Srila Prabhupada, you have famously spoken: “Your love for me will be shown by how much you cooperate to keep this institution together after I am gone.” There are many other statements made by you with a similar intention of wanting your followers to tolerate their differences, ultimately cooperate, and never forget that the society should be like one big family, and the relationships should be based on love and trust. You even stated that: “we must give up the fighting spirit and use our intelligence to push ahead.”

Dearest Prabhupada, with each of your followers having their own views coming from their own past and present nature, compounded with the

subtle need to be independent and glorified, this makes it even more difficult to follow your request and desire for one big family. I am guilty of this and must take stock for correction.

While a family is expected to have its ups and downs, it is painful, especially for the children, to witness the difficulties in the relationships of their elders and siblings. Often, these difficulties can be easily resolved with one party showing a bit more compassion to the other, like a loving family member caring for the welfare of the loved one that needs more love. Of course, as a parent myself, I recognize that discipline is also needed.

This has been the general flavor of my experience in the year since my last homage-offering to you. But because I have some attraction to you and your society ISKCON, I have the blessed fortune of associating and interacting with the most wonderful people. I am genuinely fortunate to spend time with amazing individuals who are honest seekers of their paths, and I have been so inspired by them to look into the future with positivity, enthusiasm, and hope. Somehow, I, we, need to grow your prominence and remind all of what you have done for me, for others, and the world.

I commit to you, my dearest Srila Prabhupada, that I will do my best to serve you and your society. I am certain I will make mistakes and cause errors along the way. I will try to be conscious of this and seek counsel from elders, brothers, and sisters in our big family. Please don't give up on me.

Thank you for allowing me to get connected to you via your disciple, my spiritual master. He continues to be kind to me. My spiritual master, together with his god-brothers and sisters, is a great beacon of encouragement to me. I appreciate your



organization, your instructions, your legacy, and your followers very much—I am grateful to you!

*Your servant always,  
Radhe Shyam Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my respectful obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace.  
All glories to your ISKCON.

**THE YEAR IS** 2023, I am 51 years old, and I've spent almost 30 years in the association of your ISKCON society and devotees. Together with my family we have engaged in many festivals, harinama sankirtan, book distribution, Food for Life, arranging seminars and programs, Ratha-yatra, nama-hatta's and of course devotional service at our local Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple engaging in backup and cooking for our Deities. We are fortunate that we have this opportunity, and it is our good fortune that we got connected to your disciples and are being guided by them. We have taken formal initiation within the ISKCON society from HH Partha Sarathi Das Goswami, and currently serve at our local Temple. This year we had the good fortune to have Gaura Nitai installed at our home, Their Lordships Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari

was welcomed with the association of devotees, kirtan, abhiseka, yajña and a prasada feast. It was a joyous and memorable experience.

Throughout the world people are being


connected to your ISKCON society through the efforts of your preaching and your sincere disciples. From the busiest cities in the world to the not so busy cities, Ratha-yatra was held with great festivities and well attended.

This was made possible by Your Divine Grace, you gave us the process to follow and gave us the opportunity to connect with the holy name of Lord Krishna and yuga-dharma which will take us back to Godhead. We pray to you everyday and seek your blessings in all we do. You are an integral part of our lives. Please continue to bless us within your ISKCON and protect your

society from the ills of this degraded Age. Let us continue to take shelter of your sincere disciples and stay connected to you for all eternity.

*Your aspiring servants,  
Radhika Priya Dasi, Sharisha, Gopika Manjari and  
Alanath Dasa*



 **Radhika Priya Dasi,  
Sharisha, Gopika Manjari  
Alanath Dasa  
Durban  
South Africa**

**Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees**

Raghunatha  
Kesi Ghata Dasa  
and Syama Rati Devi Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanatha, Sriman Mahaprabhu and Sri Giriraj.  
Hare Krishna.

**HAPPY VYASA-PUJA**, Srila Prabhupada!

Thank you, our dearest spiritual grandfather, for all your hard work and books, for which we would have been nothing without. You built 108 temples worldwide, and you helped everyone become anti-racialist. You helped us with your mission, and now, please shower your mercy upon us to

help you continue spreading your mission. Kindly help us understand and distribute your books to help change the world.

*With love from your great-grandson,  
Raghunatha, and my parents,  
Kesi Ghata Dasa and Syama Rati Devi Dasi*

Raghuvir Dasa  
Nandadulal Dasa  
Palika Devi Dasi  
and Ananda Tirtha Dasa  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept our most humble obeisances in the dust of your divine lotus feet.  
All glories, all glories to your divine lotus feet.

**WE OWE SO** much to you, our glorious master, for opening the floodgates of mercy to the entire planet. Never before has the world had the greatest good fortune of the rare opportunity to receive this simple and sublime process to go back home to Godhead. You have distributed the unlimited mercy of Lord Nityananda and Lord Caitanya to every nook and cranny in the materially diseased world.

The following is a wonderful reminder given to us by HH Jayapataka Swami, and is befitting as it encapsulates every ISKCON devotee's greatest storehouse of mercy and the greatest benediction ever offered to the world at large.

*Yadi Prabhupada nahoitotabe ki hoito  
(e)jivanabahitakise?  
nitai-gaureraapara karuna ke dita sakaladese*

Translation: "If Srila Prabhupada had not come, what would have happened? How could we have passed our lives? Who else would have distributed the unlimited mercy of Lord Nityananda and Lord Gauranga all over the world?"

You, dearest Srila Prabhupada, have selflessly given us a great part of yourself in every way possible

just to uplift us from a degraded state which is way below the level of a human being. By your causeless mercy and divine guidance you have upgraded us to at least the level of a human being. By your divine actions as a true Acharya of great compassion your ISKCON is continuing to spread to all corners of the planet, and I am certain this sankirtana mission is reaching up to the heavenly planets as well.

Bless us, dearest Prabhupada, to make a significant difference by positively enthusing ourselves and then to reach out to the devotees that are dedicating their lives to fulfil the prediction of this process being distributed to "every town and village." Empower us to ensure that devotees are always cared for and shown the love and compassion that we have become accustomed to in your dealings with your disciples and anyone that wanted to hear the glories of Radha-Krishna and Caitanya Mahaprabhu. We are eternally grateful to you, Your Divine Grace.

*Begging to always remain a speck of dust at your  
divine lotus feet,  
Your servants of your servant, Raghuvir Dasa, Nandadulal Dasa, Palika Devi Dasi and Ananda Tirtha Dasa*



Dearest Jagath Guru, His Divine Grace A. C. Bhakti Vedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet on your auspicious Vyasa-puja day.

**MOST MERCIFUL GURU** of this age, this insignificant grandson of yours that has no qualifications and has absolutely no clue on writing an offering to you, has however plucked up courage to try and glorify you on this auspicious vyasa puja day.

You have so expertly given us the entire sanatan dharma scriptures in such a concise and profound way that even I can understand this philosophy. However, I am so fallen that I don't have the taste to relish this nectar you have provided.

Please bless me on this auspicious occasion of your vyasa puja to continue reading your books and serve your ISKCON movement selflessly, without any personal or material gain.

Bless me to serve harmoniously and be tolerant towards the Vaishnavas in order to move your ISKCON movement forward.

*Your humble insignificant grandson  
Ram Ranjan Dasa*

 **Ram Ranjan Dasa**  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



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-padayakrsna-presthayabhu-tale  
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine  
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascaty-a-des-a-tarine*

**"O KING, A SAINTLY PERSON** is just like water because he is free from all contamination, gentle by nature, and by speaking creates a beautiful vibration like that of flowing water. Just by seeing, touching or hearing such a saintly person, the living entity is purified, just as one is cleansed by contact with pure water. Thus a saintly person, just like a holy place, purifies all those who contact him because he always chants the glories of the Lord". (Srimad Bhagavatam, Canto 11, chapter 7, text 44).

*This Srila Prabhupada is what you have given us and much more. I would truly like to thank you for the books that you have provided for us to gain spiritual knowledge about the wonderful pastimes of Lord Krsna.*

Aspiring to remain at your lotus feet.

*Your most fallen servant,  
Rama Gopala Dasa*

 **Rama Gopal Dasa**  
Durban  
South Africa



Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Ramanandini Dasi   
Stellenbosch  
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your divine lotus feet. All glories to you on this auspicious Vyasa-puja Day. All glories to the beautiful global family of devotees!

*nama om visnu-padayakrsna-presthayabhuta-tale  
srimatebhaktivedanta-svamininamine  
namastesarasvatedevegaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvivesa-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-tarine*

**THANK YOU** for starting off with much determination to the West where you then established this Krishna conscious society in the storefront temple in New York in 1966.

*Your compassion is limitless and is continuing every day. How many souls have you touched with the spreading of the Holy names worldwide? In these times when there are many material catastrophes occurring, one after the other, locally and worldwide, what other shelter is there but the Holy Names, the sastra and your instructions?*

*Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for offering this shelter. You made this possible by taking many risks and making bold innovations to suit modern society. You revealed the timeless bhakti teachings of Sri Krishna and Lord Caitanya so that anyone and everyone may practice them and thus make their lives a success.*

*Your success is in the many writings of the senior devotees, your disciples, and now also, of your grand disciples. This is living proof that the Krishna conscious process gives the ultimate benefit to each person who endeavours to follow this bhakti process.*

*I am grateful to you for your positive influence in my life where there is so much opportunity for association of devotees who are seriously progressing in their spiritual lives.*

*Please bless me that I may desire to have a taste for the Holy Names and a desire for the shelter of the Holy Names. I pray for the desire to go forward in my spiritual life and a desire to serve you.*

*I pray I may always remember you. Please forgive my offenses.*

*Your aspiring grand-disciple,  
Ramanandini Dasi*







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

**IT IS THROUGH GURU'S** instructions, that we have adopted the habit of rising early and completing our chanting. And, in addition to this, to read your books every day. We are trying to make this our priority. Studying your books has given us a lot of inspiration, whereby we are given the opportunity to render service in the distribution of your books through the monthly sankirtan festival held at Sri Sri Radha

Radhanath temple. We humbly thank you for making all this possible and to always stay on the right path in the association of devotees although we are most fallen and least qualified.

*Your grand disciples,  
Ramatirtha Dasa and Rasavalli Dasi*



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

**WE HAVE THE** greatest honour and privilege to acknowledge and worship an acarya of your stature, so mercifully came to us in the West to bestow the highest gift love of Lord Krishna. The gifts you gave us is Harinami.e. the Hare Krishna maha-mantra, Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare / Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare, book distribution, deity worship, food relief programs, festivals, the observing of Ekadasi and Ratha-yatra.

*Thank you very much Srila Prabhupada for taking the trouble to leave Vrindavan dham at the advanced age of 70 years to board the steamship, the Jaladuta to start this worldwide Hare Krishna movement in New York City, USA.*

*We pray your Hare Krishna movement spreads rapidly in every country, town and village, 108 faster than in the pioneering days.*

*Your Divine Grace opened 108 temples around the*

*globe, your books now comprise over 80 volumes, you initiated 10 000 disciples and taught us to cook and taste Krishna consciousness prasada daily.*

*Please continue to bless us with your divine mercy and being the perfect captain. Please adjust the sails of the boat to capture the favourable winds to help us surrender to the lotus feet of Lord Krishna.*

*Please shower your blessings on your dear son, His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami, Monday, 03 July 2023 will be the 3rd Tirobhava disappearance festival. We dearly miss his divine association. We will honour His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami Maharaj tomorrow at the all souls day, go-puja and go-dhaan festivals.*

*Thank you very much.*

*Your servants,  
Ramkinkar Dasa, Vaidarbhi Devi Dasi and  
Dr. Krishna Prasad Rambarran*




 **Ramatirtha Dasa**  
Rasavalli Devi Dasi  
Durban  
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Vaidarbhi Devi Dasi  
and Dr. Krishna Prasad Rambarran  
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Ramanandini Dasi 🍷  
Stellenbosch  
South Africa

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

**THANK YOU** so much for so mercifully bringing this Krsna consciousness movement to the West and enabling us to become connected to you. When I came to Krsna consciousness, I had no idea of the wonderful fortune that had come upon me. I am only more recently beginning to have some slight understanding of what you have given us.

The treasures and open secrets available in your books are just phenomenal. Despite our frailties and disqualifications, you have somehow connected us with the most amazing spiritual truths of the highest order. Your unique ability to transplant Krsna consciousness all around the globe, speaks to your extraordinary empowerment and unique position. I cannot but wonder at your unfathomable mercy in extending yourself for us.

I am so grateful to you Srila Prabhupada, for


having saved me. Not only have you saved me, you have offered me the highest spiritual benedictions available. You have offered us unparalleled shelter and given our lives meaning. Thank you for making all these wonderful arrangements for keeping us engaged and allowing us to be counted amongst your followers.

I would like to beg that you please keep me under the shelter of your lotus feet and continue showering your glance of mercy on all of us fallen conditioned souls. Please allow me to always remember my complete dependence on your mercy. Please also grant me the privilege of remaining engaged in your service and within the blissful association of your sincere followers.

*Your servant,  
Ramvijay Dasa*



Rasa Sundari Devi Dasi 🍷  
Johannesburg  
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.

**ON THIS AUSPICIOUS** occasion of your Vyasa-puja, I humbly offer my heartfelt gratitude and deepest appreciation for everything you have done for me. Without your boundless mercy and unwavering guidance, I would not be where I am today in my spiritual journey.

You are the beacon of light that has illuminated my path and given me the strength to navigate the challenges of life. Your teachings, your words, and your example have become the very foundation upon which I have built my spiritual life.

You fearlessly spread the message of the Lord, touching the lives of countless souls across the globe. Your love, profound instructions and books have

provided me with a treasure trove of knowledge and inspiration.

Your unwavering faith in the mercy of Lord Krishna has instilled within me the confidence to face any obstacles that may come my way. You have shown me that true happiness lies in a loving relationship with the Supreme Lord and that the material world is but a fleeting illusion.

You have been a pillar of support in my life, your instructions are there to uplift and encourage me when I falter. Your kindness and compassion have touched my heart, and I am eternally grateful for your loving guidance.

Srila Prabhupada, you have given me the most

precious gifts - the knowledge and understanding of my true identity as an eternal servant of Lord Krishna. You have shown me the path of devotional service and the sublime art of surrender. It is through your teachings that I have discovered true peace, love, and fulfilment.

On this sacred day of your Vyasa-puja, I offer my

humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for everything you have done for me. Your mercy is my life and soul, and I am forever indebted to you.

*Your granddaughter,  
Rasa Sundari Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Lord Jagannath, Baladeva and Subhadra Maharani. All Glories to you Srila Prabhupada on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

**WE CANNOT** thank you enough and express our sincere gratitude for the positive spiritual influence you have had in our lives by giving us Krishna consciousness. Whatever spiritual advancement we make in our lives is all due to your mercy upon us, dear Srila Prabhupada.

Your ISKCON family internationally is growing bigger and bigger, and we are so lucky that by your caring nature, we can easily take shelter at the lotus feet of Lord Krishna. You gave us the maha-manta

and so much more. How can we repay this debt? But we know the father or grandfather wants nothing in return but to see his children take nicely to Krishna consciousness.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for all the love and mercy you've given us, and have a blessed Vyasa-puja. Hare Krishna!

*Your grandchildren and servants,  
Rasamandala Dasa and Rasalila Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

All Glories to your Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. All Glories to my spiritual master His Grace Partha Sarathi Das Goswami. All Glories to the assembled devotees and Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's sankirtan mission.



**Rasaraj Dasa**  
Tableview, Cape Town  
South Africa

## DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA

I am a Nitya Bada

The year is 2023,  
Since 2010, and by now I am supposed to be  
a little bit more free

Somehow, I thought my material life.  
The strife, this life, and someone else's life

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& Other Devotees**

So many years  
So many tears

In April 2023, Radhanath and I did the boatman play.  
Surely, I noticed my face and head has now turned grey.  
Still, I find time to help others, plus squeeze in the time to chant and pray.

Alan sometimes from Blue Lagoon  
Rylie is just an innocent worry.  
Radhanath my son, a gift for which I can never be sorry.  
Randall and Roewe, Newlands West  
Sweta Dwips, Nkosi and his brother Mbali dancing at their best  
The departure of His Holiness Kadamba Swami Maharaj - so painful and his  
urgent request  
to come soon

Harinam, Harinam, Harinam  
Growing vegetables, papaya and banana  
Cleaning the environment and fruits for life -what's the harm  
Simple living and high thinking - where is the holy dham

My brother, my mother  
My karma is my bother.  
This to do.  
Cars and TV license to renew.  
a list, then another.

Your spiritual son Partha Sarathi das Goswami  
through his tent campaigns you doth know me

My son Radhanath a boxer in training  
harmonium flute he doth sing.  
Covid 19, this my body, is straining.  
This ache and that is paining.  
Not sure how much time in this body my soul is remaining.

Radhanath established the Jagannath Athletic Club  
as service to you  
his heart is given for you it's true.

On this day your Vyasa puja, I pray to become like a honey bee  
Tasting the nectar from inside the jar  
Rather than to be like a fly which gets killed



A nuisance, its karma is willed.  
Please bless me from afar.

Thank you, thank you.  
and again thank you.  
Time is short in this bodies measuring glass.  
Just an insignificant soul - Rasaraj Dasa

*Rasaraj Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.  
All glories to you and the Guru Parampara from which you have descended.

 **Rasavati Devi Dasi**  
Durban  
South Africa

“REGARDLESS OF TIME or place, one who chants the holy name, even while eating or sleeping, attains all perfection” (Sri Caitanya Caritamrta Antya-lila, Chapter 20, text 18).

This verse is my inspiration for joining ISKCON. Thank you for taking the time to translate all the wonderful Vedic texts so perfectly. These works have become our handbooks to living life in blissful Krishna Consciousness. Your sacrifices are debts that we will never be able to repay.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. Your words resonate deeply with me, and I take solace in the words

contained in this letter:


“Krishna does not like to see his sincere devotee suffer or become frustrated or depressed. He will not stand idly by 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 to Tejiyas, Bombay, 19 December 1972).

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servant,*  
*Rasavati Devi Dasi*



Hare Krishna dearest Srila Prabhupada  
Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet.  
All glories to you - for today and always.

 **Remuna-priya Dasi**  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

IT IS NOT everyday that we are given the opportunity to pen our thoughts to you, or sit in focus, trying to find the right words that would perfectly encapsulate what you mean to me.

I am currently studying towards Bhakti Vaibhav - and it is challenging. Watching lectures every day, sifting through the various questions and answers, giving attention to the essays that I have to write

and learning the many shlokas - all this while also working and having to run things at home.

There are many times I am close to quitting my studies but then common sense takes over and I remember what I will be missing out on if I do that.

Srila Prabhupada, in the Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 3, 10th chapter, you speak about how nothing exists without the Lord and everything in this world

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is due to the His magical wand.

Srila Prabhupada, your words in the purports of both the Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam (and other important works) are no less wonderful. You have the magical pen in which you had the incredible foresight to write about circumstances more than 50 years ago, that are still so applicable and relevant today.

My jaws drop in awe when I read through your analogies, which describe the Lord and His activities, I cringe when you deride the impersonalists with cutting yet simple words and I marvel at how you describe the words of the Lord and His associates that makes it easy for those of us, with a poor fund of knowledge, to understand.

Most times, we use the words 'nectar' so glibly and so often, that its real meaning tends to get lost in the cliched world that we live in.

In all honesty, nectar is what you have written for us foolish living entities, to bring Krishna closer to home, and closer to us.

In my daily rituals, I think in wonderment about your expert writing, your ability to find the

right words, analogies and concepts to fit into the message that you want to send.

Srila Prabhupada, you are a sheer genius and I am so grateful that our sweet Lord empowered you to bring us His message. Where else can we find literature that talks about the definition of time so critically, while at the same time, comparing crows and white ducks. Where else can we find texts that speak about the importance of spiritual knowledge and then speaks about the lack of intelligence in the political representatives of a country.

The entire spectrum of your knowledge leaves me dumbstruck.

While I thank the Supreme Personality of Godhead for bringing you to us, I thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving us your wisdom and your experiences but most importantly for giving me Krishna Consciousness, without which, I would be stuck in this wheel of life, spinning uselessly. Thank you.

*I shall remain always and forever,*

*Your servant,*

*Remuna-priya Dasi*

Riley Fox Adams   
Cape Town  
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my most humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace. All Glories to His Holiness Partha Sarathi Das Goswami.

All glories to his merciful disciple Rasaraj Dasa.



**THIS IS MY** first time writing, so please forgive my offences and shortcomings. Prior to having read your books, and meeting your devotees, my life was meaningless and empty. You have opened my darkened eyes and filled my heart with transcendental knowledge.

You have set the example of unconditional loving service to Krishna, and you have taught me how to control my senses. I am a devotee because you have opened up the doors to the spiritual world in the West - it was impossible if not for your endeavour.

The love you've extended to the fallen souls have trickled down from you, to the disciples of your disciples, and thus I'm able to taste your mercy. The

fruit of my self-realization is born from the seed which you have planted many years before I arrived on this planet.

You're the father who has selflessly planted trees for his future generations, and who is not here to see the fruits within his lifetime. I wish you were here to see how wonderful the fruits of your efforts have matured into such wonderful devotees.

I'm blessed to have your association through your books, videos, and sound. Thank you for allowing me to honour you.

*The servant of your servant's servant,*

*Riley Fox Adams*



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

 Rivash Persad  
Durban  
South Africa

**I AM GRATEFUL** to have been given the opportunity to associate with your devotees and take shelter at your lotus feet. Through your mercy, sacrifice, teachings, and instructions, I now have the opportunity to lead a more meaningful life. I pray for your blessings so that I may be able to offer some devotional

service to this wonderful organisation and family which you created.

*Your insignificant servant,  
Rivash Persad*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
I offer my obeisances at your lotus feet.

 Robert Ward  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

**THANK YOU** for having started this movement. It is opening my eyes so much. Slowly, by your mercy, I am making some progress. Although I am lazy and fully covered by maya, I am learning, very slowly, to be a better person so that I can learn to love the Lord.

Thank you for all your help.

*Your servant,  
Robert Ward*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

 Romilla Persad  
Durban  
South Africa

**I AM ETERNALLY** grateful to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada for leading me onto a path that has brought me immense joy, peace, strength, and courage. This path has been my healing balm in the face of many painful and traumatic challenges and has helped me understand the material and temporary nature of this world we exist in.

volunteering at the Phoenix temple and contributing to temple activities, and a great sense of belonging by attending temple programmes and being a part of such a beautiful spiritual family.

I am blessed and privileged to have been exposed to the sweet nectar of Srila Prabhupada's teachings and guidance which has become my guiding light in everything I do and how I live my life as a mother and humble devotee.

Since beginning a journey of Krsna consciousness, I have found great peace and comfort in my daily chanting practices, I have developed many loving friendships with fellow devotees through

*Romilla Persad*

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Rukmini Devi Dasi  
Durban  
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-pascātya-ḍesa-tarīne*

My heart feels raw.

I want to curl into a ball and place my head on your lap.  
It has been a challenging year.  
I am putting back the pieces slowly.

My saving grace is that you use even broken instruments in your service.  
And that service keeps me alive in bhakti.  
So many ideas and much to plan, but what can I do?  
How big a difference can I make when all is said and done?

I need help!

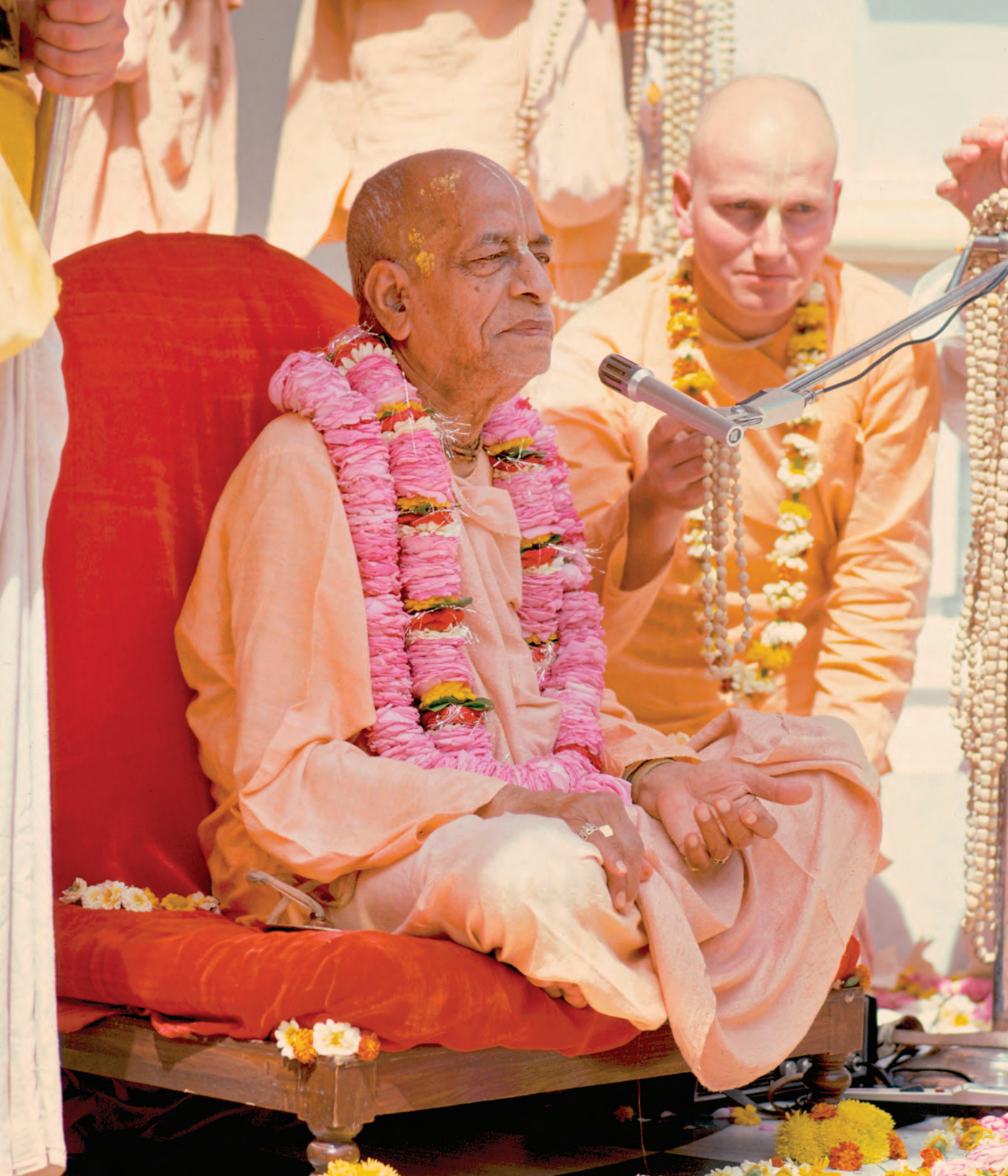
Divine intervention.  
For both my internal and the external.  
I fall short, but you have not abandoned me.  
You have done so many great things, but that one thing is the greatest for me.

My life has been laced with your precious gifts, but now you ask for a depth I am  
afraid I cannot reach. I can only put one foot before the next and pray it is enough.

*A servant of your servant's servant,  
Rukmini 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.

**THE LAST YEAR** has been quite challenging in various aspects of my life. Many associates have also been revealed to me as to who they really are. Sri Krishna has been very kind and merciful by exposing these individuals to me. By chanting “Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare / Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare”, has given me much comfort. The realisation is one of a great level of gratitude to you, Srila Prabhupada who has handed out this maha mantra to us. It is also amazing through your books and various lectures, your message revealed is very pertinent, that answers the question in mind.

Some feedback on our Sastra Dana Team - we have obtained a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO)

status, which means that anyone who donates to Sastra Dana gets a tax exemption. This should encourage many people to donate.

Also, we have had steady progress on distributing your Back to Godhead magazines and certain books.

I beg of your mercy to continue 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-padayakrsna-presthayabhu-tale  
srimatebhaktivedanta-svamininitinamine  
namastesarasvatedevegaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-tarine*

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

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

**DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA** on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja I would just like to thank you for the impact you have on my life, since I could never be able to sufficiently glorify you. You have given me a place where I can belong. You opened my eyes to my actual identity and you are continuously

giving yourself to the fallen like myself. You are forever present in your books and I personally feel that.

Whenever I read your books I am able to derive the strength to face the miseries of this world and I feel your love and desire to take us all back to Godhead and away from this place of misery.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, I wish that everyone can receive your mercy and I know the best way to do that is to distribute your books. I have this desire to do so close to my heart, please bless me so that I

am able to serve you in this way.

*Your aspiring servant of your servants,  
Ryan Mark Naidoo*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Jagganath, Baladev and Subadhra Maharani. All glories, all glories, all glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

 **Saci Devi Dasi**  
Midrand  
South Africa

**WE ARE BORN** into the world and are molded by those around us, our parents, siblings, family, friends, peers, acquaintances. We are taught how to speak, strive, and behave in society for the now or for the future. We are told that certain things need to happen to achieve a “successful and happy life” often these milestones are always material in nature. Those achievements yes, they do provide happiness but momentarily. So far in my life whatever experience I have had materially whether happy or sad either feeling has faded away or placed quietly in the background.

You, Srila Prabhupada, have come by Krishna’s mercy to teach me how to live a meaningful life, to engage in a lifestyle that has benefit lifetime after lifetime. You have shifted my mind from self-serving to allowing for service of others. You have given instructions to using actions for eternity for using my mind, my senses, my body in the service of Krishna and His devotees where there is no loss or diminution - ever.

Sometimes service can cause difficulty because I must be very cautious with the most prized possession of the Lord, the wonderful vaishnavs and when I feel like giving up, I remember how you did it ALL! From cooking to preaching, to serving to cleaning - everything. My realisation is that any difficulty that arises in serving is not even a difficulty but mercy and if I turn to you and depend on you, the disciplic succession and Krishna then the answers are sure to come.

Thank you, my dearest grandfather, thank you for birthing the greatest father my Guru Maharaj HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami who is pioneering your movement in spectacular ways and leading us with immense conviction.

I pray that I can be of more service to you and your movement, my life is yours, please direct me as you wish and thank you for allowing me to hold to your dhoti, which has space for the whole world.

*Saci Devi Dasi*



Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees



**ALL VEDIC LITERATURE** advises us to approach a bona fide spiritual master to get free from the perplexities of life, which happen without our desire. Bhagavad-gita As It Is, Chapter 2, Verse 7, states:

karpaṇya-dosopahata-svabhavaḥ  
prcchamitvam dharma-sammudha-cetaḥ  
yacchreyahsyanniscitambruhi tan me  
sisyaste 'ham sadhi mam tvamprapannam

Translation

“Now I am confused about my duty and have lost all composure because of miserly weakness. In this condition I am asking You to tell me for certain what is best for me. Now I am Your disciple, and a soul surrendered unto You. Please instruct me.

Purport

“By nature’s own way, the complete system of material activities is a source of perplexity for everyone. In every step there is perplexity, and therefore it behoves one to approach a bona fide spiritual master who can give one proper guidance for executing the purpose of life. All Vedic literatures advise us to approach a bona fide spiritual master to get free from the perplexities of life, which happen without our desire. They are like a forest fire that somehow blazes without being set by anyone. Similarly, the world situation is such’ that perplexities of life automatically appear, without our wanting such confusion. No one wants fire, and yet it takes place, and we become perplexed. The Vedic wisdom therefore advises that in order to solve the perplexities of life and to understand the science of the solution, one must approach a spiritual master who is in the disciplic succession. A person with a bona fide spiritual master is supposed to know everything. One should not, therefore, remain in material perplexities but should approach a

spiritual master. This is the purport of this verse.” Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead – Chapter 87 explains:

“One who has attained the perfect brahminical stage naturally becomes renounced; he does not strive for material gain because by spiritual knowledge he has come to the conclusion that in this world there is no insufficiency. Everything is sufficiently provided by the Supreme Personality of Godhead. A real brahmana, therefore, does not endeavour for material perfection; rather, he approaches a bona fide spiritual master to accept orders from him. A spiritual master’s qualification is that he is brahma-nistha, which means that he has given up all other activities and has dedicated his life to working only for the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Kṛṣṇa. When a bona fide student approaches a bona fide spiritual master, he submissively prays to the spiritual master, “My dear lord, kindly accept me as your student and train me in such a way that I will be able to give up all other processes of self-realization and simply engage in Kṛṣṇa consciousness, devotional service.”

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for showing this insignificant servant the way. Prabhupada acronymically means to me:

- P = Propagating Krishna consciousness through your spiritual literature.
- R = Reading regularly Bhagavad-gita As It Is and Sri-mad Bhagavatam.
- A = Always be in the favourable association with devotees.
- B = Behave in Krishna conscious way.
- H = Having Vaishnava etiquette and habits.
- U = Unalloyed intention and devotion.
- P = Persevering in Krishna consciousness.
- A = Accept and honouring prasadam.
- D = Dedication towards devotional service.
- A = Always chanting the holy name.



I pray daily that I will never forget ISKCON and you - please bless and protect my family so that we always to remain at your lotus feet.

*Your aspiring servant,  
Saci Priya Devi Dasi*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.



Sadhu Sanga Dasa  
Sandton  
South Africa

**WHERE WOULD WE BE** without you? If you had not impacted our lives, we would be swimming in this ocean of material entanglement, suffering the burning threefold miseries of this material world. Through some good fortune, we have come into contact with your ISKCON movement. If not, we would be living in sense gratification, enjoying this body, this life, and this material world. All of which creates only temporary satisfaction.

Through your books, we have learned that there is a greater satisfaction. A satisfaction far more superior than this material world. A satisfaction that is not temporary in nature. A satisfaction that can only be achieved with surrender. Surrender to the Lord, service to the Lord, and the service to the servants of the Lord.

I pray that you will always allow me to serve you

and to serve your ISKCON mission. Please empower me to make all my actions assist in growing your preaching mission. Please correct my shortfalls in my service to your mission. Please help me to continue serving the Vaishnavas and to build friendship and congregation to take your mission to the next level.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, I beg you to use me as the instrument in whichever and whatever way necessary to achieve your preaching mission. I am indebted to you and will never be able to repay you in the many lifetimes to come. I will always remain your servant.

*Your most fallen of the servants,  
Sadhu Sanga Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to the present spiritual masters.



Sanatana Dharma Dasa  
Umkomaas  
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*

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

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

**ACCORDING TO THE** Bhagavad-gita, the goal of life is to free oneself from the cycle of birth and death and reinstate oneself as an eternal servant of God on the platform of spiritual bliss.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for teaching us our primary duty: devotional service and chanting of the Holy Names, which we perform daily to take us

to our destination.

I am sure that by your grace, Naresvari devi dasi has crossed the ocean of material suffering and obtained the mercy of Lord Krishna.

*Your servant,  
Sanatana Dharma Dasa*



Sandharbh Sharma 🌸  
Bareilly  
India



Most revered Srila Prabhupada,  
Hare Krishna, please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

**ALL GLORIES TO** your most auspicious appearance day! Dearest Srila Prabhupada, please accept my heartfelt best wishes and prayers on the occasion of your 127th Vyasa-puja. It is our great fortune that we are getting this opportunity to write a few words to glorify you.

Your teachings have always inspired me, especially this very famous verse that you often quote from Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta, Madhya-līla (6.242):

harer nama harer nama  
harer namaiva kevalam  
kalau nasty eva nasty eva  
nasty eva gatir anyatha

It translates: "In this age of quarrel and hypocrisy, the only means of deliverance is the chanting of the holy names of the Lord. There is no other way. There is no other way. There is no other way."

Indeed, you gave us the holy name and thus you have delivered us from the miseries of this material world. By your mercy, I am getting the association of senior devotees who are helping me on my spiritual journey to become Krishna conscious. You saved me from the allurements of intoxication and various sinful activities that I was addicted to.

It is only by your mercy that I am able to serve the Lord through kīrtan, prasadam distribution and preaching to new people so that they can also experience the bliss of bhakti and solve all their problems. I am undoubtedly not a perfect devotee but I pray that you always bless me so that I can learn how to serve the Lord perfectly, and I can become an instrument in helping people to overcome the clutches of maya and sinful activities.

*Your servant,  
Sandharbh Sharma*





Hare Krishna and all glories to you Srila Prabhupada,  
All Glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaurasundar.  
Please accept my humble obeisances again and again...

**I JUST WANT** to say thank you a zillion times for capturing the hearts of your disciples. They have in turn captured my heart in an instant, your saying of 1/11th of a second is precise as can be. When my world was turning upside down, they helped me rekindle my love for our sweet Lord, not just by themselves, but also with the help of their disciples....

Special thanks to His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami and His Holiness Partha Sarathi Das Goswami Maharajas for leading the way and answering all of my questions so perfectly, His Grace Medhavi Prabhu, His Grace Ksudi Prabhu, His Grace Prithu Prabhu for giving me the opportunity to serve them in little ways, His Holiness Indradyumna Swami & His Holiness BB Govinda Swami for inspiring me with kirtan, His Holiness Bhakti Tirtha Swami for sending his disciple His Holiness Bhakti Vasudeva Swami who give me the first experience of a loving hug from a father, and thanks to His Holiness Krishna Das Swami Maharaja for giving me my guru maharaja His Holiness Rama Govinda Swami, a priceless gem. The thanks goes on and on and thanks for His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami for giving me the guarantee that he will bring me to you, a day I am

really looking forward to... those are just to name a few. You are certainly the spiritual master of all the 3 Worlds.

Most importantly though, thank you, thank you, thank you for giving us all The Hare Krishna maha-mantra, and for bringing our sweet Lord, Sri Sri Jagannatha Baladev Subhadra Maharani, Sri Sri Nitai Gaurasundar, Sri Sri Radha Radhanath, Sri GiriGovardhan, Sri Gaurahari, and Sri Vrindavan Dham to us.

Just as I experienced something way out of the ordinary, I shall share this experience with everyone I meet. Your books are magical and act as wands in the hands of the recipients. I shall endeavour to share as many as I can.

I pray to be forever in your association and know for certain that this will bring me face to face with our sweet Lord.

I love you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Now I can gladly say who I am,  
the servant of the servant of your servant,  
Sankarshan Dasa*



My dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.  
All glories, all glories, all glories to you dearest Srila Prabhupada.

**I HAVE BEEN** in Krsna consciousness for many years but could not commit. My brahman initiated sisters always encouraged me to take initiation. They advised me to pray to you to help me choose my spiritual master. I took their advice and began praying to you daily to please help me progress on my spiritual path. It did not take long for me to receive your

mercy.

I am now brahman initiated. Please give me your blessings to continue progressing in Krsna consciousness.

*Your eternally grateful servant,  
Sarada Devi Dasi*



Sankarshan Dasa  
Durban  
South Africa



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

### DEAREST JAGAD GURU,

As I lay in my waking dream state, I am humbled by the mercy and knowledge shared over the past year across this spiritual and material phenomenon.

Journey of the self, the subconscious mind and its capabilities has given me a new sense of grounding and protection.

Mirrors of past, present and future reflect the need to pray and serve consistently. New dimensions of seva have surfaced that are still to be appreciated and understood as your guidance will be my leading light.

Thank you for responding to my prayers, Thank you for my quantum leaping journeys, Thank you for my trips of self discovery, Thank you for your spiritual soldiers that uplift my soul and this life's purpose, Thank you for your love, kindness, generosity, patience, forgiveness and compassion.

I remain indebted to you and your legacy.

*Your granddaughter and servant,*  
Śaridiya Rasa Dasi

Sarvakanthie Devi Dasi 🌸  
Durban  
South Africa



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.  
All glories to you our beloved Srila Prabhupada.



**SRILA PRABHUPADA** let me elaborate on 2 very important points you always talked about, the cows and

Children.

Cows are cool love them,  
Children are cute love them,  
If you plan for the future plant trees,  
If you plan for a century train the children,  
You gave us in just 10 years traveling the globe,  
Simple living high thinking.  
The only way of salvation for mankind is the Vedic way.

**IN ONE OF YOUR FAMOUS** lecture in Mumbai in 1977. You prophetically titled that lecture "Modern Civilization Is a Failure, and the Only Hope Is Krishna Consciousness." Agriculture i.e., the most noble profession. One and all should make their life simple to take to the soil. The Vedic socioeconomic model is so practical and essential that Lord Krishna came to this world. He demonstrated it by His own life. He himself looked after Cows and Balaramji carried a plough that is used to till the earth. You

elaborated on the standard of real prosperity that this represents.

"Dhānyenadhanavān. If you have got grain, then you are rich. And if you have got cows, then you are rich. This is the standard of Vedic richness. Dhānyenadhanavāngavayodhanavān. They don't say, "Keep some papers and you become rich." All rascal, one thousand dollar I promise to pay, a piece of paper. Practical. We have got enough food grain, we have got enough... That is richness. What is use of



paper? Even gold you have got, you have to exchange. And if you have grain, immediate food. Just boil with milk, and it is nectarean, paramāṇna, immediately. Take some wood collected from the wood and have fire, put the milk and the grains---oh, you'll get so nice food, nutritious, full of vitamin, and so easily made. It is practical. So tasteful, so nutritious, and don't require... If you simply boil little milk and little grain, whole day, so much sweet rice, you take---bās. You don't require any more. And if you add little apples and fruits, oh, it is heavenly. Your whole day free from any food anxiety, and you can work. And

A poem-  
 Oh Sacred Cow  
 If you ask me India is the place to be,  
 There cows are sacred  
 None are objects of hatred,  
 There cows roam free.

From Cuba we learn some lessons. Golden cows of Cuba. There has been an awakening in Cuba. The cow is the national animal of Cuba. There a person can get more jail time for killing a cow than killing a human being. Cow killers can get four to ten years in prison under Cuban Law. Now death of a great civilization India. The then Governor of British India, made an extensive research in Indian and agricultural systems. Vrindavan an ancient pastoral Village was known all over the world for her immense wealth and a highly advanced culture. Cows formed the backbone of it, cows were such an inseparable of its daily life that Indian culture can be termed as cow culture. The then British Governor of India Robert Clive found that Indian society was firmly footed in its age old age customs and sound economic and agricultural practices, all based on cow protection. He said I have travelled the length and breadth of India and have not seen one person who is a beggar, who is a thief such wealth I have seen in

you can work. You can chant Hare Kṛṣṇa. Make this ideal life here. America has got good potency. We have got so much land here. We can have hundreds of New Vrindabans or farms like that. And people will be happy. And invite all the world, "Please come and live with us. Why you are suffering congestion, overpopulation? Welcome here. Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa.""

As the failure of modern civilization is being exposed on all fronts, now is the time to preach vigorously. The Vedic solution of God centred. Simple living and high thinking that you taught.

this country, such high moral values, people of such calibre (of noble character) that I do not think that we would ever conquer this country unless we break the very backbone of this nation which is her spiritual and cultural heritage.

We should instil these 2 instructions cow protection and agriculture. Srila Prabhupada you gave me so many instructions in your books but these 2 ideas I have taken into my heart. The greatest empowerment to train future brahmanical leaders. Leaders in the making to lead the world forward.

Srila Prabhupada I thank you for giving me so much in your books. Thank you Srila Prabhupada, a very happy Vyasa-puja. All glories to you for touching the world with so much compassion at such an old age. I follow in your footsteps.

*Your not so humble grand disciple,  
 Sarvakanthie Devi Dasi*

Sattvatanu Dasa 🌸  
Durban  
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,

**THANK YOU** for creating my good fortune from a very young age, growing up in the association of the Vaisnavas has changed my life in many ways. I find myself more connected to you and the parampara and I am realising quickly how important it is to strengthen my relationship with you.

You had said that spiritual life is “simple for the simple” and those words resonated so much over the past year.

A lot has happened Srila Prabhupada, I had the opportunity to visit the holy land of Sri Vrindavan dham, this was a bittersweet exchange, the main reason I had gone was due to the aligning health of my beloved spiritual master. I was overwhelmed with different emotions, and I was unsure as to that to expect from my very first trip. I was careful not to create offenses both knowingly and unknowingly and I was excited to finally reach the land of Sri Krsna. My focus was shifted to different Temples, Deities and pastime places and I was wondering what would inspire me the most. As the days passed, I started to meditate on your divine grace more and more. It was you, Srila Prabhupada! You

were the personality that stood out the most. Vrindavan became a place of pilgrimage, the pastime places were exhibited and the Deities manifest to me all because of you. I immediately realized that I was nothing in this holy land without you.

It's only through your love that I find myself trying to connect to Sri Vrindavan dham and establish my eternal relationship with Sri Krsna.

You extended your love and kindness to all that came your way, adopting the mood of Sriman Mahaprabhu you inundated this western world with the holy names, you transformed barren land into exquisite Temples and installed beautiful Deities, you presented Krsna's pastimes through your literature. You did not only take us to Vrindavan, but you also brought Vrindavan to us. Wherever you are, Vrindavan is present.

My prayer is to remain at your lotus feet, serving you and your most glorious mission.

I love you very much.

*Your insignificant servant,  
Sattvatanu Dasa*



Satyanani Dasi 🌸  
Durban  
South Africa



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

**WITH SOBRIETY**, affection, and spiritual strategy, you served your dear-most spiritual master, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur, for four decades in separation, but he was with you always. Within that time, you were always focused and became the embodiment of Bhaktisiddhanta's great desire to enrich the world with literature and lifestyle that would allow everyone to uncover their authentic nature.

When Srila Bhaktivinod Thakur and Srila Gaura Kishora Das Babaji parted from ordinary sight without reservation, your spiritual master maintained the purity of the essence of Gaudiya Vaisnavism amidst so much philosophical chaos. He continued with great energy and sincerity, carrying and protecting the fullest theological understandings.

Again and again, I offer my obeisances to you, Srila Prabhupada. Your sincerity to your spiritual

master and unfailing commitment to his instructions have become foundational and an inspiration in my connection with the guru paramara.

You gave us the Goswamis of Vrindavan. You gave us the most generous Rupa Goswami and Santan Goswami, Gopal Bhatta, Raghunatha Goswami, Raghunatha Bhatta Goswami, and the great jewel Jiva Goswami. You gave us Krsna Das Kaviraj, Vrindavan Das Thakur, Narottam, Srinivasa Acharya, Vishwanath Cakravati - your heart carried the great heritage of so many beautiful Vaisnavas.

You gave us a way to connect to the most outstanding personalities through literature and the Holy Name. You taught us that the affection of the spiritual master transcends time, space, and substance. You are establishing in the heart that, just as the spiritual master is an eternal person continuing his intimate service to Krsna, we are also eternal persons.

Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura referred to Srila Vyasadev; "These great souls (members of the disciplic succession) were not mere luminaries like comets appearing in the firmament for a while and

disappearing as soon as their mission is done. They are like so many suns shining all along to give light and heat to succeeding generations" (Srila Prabhupada, our eternal Diksa guru, Prabhupadanugas Worldwide).

Dear Srila Prabhupada, again, I offer my respects as you embody the words of the Acharyas.

My heartfelt prayer is to remain connected to you always. While my attempted service offerings are minuscule, let me keep whatever service possible. No wealth, status, or material relationship can equate to the purpose one derives from trying to be the servant of your servants. Neither is there anything of value to hear that could equate the qualities of the greatest Acharyas. Let my mind and heart reside in the glories of the great Vaisnavas.

You have given us everything, Srila Prabhupada, so please accept this life of mine in your service.

*Your aspiring servant,  
Satyarani Dasi*



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
I offer you my humble obeisances.  
All glories to you on your divine 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*

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

**I OFFER YOU MY** sincere appreciation for showing me how caring, loving, and helpful devotees at ISKCON are. You have surrounded me with devotees who are always looking out for me. You have given me a family at ISKCON.

I try my best to do devotional service, and I am so thankful to be able to reach out to you for spiritual guidance. Your books are inspirational, and I continue learning and reading the Bhagavad Gita. This is the most

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Johannesburg  
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powerful and influential spiritual book with absolute knowledge and guidance to self-realization. I am forever grateful for your mercy.

*Your servant,  
Senthamarai Govender*



Seva Kunj Dasa   
and Chankalakshi Devi Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet. All glories, all glories to their Lordships Sri SriRadha-Radhanath. All glories to Your Divine Grace.  
All glories, all glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari.

**TODAY WE ARE** celebrating your Vyasa-puja which is the most auspicious event throughout the entire world. All glories to this wonderful occasion. We are trying to present our humble offerings unto you. Please kindly forgive us for our offenses.

Srila Prabhupada, your mercy upon the fallen conditioned souls is amazing. Although your health was deteriorating you went to the west to uplift the fallen souls with your priceless knowledge. The spirit of giving and sharing seemed engraved in you. It was your breath-taking sincerity and intense love of service to the fallen souls that became the crowning glory of your success. Divine wisdom flows from your lotus lips in a continuous stream that influenced people from far and wide.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, as we progress in our devotional lives, we feel safe knowing that you are in control of everything. If the passengers of a ship are uncertain about whether the ship has a captain, they will always be in anxiety about the course of the ship. But if the passengers of the ship know the captain and get reciprocation from him they will be safe. Therefore, disturbance may appear in our society but those who are fully aware that you are in control and consider themselves an instrument

in your hands are not disturbed. Every word you utter is divine, every sentence you utter is divine. It is supercharged with divine spiritual power.

Dear master, your presence emits rays of light, peace and sincerity because you yourself are filled with harmony. You taught by perfect example that religion of love knows of no caste, no colour and no creed. Your desire to establish universal brotherhood between people of different faiths and nations is so essential these days, especially when the fabric of society is torn with jealousy, hatred, fear and intolerance. We are thankful to you our dear master, for your untiring efforts to establish Krishna Consciousness throughout the world. We will always admire you for teaching the world that everything belongs to Lord Krishna and everything is maintained by Him, therefore Krishna must be accepted as the Supreme Lord of the universe.

*Dear Srila Prabhupada, on this auspicious occasion, we have only one prayer - let our desire be to only follow your repeated message, serve the mission and have your association.*

*Your unworthy servants,  
Seva Kunj Dasa and Chankalakshi Devi Dasi*







Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*nama om visnu-padayakrsna-presthayabhu-tale  
srimatebhaktivedanta-svamininitamine  
namastesarasvatedevegaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desa-tarine*

**THANK YOU** so much for everything that you have given us. From the holy name, our Sri Sri Radha Radhanath mandir, to devotee association. There's so much I am grateful for. Everything you did. All the sacrifices you made for the benefit of the entire world. Thank you.

Regarding preaching on social media, I have been sending out a Ramayan link daily. The devotees are watching and learning. I am so glad you

have given me the opportunity to do some seva.

Also, I have created a group where I send one Bhagvatam verse Monday – Friday. It's the verse that is read at Sri Sri Radha Radhanath mandir for the morning class. I am so grateful that I could be an instrument in serving in your mission.

*Your grand daughter,  
Shānthroop Devi Dāsi*

 **Shānthroop Devi Dāsi**  
Durban  
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

**SRILA PRABHUPADA**, you have given us an exemplary example to follow - how to live, how to die and your perseverance and determination to fulfil the instruction of your guru maharaja.

You faced and conquered many challenges, our eternal leader empowered by Guru and Sri Krishna, thus making ISKCON indestructible if we just follow your exemplary teachings.

ISKCON is your life and soul. Bless us to stand united and push forward this mission of yours, thereby fulfilling your desire.

*Aspiring to remain a surrendered and loyal servant  
of your servants,  
Shatrughna Dasa*

 **Shatrughna Dasa**  
Durban  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to Your Divine Grace.

 **Shayam Govinda Dasa**  
and Pravati Priya Devi Dasi  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

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**THANK YOU** for giving us the shelter at your lotus feet and keeping us under your shelter always with regular devotional service. Please protect the bhakti in our hearts and give us guidance. Please bless us

with good association.

*Your servants with love,*

*Shayam Govinda Dasa and Pravati Priya Devi Dasi*



Sherina Rambaran   
Pretoria  
South Africa



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

**HOW CAN I** even begin to express my gratitude in words? There are no words that will ever be able to express my gratitude for the mercy you have made available.

“You are not this body.” It is a foundational statement that I am still beginning to grasp. It is such a profound fact that you have shared. Where would I be if I had not come across this?

Dear Srila Prabhupada, my thoughts and actions stem from my identification with my body. In my day-to-day life, there is so much focus and attention given to the body, but your teachings have helped me to philosophically and rationally apply the fact that I am not this body.

As I become older, the onslaught of time is having its impact. Yet, the vices of pride and arrogance have not disappeared. I try to hold on to your teaching of “you are not this body.” From this, I can only start to examine what the concept of the spirit soul

is and my relationship to Krishna and the devotees. I will forever cherish this lesson, for no amount of material knowledge can equate to your lesson of “you are not this body.”

I am also deeply and sincerely grateful for the maha-mantra. It is my solace and my grounding.

Srila Prabhupada, I do not have individual strength to progress in spiritual life. Please bless me with the association of devotees so that I can be guided in the practice of spiritual life. Please bless me that I start to understand and apply your teachings.

Please forgive my offenses, for I am ignorant in the most basic practices. I beg you to always allow me to remain in the association of your devotees.

*Aspiring to be a devotee in the practice of Krishna  
consciousness,*

*Sherina Rambaran*



Shimal Shanel Albert   
Durban  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

**IT IS WITH** heartfelt thanks that we adhere to the teachings of His Grace Srila Prabhupada and that we are completely safe and healed and blessed humble devotees in Krishna

consciousness to be your shining legacy now and forever Radhe Radhe. Hare Krishna.

*Shimal Shanel Albert*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

**WITH SO MUCH SWEET**, melodious and magical sanga and Kirtan to be had, I always want to attend programs and dance. We are so blessed to have you, Prabhupada, give us this divine nectar.

*Your servant,  
Shritha Ramsunder*

 **Shritha Ramsunder**  
Arcadia  
South Africa



My dear Srila Prabhupada,  
All glories to your divine lotus feet Srila Prabhupada.

**FIRSTLY, HAPPY VYASA-PUJA** to you Srila Prabhupada. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for this wonderful movement. Srila Prabhupada your books are my heart, life and soul. Especially living in this material world, we are facing so much. Srila Prabhupada the book that brought me to Krsna consciousness is the science of self-realisation. I realised so much,

especially that I am not this body but the spirit soul.  
Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for saving me, such a fallen soul.

*Your eternal servant,  
Shudh Bakthi Devi Dasi*

 **Shudh Bakthi Devi Dasi**  
Durban  
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my most humble obeisance at your divine lotus feet.  
All glories to you on your most auspicious and revered appearance day.

*nama om visnu-padayakrsna-presthayabhuta-tale  
srimatebhaktivedanta-svamininitinamine  
namastesarasvatedevegaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-tarine*

**SRILA PRABHUPADA**, you, our father, who shines a ray of hope, cutting through darkened storm clouds, have selflessly sacrificed your existence on this planet for the spiritual welfare of the world's inhabitants. Who could be as kind, generous, and magnanimous, other than a devout follower of Lord Caitanya? Forwarding the mission of Lord Gauranga, you, oh dear Srila Prabhupada, have come to deliver the world from the illusion of material life—a life

in illusion that entraps us in lifetimes of illusory misfortune.

You have kindly given us your mercy, igniting a surging current in our hearts, beckoning us to the path of life that yields the true sublime happiness—bhakti-yoga. Through the introduction of this bhakti-yoga, dear Srila Prabhupada, I have found the deeper meaning of life. I have grown in ways unimaginable, found spiritual solace, engaged

 **Shukadev Dasa**  
Durban  
South Africa

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with like-minded living entities, begun a journey of fixing my life in spiritual endeavors through the guru-parampara, and, ultimately, I am trying to serve our Supreme Lord and Srimati Radharani. This kind of good fortune doesn't come easily, but somehow through your great mercy, and that of my Gurudeva, I have been blessed with this pristine opportunity of devotional service.

As jagat-guru, and via the mercy of my Gurudeva, you have given me and hundreds of thousands of others the maha-mantra, which forms our very grounding foundation for serving our Lord. Just this one impeccably important aspect of our devotional life, you've explained, is all we need to make our supreme father happy. Our lives can now follow its naturally intended constitutional path, serving Krsna, remembering Krsna, and chanting Krsna's holy

name. You've brought us all into a purposeful position of true fulfilment.

I can only pray that I can always have your blessings to continue wholeheartedly in chanting with fervor and unconditional love, serving the Vaishnavas, and spreading the teachings you have graciously given to us. Please bless me, oh Srila Prabhupada, that I never fail to remember Krsna and always remember him, as well as serve his devotees. As you said, you live through your books, so I pray that I never be left bereft of this great mercy.

May your blessings always shine upon this world.

*Your ever-loving servant and grandson,  
Shukadev Dasa*



Shyama Dyuti Dasa 🌸  
Durban  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
All glories to your divine lotus feet Srila Prabhupada on this the most glorious day of your Vyasa-puja.

**2023 IS THE MOST** significant and important year in my life. It's the year that I was most fortunate to receive initiation. This is only by your mercy Srila Prabhupada, that I, who am most unworthy and totally undeserving, have been awarded initiation. This is another one of your miracles.

The only tiny offering I can make to your lotus feet, Srila Prabhupada, is all the harinama sankirtans that you have engaged me in and all the books that you have kindly made me an instrument in distributing. You have done everything and just

placed me there to allow me to make some spiritual advancement.

I beg of you to please protect me from lust, anger, greed, envy and pride. Please make me humble and tolerant and never to cause Vaishnava aparadha.

Kindly help me be a good disciple to my guru maharaja.

*Thanking you again Srila Prabhupada,  
Shyama Dyuti Dasa*







Hare Krishna dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at Your divine lotus feet.

**HAPPIEST OF VYASA-PUJA** wishes to you Srila Prabhupada. I pray that we follow in your mission of Krishna Consciousness as an offering to please your divine grace.

“Our spiritual master is the ocean of mercy, the friend of the poor, and Lord and master of master of the devotees. O master be merciful unto me. Give me the shade of your lotus feet. Your fame is spread all over the three world,” - Sri Guru Vandana.

Only with your mercy, we were able to visit the holy dham recently. Without ISKCON and the devotees, the dham would have been difficult to go on parikrama. The maha-mantra overcomes all languages and nationality, making us one family living in one home that you built – our dear jagat-guru. You flooded our lives with everything. We don't have to look anywhere else or for anything more. We have your disciples, temples, books and now with digital

technology - the nectar flows continuously.

Your simple instructions is to chant the maha-mantra, at a minimum of sixteen rounds, and follow the four regulative principles, which are so potent towards achieving the journey 'back home, back to Godhead'. I only hope that more people realise this and become more serious in taking to this process.

I am trying to live as per your guidance and engage in devotional service my dear Master.

I am also praying to increase my commitment to your ISKCON, my dearest Srila Prabhupada.

Please help me to push away any attacks from maya.

*Your grand disciple,  
Shyamalata Devi Dasi*

 Shyamalata Devi Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa



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

**I FEEL SO PROUD**, Srila Prabhupada, to call myself a servant of you and your International Society for Krishna Consciousness. I am honoured to be part of your unlimited merciful institution. I have only received love, care, compassion and spiritual strength from your loving disciples. I also consider myself extremely fortunate for the strong spiritual support through my immediate and extended family. Your mercy has truly flowed through unconditionally which has allowed me to always be close to

devotees and serve at your temples.

I pray Srila Prabhupada that I continue to serve your devotees unconditionally without any offences and that you be merciful unto me to always enter the dham. I pray, Srila Prabhupada, that you use this insignificant fool more in your service and all that I have to be used in your devotional service.

*Your servant,  
Siddha Swarup Dasa*

 Siddha Swarup Dasa  
Midrand  
South Africa



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Cape Town  
South Africa



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

**THANK YOU**, Srila Prabhupada, for affording me an opportunity to play music at various ISKCON centres and especially at the Durban Ratha-yatra Festival. Srila Prabhupada, you made it possible for me to play for many years at this festival. Thank you for

this opportunity.

*Your aspiring servant,  
Sieolin Govender*



Sitala Devi Dasi 🙏  
Roodepoort, Johannesburg  
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories, all glories to your divine grace! All glories to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Radhe and Sri Krishna!

**DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA**, on the auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I humbly beg for your mercy. There is so much bliss in serving the Lord and His devotees, but there are so many obstacles to performing such service – the most challenging being the mind and the multitude of excuses I can come up with!

You have given us everything, Srila Prabhupada. It is up to me to take advantage of the legacy that you have left us. Many pioneering devotees gave up everything to be instruments in your movement. It's so inspiring and uplifting to hear about these devotees. My small hope is that I can at least come

up to the standard of being considered an aspiring servant at your lotus feet.

Please forgive all my shortcomings, Srila Prabhupada. Please help me to come ever closer and closer to your lotus feet. Please may the Holy Name mean everything to me. Please shower your mercy on this undeserving soul.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your insignificant servant,  
Sitala Devi Dasi*



Siva Sankara Dasa and  
Guna Manjari Devi Dasi 🙏  
Cape Town  
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept our humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to you, the saviour of all struggling souls.

**KING MUCUKUNDA**, in his conversation with Sri Krishna states that, "When the material life of a wandering soul has ceased, O Acyuta, he may attain the association of Your devotees and when he associates with them, there awakens in him devotion unto You". (Srimad Bhagvatam, 10.51.53).

This alankara is used to highlight the potency of saintly association, both in terms of its necessity and the swiftness of its effect. Indeed, it is only

by your compassion that you created our good fortune by wandering in this material world simply to bless those who due to misfortune (absorption in conditioned life and action) have turned away from Krishna.

This explosion of gaudiya vaishnavism and the rising waves of devotion seen all over the world, is simply due to your mercy. By your mercy, you have created millionaires out of simple shopkeepers. By

your mercy, millions of souls have joined your family under the care of ISKCON. By your mercy, many other parivars of this sampradaya have benefitted from the exposure gained only from your endeavours. No other saintly personality has had such an impact in living memory. You have truly exemplified the honorific His Divine Grace.


Our success is simply dependent on your

causeless mercy. We therefore humbly beg for your grace. Please consider us to be yours, and allow us the privilege to serve you, your devotees, and your mission for now and for all time to come.

*Your insignificant servants,  
Siva Sankara Dasa and Guna Manjari Devi dasi*



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

 Smita Krsna Dasa  
Durban  
South Africa

**THE MORE I STUDY** your books and listen to your lectures, the more I realize the veracity of your analysis of this world, and the urgency of Krsna consciousness, both in my personal practice and the need to give your sublime teachings to everyone. People everywhere are afflicted by the miseries of this world and they are looking for answers to mitigate their distresses. Those authentic answers are given by you. One has only to read one of your books and his life will be transformed.

The reverberating of the Hare Krsna mantra around this planet, the festival of Lord Jagannatha's Ratha-yatra, the establishment of exquisite Deities and Their worship in the West and East, the magnificent temples, and the sublime Bhakti literature are solely attributable to you. Nobody can claim those; nobody has a right to claim any of those!

The emphasis on Srimad Bhagavatam globally and its' correct understanding is due only to you. This Purana is more brilliant than the rising sun and gives relief to those afflicted by the darkness of nescience in Kali-yuga. I find solace in reading this great literature. The depth with which you illumine the verses by your purports is evidence that you have an insider relationship with Sri Krsna as His foremost devotee.

I try to listen to your lectures daily and it is your voice of authority, your voice of command,

your voice of intelligence, and your voice of compassion and comfort that penetrates the curtain of my illusion.

Many opportunities and requests for my participation in service have been presented to me. I am most fortunate to receive these despite my disqualification. Although there are so many opportunities, I pray for your direction that I be able to engage with that which you will find most relevant.

By your mercy I have the guidance and shelter of your disciples, who always encourage my practice and preaching of Krsna consciousness. HH Partha Sarathi das Gosvami who has been my well wisher for at least 30 years, asked me to take up preaching by systematically presenting seminars on specific topics. HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami who I know for about 30 years also told me to do the same. By their mercy many opportunities have arisen.

For your pleasure Srila Prabhupada, and the Vaishnavas, this year a team of wonderful devotees have helped me organize a series of seminars on Bhagavad-gita - one at the University of KwaZulu Natal in which 38 participants completed, and another online series over 5 weekends with 58 participants completing. More are planned and are being organized at various locales. If this is your desire for me, I beg that I can take this service up seriously and that you bless me to have more

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opportunities to do so. More than that, I pray for your mercy to sustain and improve my practice of Krsna consciousness.

I take this opportunity annually to rededicate myself to your lotus feet and pray to you to allow

me to remain there as a speck of dust. I realize that without you, Srila Prabhupada, my life has no value.

*Your servant,  
Smita Krsna Dasa*



Smrti Devi Dasi  
Estcourt  
South Africa



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

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

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

*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*

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

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

**I HAVE NEVER** met you Srila Prabhupada, but your presence lies in your vani. The constant association of you through the transcendental knowledge from your books empowered by the Supreme Lord has inspired me to become a devotee. Your books are a rich source of divine knowledge on how to serve in a mood of transcendental loving service out of pure love and devotion to Sri Krsna.

Everyday new realizations manifest through your divine instructions and teachings on how to obtain the mercy of the gurus, Vaishnavas and the

Supreme Lord Himself. This confidential knowledge is only found in the Hare Krishna movement founded by you. Your Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada built a house in which the whole world could live in.

I humbly beg to become an eternal servant, serving with you at the lotus feet of the Supreme Lord.

*Your servant,  
Smrti Devi Dasi*







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



Soimone Govender  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

**IT HAS BEEN** the most tumultuous year and as I try but fail to make sense of it all, I have just been grabbing onto your lotus feet.

divine lotus feet and that of our Lordships, Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari.

I pray for your mercy and continue to read your books as this is the only source of true knowledge that I can depend on. I pray to always serve your

*Your humble servant,  
Soimone Govender*



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



Sovina Deeplall  
Durban  
South Africa

**ON THIS VERY** auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I would like to express my gratitude to you for helping me find Lord Krishna. I thank you for your precious books, which are an ocean of wisdom, that have helped me so much. I thank you for your lectures, that keep me going even through the darkest of times. I thank you for your countless sacrifices, which always remains etched in my heart and fills my heart with love and my eyes with tears.

always be engaged in Krishna consciousness and that I may always be enthusiastic about continuing with book distribution and spreading the nectar that you have shared. Please forgive me for any offenses that I may have caused whilst trying to do this, please bless me so that I may always remain at the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha Radhanath.

My only request is that you continue to humbly bless me to become a better devotee, that I may

*Your humble servant,  
Sovina Deeplall*



My dearest grandfather,  
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your Divine Grace.  
All glories, all glories to the most auspicious occasion of your Sri Vyasa-puja.



Sri Kalindi Devi Dasi  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

**AT THE BEGINNING** of this year I stayed over at a friend's house and to my surprise I seen a book on her table, entitled, "Chasing Rhinos with the Swami". Within exactly two minutes, I became so captivated by the excellent description of your personality. I truly resonated with each sentence that was said. Unfortunately, I was unable to take the copy home but my friend gladly suggested that I may borrow it

To my surprise at Sri Sri Radha Radhanath in Durban, South Africa, as I took charamamritmy eyes gazed upon the books they had for sale at the entrance of the temple and there it was, "Chasing Rhinos with the Swami". My heart was so content. I felt so ecstatic. I immediately held onto the book and read it on my journey back home and this is now my favourite read as apart from

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Srila-PrabhupadaLilamrita and Abhay Charan. I got my hands on another book of which many of your divine characteristics are mentioned.

In the book, until where I last stopped, what struck to me the most was the extract where the author Syamsundara prabhu mentions “ On the morning of September 17, 1959, I was into my second week of senior year at South Salem High, driving to school in my 1946 Ford pickup truck with Rhoten & Speerstra Frams painted on the doors, listening to the radio: Mack the Knife was number one, followed by Elvis’s Big Hunk o’ Love and hypnotic steel guitar “Sleepwalk,” by Santo and Johnny. The DJ was talking about a partial lunar eclipse tonight—all but the very crown of the moon. I thought about the sock hop at noon in the gym, cross-country practice after school. Maybe I’ll watch “The Untouchables” on TV

later, and step outside during ads to catch the lunar eclipse. On that same day—unknown to me—across the world in Mathura, India, my eternal spiritual master took his vows of renunciation and became Abhay Charan Bhaktivedanta Swami”

I was truly so touched by this as it gave me a realization that everything is pre-destined by the order of Lord Krishna.

Please bless me on this most auspicious day of your Sri Vyasa Puja that I may acquire the taste of the holy name, acquire the taste of devotional service to your divine grace, Srila Gurudeva and the devotees.

*Your ever so indebted granddaughter,  
Sri Kalindi Devi Dasi*



Sri Lakshmi Narasimha   
Devi Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to you on this wonderful occasion of your Sri Vyasa-puja!

**LAST YEAR I EXPERIENCED** a highlight in my bhakti-yoga journey with my first visit to Sri Vrindavana-dhama, and Govardhana-parikram with my dearest Srila Gurudeva, your son, HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami. I was amazed by the spiritual wonderland that you created, which is globally accepted by all devotees as home. Your presence permeates throughout ISKCON Vrindavan, and I felt awestruck as the history of establishing ISKCON Vrindavan and the memories of you here, as shared by your disciples, filtered through my mind.

You assigned responsible disciples to help you establish ISKCON in so many parts of the world, and you said that because these disciples were sincere devotees, Krishna would give them all strength and intelligence to undertake your projects. It is truly mind-boggling to conceive of what you and your disciples achieved in establishing and maintaining ISKCON.

Now I find myself at an intimidating juncture. It is my time to step up and be a responsible disciple to help you by maintain your ISKCON centres. I want to be known as a “Prabhupadaman [follower]” in maintaining and growing your mission, but I have hosts of other desires too, and I suppose, along with that, missions of my own.

Would you be pleased with me, Srila Prabhupada, with the limited capacity in which I offer myself to you?

I think I am doing my best at the present moment with great room for improvement, but in my heart, I feel you will tell me to do a little better and stretch myself a little more. We have wasted so many lifetimes previously, so why not give this one lifetime to Krishna?

I know that you are ever-present and that you will protect, safeguard and lead ISKCON in the direction that it is meant to take, but as you

practically lived - you relied on your responsible disciples to see your projects to fruition. Sometimes I wonder what ISKCON will look like in the next 10 or 20 years, and the reality is - it will be whatever I, and my generation of devotees - shapes it to be. This scares me. I want you to be able to depend on me, but I am afraid that I do not measure up to your standards and expectations at all.

As I remain in ISKCON, I pray that I may develop deeper love for you, and a deeper commitment to fulfil your desires. I pray that I may learn what it means to give this life to Krishna, so that at the end

of my lifetime I can present myself to you, in a way that will be pleasing for you to receive me.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for everything you sacrificed so that the world may have the facilities through temples and literature, to achieve the goal of life - to remember Krishna, and to never forget Him.

I promise to do my best to please you.

*Your aspiring servant,  
Sri Lakshmi Narasimha 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.

**OVER THE PAST YEAR**, I had to deeply reflect on the nature of my service to you and on the nature of my own Krsna consciousness. My spiritual master decided to follow the model of the great Emperor Pariksit.

Srila Prabhupada you gave me the good fortune to have his association, he always impressed on me that I should be a thoughtful and independent man.

I am trying, but deep down I feel that I am not succeeding. I try to speak less and listen more, I try to read more, I try to assist the mission. Please allow me to be an exemplary servant like your grandson.

*In your service,  
Sri-Govinda Dasa*



 Sri-Govinda Dasa  
Ruimsig  
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Srinivas Acharya Dasa and Family  
Durban  
South Africa



Hare Krishna dear Srila Prabhupada, dear devotees and well-wishers.  
Please accept my respectful obeisances.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada and the wonderful devotees.

*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*

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

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

**I PAY HOMAGE** and great respect to His Divine Grace  
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami  
Prabhupada, my spiritual master HH Partha Sarathi  
Das Goswami Maharaja and the countless number  
of devotee friends.

My humble offering to you on your Sri  
Vyasa-puja.

Thank you dear Srila Prabhupada for coming  
into our lives and guiding us. You have truly  
awakened us with a touch light of knowledge and  
inspiration.

There has been countless challenges but reaching  
out to your logical teachings and books has kept  
me motivated and focused into seeing the higher  
purpose.

As you have stated a living entity is transcendent  
to material existence, but because of his mentality  
of lording it over material nature, his material  
existential condition does not cease, and just as in  
a dream, he is affected by all sorts of disadvantages.

“The example of a dream is very appropriate.  
Due to different mental conditions, in dreams we  
are put into advantageous and disadvantageous  
positions. Similarly, the spirit soul has nothing to

do with this material nature, but because of his mentality  
of lording it over, he is put into the position of  
conditional existence.

Conditional existence is described here as  
dhyāyatoviṣayānasya. Viṣaya means “an object of  
enjoyment.” As long as one continues to think that  
he can enjoy material advantages, he is in conditioned  
life, but as soon as he comes to his senses, he  
develops the knowledge that he is not the enjoyer,  
for the only enjoyer is the Supreme Personality of  
Godhead.” - Srimad-Bhagavatam 3.27.4

These words of wisdom are truly inspiring. My  
only desire is to pay this debt to you over many life  
times I have no desire for the spiritual world as you  
chose to come here to this planet called Earth to  
assist us fallen conditioned souls, you sacrifice all  
this for us, how can I claim to go back to Godhead  
when you chose to come here to assist us.

Thank you countless times my dear Srila Prabhupada  
for assisting me and my good family. Some day we  
shall certainly meet again.

*Your insignificant servant,  
Srinivas Acharya Dasa and Family*







Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Subal Sakha Dasa  
ISKCON 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-pascatya-desā-tarine*

Translation

**“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 Brahma, for You appear in two features — externally as the acarya and internally as the Supersoul — to deliver the embodied living being by directing him how to come to You.” (Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta *Adi-līlā*, Chapter 1, text 48).

The following scene played out in a packed temple room in Durban in the late 1990s. It was your Vyaṣa Pūjā. The atmosphere was electric. The windows steamed up as the kīrtan raged on. Suddenly, the senior swami performing your Guru Pūjā indicated that there was no peacock fan for your worship. Instantly, the swami’s personal servant exploded into action. He took flight as if imbued with Hanuman’s agility and Vāyu’s light-footedness. Leaping, diving, dodging, and pirouetting across the temple room floor amidst a heaving mass of warm devotee bodies bouncing all around. He repeated his gallant acrobatics as he hastily returned from across the temple room with peacock fan in hand. The young brahmacharis in the crowd looked on in glee and cheered wildly. They were thinking, ‘We want to be like that prabhu - fearless, attentive, resolute with purpose, super-charged, heroic, unstoppable.’

Indeed, these young brahmacharis developed a firm resolve and conviction in your words and mission in the years that followed. Except for fear of women, these young fanatics laughed in the face of danger, disregarded political correctness, and paid no heed to rent, food, the price of

petrol, or crime. They boldly preached to anyone and everyone. Although these devotees overestimated themselves in a world that seemed to be burning, they did bring hope and the Krishna connection to most people they met. How was it possible that they developed such steel-like conviction in the practice of bhakti yoga? It is only your appearance in the West that made it all possible.

Thank you — all glories to you, whose words and behavior are independent of the validation of righteous intellectuals. Your words and deeds are wholly and solely dedicated to the service of Sri Krishna. Let the world examine you. Let us all be struck with the thunderbolt of astonishment.

Being part of such a group of fortunate fellows as above, we have now mostly scattered like leaves in the wind. Speaking for myself, the years have laid bare my overzealousness, disqualification, and artificial surrender—no matter what a glorious use of life.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. Qualified or not, fallen or not, in the end, all that remains is the indelible need to want to serve you. Be it through insignificant deeds or simply chanting the Holy Name. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for this wonderful samskāra of having a shadow of attraction to want to serve you. All glories to you, who fill the hearts of your aspiring servants with a generous cup of love.

Then there is the mystery of Vrindavan. Being too preoccupied with soothing the painful lashes of *māyā* with the balm of your Bhaktivedanta purports, thoughts of Vrindavan do not appear on the horizon of my mind. But what

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a great wonder where greedy followers may enter this topmost reality, where the sight of the gorgeous bare feet of the cowherd boys and girls of Vrindavan flood the heart with limitless joy. All glories to you, whose gravity mocks the ambitions of the powerful controllers of the universe.

May we who aspire to serve your ISKCON one day experience a sharp stinging in our eyes, brimming with tears at the thought of Your Divine Grace.

*Your servant,  
Subal Sakha Dasa*



Subhaga Dasa 🌸  
Durban  
South Africa



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

**MY KRSNA CONSCIOUSNESS** began some 20 years ago when your grand disciples rendered kirtan at my home after my mum passed away. From then onwards I have surrendered to your lotus feet and embraced Krsna consciousness.

Through your disciple, HH Partha Sarathi Das Goswami Maharaj, I have been awarded first and second initiation and have the privilege of serving the deities at the New Jagganath Puri Temple in Phoenix, Durban. I attend regular programmes and assist in the Food for Life Initiative

which you introduced worldwide. I am also privileged by the management of the temple to render service at all festivals. I am grateful to you, Srila Prabhupada, to have given my family and I Krsna consciousness so that we may be saved from Maya. Please, I beg you to always engage me in your transcendental movement and allow me to take shelter at your lotus feet.

*Your grand disciple,  
Subhaga Dasa*



Sudama Dasa 🌸  
Durban  
South Africa



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

**THIS YEAR**, inspired by the sheer depth of your books and transcendental purports, I was inspired to make some concerted effort to study your books. I enrolled in the Bhakti Sastri course and we are presently studying the Nectar of Instruction and Isopanisad. My eldest daughter has been studying a kids' course on the Srimad Bhagavatam, developed by the Mayapur Institute. I'm genuinely grateful for this rare opportunity. We are afforded by your mercy to hear about and glorify Lord Krishna, through the transcendental medium of your books and authoritative purports. It is stated that Krishna

Consciousness is nothing but love for Krishna, masquerading as a philosophy. And through the philosophy of your books, you are giving us the opportunity to cleanse our hearts and rekindle our love for Krishna and all things related to Him (His devotees, His intimate associates as yourself, and His paraphernalia). After wandering the material world for many millions of lifetimes we are most fortunate by your unlimited mercy, to have come to Krishna Consciousness through your books.

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guru-kṛṣṇa-prasādepāya bhakti-latā-bīja

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

– Caitanya Caritamṛta, Madhya 19.151

On this most auspicious occasion, we pray that as we learn and study your books, we become empowered to follow your instructions, develop full respect for all fellow devotees, and have the ability to give this knowledge to others according to our capacity and inclinations. May I remain forever guided by your books, my diksha and siksha gurus, and your sincere followers.

*Remaining forever, your eternal servant of your servants,  
Sudama Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada, Hare Krishna.  
Kindly accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.  
All glories to Guru and Gauranga. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

 Sudarsini Dasi  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

**IT'S ONLY THROUGH MERCY** and good fortune that I have managed to come to Krishna consciousness via the humble mercy of my guru, Partha Sarathi Goswami, in the late 70s. This was during the winter campaigns in Sea Cow Lake. Facing many of life's challenges from then till now, mostly alone, the worst being losing three of my sons tragically in twenty-five years, I can truly say that Lord Krishna has strengthened me to a point of detachment. We are taught that this is not our home, and that life is eternal as we are all part and parcel of the Supreme Lord, Krishna.

Srila Prabhupada, you have come as the Lord's ambassador to save us failing, fallen, and broken souls of this material world. You have built a house in which the whole world can live

peacefully, and I am so pleased to be part of this family, or I would have been drifting like a ship

without a sail. My sincere prayer is that the whole world chants our precious maha-mantra which your grace has so kindly taken to every nook and cranny of the world, and that which gives me my daily strength – not forgetting the many challenges you faced to carry out the instructions of your spiritual master.

Please help me, Srila Prabhupada, to always remain conscious of my regulative principles, to always carry them out sincerely, and to always please my Siksha and Diksha Guru.

My other request, Srila Prabhupada, is that at my last breath, if I remember you, I will definitely win this race: Broken but not Beaten.

Gaura Nitai ki jai! All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*Your most unworthy servant of the servants,  
Sudarsini Dasi*



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

**2023 HAS TURNED** out to be an interesting year thus far! Filled with highs and lows, and disappointments and joys. Of course, nothing can stay the same, but what I must be grateful for is being in your ISKCON society, Srila Prabhupada. Being a Bhakti Vaibhava student, we are currently in Canto 3 of the Srimad-Bhagavatam. We are requested to write essays monthly, and my most recent essay focused on the themes of Lord Brahma's prayers to the Lord, with an emphasis on protection and mercy.

**Protection:**In S.B 3.9.24, Lord Brahma prayed to the Lord for his protection – while he was performing his duty of being empowered by the Supreme Lord to be the secondary creator, he would encounter many material distractions and create many vicious living entities which could easily allow him to stray from the devotional path. Brahma, being the super most brahmana, is exceptionally worried and is genuinely afraid of such a fall down due to being in the association of fallen conditioned souls. 'Brahma-tejas' is being used to describe the power of brahminical excellence. If Lord Brahma, being the super most brahmana, expresses genuine concern of fall down, then what to speak of us that are conditioned by the three modes of material nature and are constantly in touch with non-devotees on a daily basis?

**Mercy:**My mind immediately thought of you, Srila Prabhupada, and all the difficulties you had to personally endure. From your business, family, your journey establishing ISKCON, and too many health and other hurdles to mention. In Srimad-Bhagavatam, 10.88.8, the Lord says, "If I especially favor someone, I gradually deprive him of his wealth by which he fulfils all his material desires. Then the relatives and friends of such a poverty-stricken man abandon him! In this way he suffers one distress after another."As difficult as it is to accept, this is definitely the mercy and blessings of the Lord in order for you

to have personally succeeded in your mission, Srila Prabhupada. Not once did you selfishly think of yourself and any personal comforts. Just as the Lord created this entire cosmic manifestation to allow us to reform and improve ourselves in devotional service, you have created ISKCON as a platform for us to reform, so that we can go back home, back to Godhead where we truly belong.

The theme of mercy flows throughout our sampradaya. How many millions of individuals and families today are the beneficiaries of your great mercy all over the world, Srila Prabhupada? Each country or city I travel to always has a familiar ISKCON centre that I can visit, attend an arati ceremony, see the deities, associate with Vaishnavas there, and get the mercy of maha-prasadam. It inspires me to deeply appreciate you, Srila Prabhupada, and the mercy of our guru-varga.

Thank you for being an ocean of mercy, Srila Prabhupada. If it wasn't for you, we would not know Guru and Gauranga. We would not know Lord Nrasimhadeva who is the incarnation of all protection in all directions. We would not know the wonderful Vaishnavas who surround us daily – it may not be in a physical sense, but they are there.

Thank you for the opportunity of devotional service. The Lord doesn't need our service, but through your mercy, we get the mercy to render some service which the Lord rarely grants. As long as we are in your ISKCON society, I feel your mercy and protection. We are all enjoying the benefits of your hard labour of love.

Deeply indebted to you, I beg to always remain in the shelter of your ISKCON.

*Your most insignificant granddaughter,  
Sudevi Dasi*





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

 Sukumari Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa

**IT TAKES LIFETIMES** for one to get the human form of life, what to speak of becoming a Vaisnava. Your divine grace has shown compassion to both the gentle and the ruffians. Your deep faith in your Guru Maharaja's instructions carried you to every continent to teach the general populace, devotion to the Lord. Your teachings have brought me to the human platform. Now I need to work towards becoming a de

chant with true feeling calling out to the Lord, "my Friend, my Friend, please engage me in Your devotional service?"

My dearest Srila Prabhupada, please help me chant free from the ten offenses and let my service not be tainted with any pride.

Thank you for being my inspiration, shelter and guide. I am grateful for your mercy which carries me every day.

Since trying to practice Krishna consciousness from a young age, my endeavours have been mechanical. I am wondering how many more years will it take for me to serve with real surrender, to

*Your grateful and dependent granddaughter,  
Sukumari Dasi*



Hare Krsna, dearest Srila Prabhupada.  
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your most merciful divine lotus feet.  
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day of your Sri Vyasa-puja.

 Sulakshana Gopi Devi Dasi  
Tongaat  
South Africa

**SRILA PRABHUPADA**, thank you for allowing me to be a part of your loving ISKCON family. Thank you for giving me the strength to face every day in service, especially in arti, cooking, and Deity service that we started today. I honestly wish that I could have started earlier because it's such a beautiful mercy.

for all the service opportunities and devotee association. I remain very grateful, and I wish I could repay you someday.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for making my home into a temple for me, and my garden into a service opportunity for flowers, fruit, and vegetables to serve our Lord. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada,

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your most merciful lotus feet.

*Your grateful servant,  
Sulakshana Gopi Devi Dasi*

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& Other Devotees

Sulochana Naidoo 🌸  
Estcourt  
South Africa



Hare Krishna dear Srila Prabhupada,  
I offer my dandavat pranaamas to your lotus feet. Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to you and to the dust of your lotus feet.

*nama om visnu-padayakrsna-presthayabhuta-tale  
srimatebhaktivedanta-svamininitinamine  
namastesarasvatedevegaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvivesa-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-tarine*

**THIS IS MY FIRST** Vyasa-puja offering to you, so please forgive me, if I make mistakes.

Dear Prabhupada, firstly I want to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to you for opening my eyes and allowing shimmer of light, in the form of knowledge about Sri Krsna to enter my vision. It is only by your mercy that I have been slowly and gradually drawn to Sri Krsna. Your vani in the form of your books and your lectures has positively motivated me, and encouraged me to question my existence and influences me towards joy and bliss in serving the Vaishnava devotees, and engaging in devotional service to the lotus feet of Sri Krsna.

When I listen to your japa and especially when I hear you sing Jaya Radha-Madhava, it brings to me a deep sense of inner peace. It also reminds me of how fortunate we are, to have your guidance and

instructions. We are eternally indebted to you, as without you, Sri Krsna would be a mystery.

There is a photo I have of you, with a caption "his smile will melt your heart", it is my favourite photo of you, and wherever I look at it, it does exactly that.

Dear Prabhupada, on your Vyasa-puja, I beg of you to please bless me, guide me and keep me always engaged in loving devotional service to the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha Krsna and assist me in spreading your mission and achieving your vision.

I pray that you may always have shelter at the lotus feet of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Krsna.

*Yours in Krsna consciousness,  
Your unqualified, and insignificant servant,  
Sulochana Naidoo*



Su-shitala Radha Devi Dasi 🌸  
Waterval City  
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.  
All glories to you and all glories to ISKCON, our home.

**THROUGHOUT THE YEARS** of growing up in this society, I always wondered when I would be fortunate enough to be your grand disciple and offer my everything to you in this manner. I always grew up wishing to meet you in a way that would still be accessible if I was not realized enough, in a way that your opinion would change my perspective of this world. Even though now I am so happy to be your grand disciple, I don't feel any bit of qualification to have such a connection with a mahatma, yet, your mercy flows

unto me with your guidance through your vani.

This year has been challenging, filled with uncertainties and calamities. However, just before writing my offering unto you, your mercy had turned sad tears into blissful ones. This is no coincidence just like in Krishna consciousness there are no coincidences. You know my deepest desires and today made me realize that desires to get closer to Krishna are desires not lost but challenged. Challenged by my own faith in Krishna's plan. You have

set the perfect example in unadulterated faith, and this is the perfect example of how I'm not qualified enough to have the patience. I pray that I may learn to follow in your footsteps and truly trust in Krishna's plan and timings.

This year I am forever thankful for the association and mercy of the close community you have given me. A community that turns conversations into Krishna conscious ones, that pushes me to do more service and service with a deeper mood, and that cares for the well-being of my soul rather than just my body.

So, thank you my loving grandfather for experiences that have taught me to trust in Krishna's plan more, the association that is nourishment, and for mercifully fulfilling my deepest desires. May I always find solace in your home, and may I be fixed in my service so that one day I will be able to live under your direct and personal guidance with Radhe Shyam.

*Your inadequate granddaughter,  
Su-shitala Radha Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my respectful obeisances in the dust your divine lotus feet.  
All glories to Your Divine Grace!



Swarup Damodar Dasa  
Durban  
South Africa

Ever since appreciation for Your Divine Grace inevitably grew in my heart from the moment I opened your transcendental books, I marveled at how you were simultaneously inspiring me in a deeply personal way, as well through your personal preaching mission, ISKCON. Not only me, but the millions of your followers will attest the same. It's transcendently mystical.

Almost every day I find newer perspectives from which to appreciate you; either arising from some inspiration from my heart by the mercy of Krishna, or by hearing from one of the many saintly Vaisnavas you have nurtured and inspired.

One of your followers whom I relish listening to about you is His Holiness Tamal Krishna Goswami. "Get Tamal!" was often heard emanating from your lotus lips whenever you needed something difficult or sensitive accomplished. This was not only because he was extensively competent, but because Tamal Krishna Maharaja had the ability to 'get you.' He deeply understood your mood, your desires and responded by living to please you. Such was his faith in Your Divine Grace. Of course, similar can be said about hundreds and thousands of your followers

- such was your potency to attract the dedication of so many devotees.

In any case, with regards to Tamal Krishna Maharaja, he often commented that the most important quality of a disciple is to have strong faith in the spiritual master. Faith that the spiritual master has the best interests of the disciple at heart and will do everything possible to guide the disciple to Krishna's lotus feet.

Srila Prabhupada, your self-sacrificing efforts to establish a mission to reach out to fallen conditioned souls all over the world, and to offer a facility for those souls to nourish their devotional creeper easily inspires faith in any sincere seeker. But faith developed on the basis of ISKCON, your personal mission, is not enough, I feel. It is surely powerful but I want to also increase my faith through a deepening personal relationship with you. At the same time, I am convinced that both these are interdependent; faith in one nurtures faith in the other. Thus while I desire to deepen my personal relationship with you, I appreciate the need to engage in and serve your mission.

By its interaction in the material nature,

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ISKCON, although borne of your pure desire and efforts, often times is covered by faults and failings. These are due to our shortcomings in carefully imbibing and carrying out your instructions. And we are all in it together, responsible - all of us who purport to be your sincere followers.

His Holiness Giriraj Swami had the following exchange with Your Divine Grace:

Giriraj Swami: Srila Prabhupada, right now you're here, and everything is going nicely. But what if in the future, when you're not here, ISKCON falls from the standard? What should I do?

Srila Prabhupada: You are also one of the important members of the Society. You work to correct the problems, but don't leave.

Srila Prabhupada, I am gravely at fault for my

lack of effort in correcting the problems that manifest in your Society according to my capacity and realisation. I am shallow in maturely understanding your instructions and desires and pray that you will inspire me from within and without - through your saintly followers - to have the tenacity to act for the best welfare of your mission.

Srila Prabhupada, please bless me to develop a deep commitment to serve your desires and that of your servants, so that when something is required, you and them may be inspired to one day call out, "Get Swarup Damodar." I live each day in hope of this.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Aspiring to be a servant of your eternal servants,  
Swarup Damodar Dasa*



Syama Dasi 🙏  
Pretoria  
South Africa



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 Your Divine Grace.

**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 and serve your mission as best I can. I place myself at your divine lotus feet

and humbly beg for your kind mercy. Please deliver this fallen soul.

*Your humble servant always,  
Syama Dasi*



Syamananda Dasa 🙏  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



Hare Krsna Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories unto you.

*nama om visnu-padayakrsna-presthayabhu-tale  
srimatebhaktivedanta-svamininitinamine  
namastesarasvatedevegaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-tarine*



“I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, 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 Sarasvatī Gosvāmī. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.”

*cakhu-dan dilo jei, janme janme prabhu sei  
divya-jnan hrde prokasito  
prema-bhakti jaha hoite, avidya vinasa jate,  
vede gay jaharacarito*

“He opens my darkened eyes and fills my heart with transcendental knowledge. He is my Lord birth after birth. From him ecstatic prema emanates; by him ignorance is destroyed. The Vedic scriptures sing of his character.” (Sri Guru-vandana, Verse 3 by Srila Narottama dasa Thakura)

**WE ARE ON THIS PATH** because of you, we are still here because of you, and we will hang around only because of you. Through the ups and downs, somehow or other by the mercy of the Lordships Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari and Your Divine Grace, we are engaged in distributing your books, the holy names and prasadam.

We know that by connecting with souls in this way, you and your spiritual master Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakura will be pleased which will then please our eternal Mother and Father, Sri-mati Radharani and Lord Krishna. We beg for your

continued mercy to engage us in this way.

We are not sure what the future holds for your society and the direction things will go. If you so desire, we humbly pray for you to guide us and others on the path and for those leading your society to keep you and Krishna in the center.

Thank you for everything Srila Prabhupada. We are eternally indebted to you. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

*Your struggling servant,  
Syamananda Dasa*











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

 Syamananda Krishna Dasa  
and Premalila Devi Dasi  
Cape Town  
South Africa

**IF EVER A PERSON** deserves celebratory praise, Srila Prabhupada, it is certainly you. It will not be possible for us to express the extent of your actual greatness or dearness to Krsna. But as Srila Krsnadasa Kaviraja Goswami writes towards the end of Caitanya Caritamrta,

“The sky is unlimited, but many birds fly higher and higher according to their own abilities. The pastimes of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu are like the unlimited sky. How, then, can an ordinary living being describe them all?” (Sri Caitanya-caritamrta Antya-lila, chapter 20, texts 79 and 80).

Similarly, Srila Prabhupada, ordinary souls like us cannot describe your glories. We can only try according to our limited ability.

The word miracle is entirely applicable to Your Divine Grace. In the Oxford English Dictionary, we find the following description of its meaning, ‘An extraordinary and welcome event that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore attributed to a divine agency.’

Considering this description, it occurs to us that what you have performed is not merely one miracle but instead a series of divine miracles one after the other: your meeting with Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati in 1922; your unwavering struggle to spread Krsna Consciousness in India for more than forty years; you traveling on the Jaladuta to America for more than one month and suffering two heart attacks; you living in New York City practically alone for one year; you traveling all over the world and establishing 108 temples; you translating and publishing more than 60 volumes of books. The list goes on and on.

These monumental achievements are indeed due to a divine agency: You are an intimate associate of Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and the sena-pati bhakta of His sankirtana movement. In

the Caitanya-Mangala, by Locana dasa Thakura, the Lord Himself predicted the advent of such a bhakta, who would deliver those rascals fleeing to foreign countries to avoid Lord Caitanya’s mercy.

Lord Sri Caitanya has sent you to achieve something more significant than He did. He spread His sankirtana mission all over India but reserved the glory of fulfilling His prediction for you, Srila Prabhupada.

Mahaprabhu said,  
prthivite ache yata nagaradi grama  
sarvatra pracara hoibe mora nama

“In all the villages and towns all over the world, everywhere, the sankirtana movement of Lord Caitanya will be preached.” (Caitanya Bhagavata Antya-Kanda 4.126).

You have fulfilled that prediction most amazingly by arriving in America in 1965 and, in just 12 years, spreading the chanting of Lord Krsna’s Holy Name worldwide, a miracle of unprecedented proportions. No one has ever done anything like that; therefore, it is not an exaggeration to say that you are the most extraordinary personality of this age.

Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura revived the teaching of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura spread those teachings all over India, and you, Srila Prabhupada, spread them all over the world.

You have been designated jagat-guru, meaning that you are the current acarya who guides the destiny of the community of Vaisnavas in a broad historical sense. An acarya is understood as one who teaches by instruction and personal example. Therefore, the term acarya indicates a bonafide spiritual master, “a learned teacher of the spiritual science.” But in the highest sense, the acarya is the soul sent by Lord Krsna Himself to teach the whole world.

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

This is the truest sense of the term as it is applied to you, Srila Prabhupada. All those who wish to practice Krsna consciousness in the most perfect of ways must validate their realizations and conclusions in reference to your teachings.

By carefully analyzing your life and teachings, we cannot but conclude that Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu has personally empowered you to reveal most clearly and completely the Lord's desire for this world. Additionally, you perfectly embody the

mission of the Supreme Lord in this world in the current age.

We humbly request Your Divine Grace to be able to do something to assist the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and ISKCON in spreading the sankirtana movement to others.

*Your servants,*

*Syamananda Krsna Dasa and Premalila Devi Dasi*

Tanuja Hira   
Laudium Pretoria  
South Africa



Dearest spiritual grandfather, Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

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

**IT IS WITH A HUMBLE** disposition that I convey my respectful and heartfelt gratitude to my beloved Lordships, Sri Sri Radha-Govinda, for guiding me to take shelter at your divine lotus feet, dear Srila Prabhupada. Although, most undeserving, I am highly fortunate to have obtained the merciful association of the Lord's devotees.

The home that you have provided for the whole world to live in, is the lighthouse in this dark ocean of material existence. Thank you for the love and mercy that you have bestowed upon us by providing us with divine literature that is full of nectar. It also guides us in awakening our dormant love for Krsna and ultimately paves the path home back to Godhead, for us.

My dear spiritual grandfather, I humbly beg that you kindly bless my beloved Gurudeva, His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami Maharaj, with

good health and a long life, so that we may benefit from his association for a long time to come.

I sometimes chant to your recordings of japa in the early hours of the morning, which brings me immense peace. Every moment of everyday is a challenge and I am literally hanging on by a thread trying to execute my Krsna conscious practices. I humbly beg of you, my dear Srila Prabhupada, to kindly bless me that I may never leave the shelter of your lotus feet and that I am always able to serve the devotees and my Gurudeva in a way that will make you proud.

Thank you for your divine mercy and protection.

*In aspiration of being the servant of the servant,  
Your insignificant granddaughter,  
Tanuja Hira*





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

 Tanumadhya Dasi  
Cape Town  
South Africa

**YOU HAVE MENTIONED** in your books that surrender can happen in an instance. But you have also mentioned that it is a process, and it takes time. Now I realize that it is both.

To understand why it is both, you have explained what surrender means. For a devotee to surrender to Krsna means accepting the process of devotional service. Acceptance can happen in an instance. Getting to know the process and following what it asks, that is what takes time, but whatever is unfavorable for the process must be rejected and whatever is favorable must be accepted.

You have also stressed that the decision to serve Krsna, based on an intense desire to do so, must include everything that is part of the process. One cannot decide to follow some parts and ignore other


parts. When you started the movement, it was not possible for everyone to embrace everything at once. You introduced the process over time, and therefore a new devotee joining was introduced to the process over time. Today the whole process is known, but a new devotee is still allowed to park some aspects of the process on the shelf for a while. One must just revisit this shelf from time to time and by your grace will find that some aspects have disappeared from the shelf and have become part of one's practice.

May we all continue to experience your ongoing grace and mercy. May we all reciprocate by spreading your movement to every town and village.

*Your eternal grateful servant,  
Tanumadhya Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

 Tara Krsna Singh  
Johannesburg  
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-tarīne*

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

**THANK YOU** for all you have done for this movement and my family. Your books and lectures have been amazing and very helpful in my spiritual life. Thank you for giving the Western world Krsna, and thank

you for your amazing recipes.

*Your loving servant,  
Tara Krsna Singh*



Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Taralaksi Dasi 🙏  
Narada Rsi Dasa  
Vasudhama Dasa  
and Rasika Mohan Dasa  
Durban  
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious, glorious day. All glories to our guru-parampara.

**THE MESSAGE OF GODHEAD**, which you have broadcast all over the world, is filled with spiritual power that is pouring nectar upon the suffering souls in this material world and ultimately destroying the fear of material existence – and this makes you 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 atmosphere, preaching endlessly and purifying the living entities.

Knowledge of Krishna is such a great gift that it is impossible to repay the benefactor. I therefore pray to gain the shelter of your divine lotus feet so that I may become worthy to enter the marketplace of the holy name. I simply beg for your mercy. I can only pray that therefore: “May I always remain in your grace’s shelter.”

*Trying to be the servant of your servants,  
Taralaksi Dasi, Narada Rsi Dasa, Vasudhama Dasa  
and Rasika Mohan Dasa*



Terishka 🙏  
and Ashmika Devanan  
Durban  
South Africa



Dear Prabhupada,

**LAST YEAR I WROTE** you an offering for your birthday and I pray that you were pleased.

Last year, was quite hectic with me not doing very well and I am using really bad coping mechanisms. I got help. I am doing better now in everything. Thank you for protecting my sister and my mum. I am now fasting Ekadasi without that much struggle. My struggles in life taught me an important

life lessons that I would never forget. Thank the Lord for teaching me those very important lessons.

I also have become very close to our deities at home. I serve them every day.

Please, Prabhupada help me become more spiritual.

*Terishka and my sister Ashmika Devanan*



Tulsi Priya Devi Dasi 🙏  
Durban  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
All glories to His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

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

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

**SRILA PRABHUPADA**, your books are sold cheaply for the most expensive message.

Yes, for lost souls like myself who lacked meaning in life, before I came into contact with you, my life was given new meaning through reading your books.

Srila Prabhupada, you are so compassionate to every living entity. You gave your whole life to save the entire world. Your followers, especially your disciples, are sincerely spreading your message worldwide.

In today's times, through different multimedia, your message is being spread by many of your grand disciples.

Everything about you, Srila Prabhupada is

unique,

- *Message always has new and fresh meanings*
- *You have wise and unlimited knowledge*
- *Every message is perfection*
- *Your kirtan from the spiritual world*
- *Your cooking is full of flavors and taste*
- *Your voice*
- *Your style of walking*

... unique ...

And the list can go on...

I have never met anyone like you, Srila Prabhupada. You gave us everything.

*Your granddaughter,  
Tulsi Priya Devi Dasi*



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

*nama om visnu-padayakrsna-presthayabhu-tale  
srimatebhaktivedanta-svamininitinamine  
namastesarasvatedevegaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desatarine*

**THROUGH THE MERCY** of your disciples and grand disciples, today I able to appreciate and see how much you have invested in your movement. You have even gone to such great lengths in making promises to us that you will deliver us from this material world even if we do not remember Lord Krishna at the time of death. What a deep statement for us fallen souls. You left the beautiful sounds of the peacocks, the ringing of bells, the sweet sound of Krishna's flute to go to the police sirens and the hustle and bustle of the city.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, your compassion and kindness have no boundaries and I hope and

pray that I will always remain indebted to you and your mission. Please allow me to fulfill your desires.

Srila Bhaktivinod Thakur sings a song:

This is also my prayer to you.

Kabe ha'bebolo se-dinaamar  
(amar) aparadthaghuci, suddha name ruci,  
krpa-bale ha'behrdoyesancar.

Please tell me, When will that day be mine-when my offenses will end and a taste for the pure holy name will be infused within my heart by the power of divine grace?

 Tilakini Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

*trnadhikahina, kabenijemani  
sahisnuta-gunahrdoyete ani  
sakalemanada, apaniamani  
ho'yeaswadibonama rasa sar*

Considering myself lower than a blade of grass, bringing the quality of forbearance into my heart, showing respect to all, myself being freed from all false pride-when will I taste the essence of the liquid nectar of the holy name?

You offered so much to us, but I am still struggling to be a devotee.

Please forgive me for committing so many offences lifetime after lifetime.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, no matter how fallen I am you always whole heartedly accept all my prayers and answer them. You have given the whole world to us and a simple way of life. You have taught us that just by relishing your divine instructions and words we can advance spiritually. I pray at your lotus feet that I must never forget you and this mission for all the lifetimes ahead.

Thank you for bringing two very important souls in my life who is my guru and your grand disciple. They are nurturing me and moulding me so nicely. For a fallen soul like me I am so blessed to be serving them both and I know you are just smiling wherever you are.

Thank you my jagatguru for entering into my heart and allowing me to serve and chant.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, please be merciful upon me. All that I hope and pray is that you help me become immersed in the holy name. Nothing more must be important to me. Allow me to overcome Maya as strong as she is and let me enter into my eternal home once again.

I thank you again and again. Thank you for entering into my life.

Do not leave my heart because I know impurities will enter again. Do not let me forget you, because I will surely forget Radha Krishna.

*Your most fallen servant,  
Tilakini Dasi*

Tirumala Devi Dasi   
Fourways  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances on this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.  
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

**“AS THE RISING SUN** immediately dissipates all the world’s darkness, which is deep like an ocean, so the holy name of the Lord, if chanted once without offenses, dissipates all the reactions of a living being’s sinful life. All glories to that holy name of the Lord, which is auspicious for the entire world.” (*Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta, Antya-līla 3.181*)

Thank you for giving us a home and a family

we can associate with. Thank you for showing us the way back home and distributing the holy name. Thank you for your books and powerful words. I am so grateful to you for so much Srila Prabhupada. But most of all, thank you for my Guru Maharaja.

*Your great-granddaughter,  
Tirumala Devi Dasi*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

On this auspicious occasion of your Vyas Puja, I offer my heartfelt obeisances and my humblest offerings at your lotus feet.

**YOU ARE THE EMBODIMENT** of a true spiritual master, a beacon of divine wisdom, and a compassionate guide who has illuminated the path of bhakti for countless souls.

Your teachings have touched the lives of millions, transforming hearts and bringing solace to the weary souls lost in the material world. Through your extraordinary dedication, unflinching determination, and unwavering faith in the message of Lord Krishna, you established the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) and propagated the sublime philosophy of devotional service throughout the world.

You tirelessly travelled across continents, engaging in profound dialogues, delivering discourses, and personally interacting with people from all walks of life. Your unbounded love and compassion knew no boundaries, as you selflessly shared the priceless jewel of Krishna consciousness, awakening the dormant devotion in the hearts of innumerable souls.

Your divine literature, including the Bhagavad-gita As It Is, Srimad Bhagavatam and Caitanya Caritamrita, continue to be the guiding light for seekers of truth, offering profound insights into the eternal nature of the soul and the ultimate goal of life – re-establishing our eternal relationship with Lord Krishna.

Your personal example as a dedicated disciple

and servant of the Lord inspires us all to cultivate humility, compassion, and unwavering faith in the process of devotional service. Your unwavering conviction in the power of the holy names of the Lord and the chanting of the Hare Krishna mantra has awakened countless souls to the joyous path of pure devotion.

Today, we celebrate your divine presence among us, even though physically you are no longer with us. Your instructions and teachings remain ever relevant and continue to guide us on our spiritual journey. Your radiant smile, loving glances, and compassionate words are etched forever in the hearts of those who have had the privilege of knowing you.

As I offer my humble offerings to you on this sacred day, I pray for your divine blessings. May your sublime teachings continue to inspire us, may your transcendental presence guide us, and may we forever remain connected to you through the timeless wisdom you have imparted.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, please accept my heartfelt gratitude, deepest reverence, and unwavering love. On this Vyasa-puja day, I re-dedicate myself to serving your mission with renewed enthusiasm and commitment.

*Your eternal servant,  
Tripurari Kumar*



Hare Krishna dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to Your Divine Grace on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

**ĀCĀRYA MEANS ONE WHO** teaches by example. When looking at your video footages, the last lesson that you gave, was one of your most wonderful and most important. You taught by your life and your books.

Whatever you did, Srila Prabhupada, was instructive: the way you ate, the way you walked, the way you dressed, the way you lay down, the way you breathed, the way you moved. Dear great soul, just as HH

 Tripurari Kumar  
New Delhi  
India

 Ujjvala Prema Devi Dasi  
Midrand  
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Satsvarupa Dasa Goswami mentioned that everything you did should be carefully studied - not imitated but understood and followed. Furthermore, we can compare your passing away to Bhismadev's passing away. As Bhismadev gave instructions from the bed arrows, you also gave instructions from a position that was so painful and difficult that it seemed a humanly impossible feat. According to doctors, your body was in such intense pain, but still you remained completely collected, noble and

grave. And you were teaching, until the end. 'Ante narayana smriti...The ultimate test is whether at the time of death, you are able to remember Narayana or Krishna.'

Please be merciful unto us, that we may follow your example with great honour and respect. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for everything.

*Your servant and granddaughter always,  
Ujjvala Prema Devi Dasi*



Vaishnav Pran Dasa 🙏  
Pietermaritzburg  
South Africa



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

On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I wish to offer these words of appreciation. Unfortunately, these words will never be able to fully glorify you as your glories never ever end.

There is nectar at every moment when I read Satvarupa prabhu's Lilamrita or Hari Sauri prabhu's Transcendental diaries.

This year I pray for ever deepening appreciation and glorification of Your Divine Grace. I pray

that you bless me to understand more and more about how, what, when, where and the why of your mission, Srila Prabhupada. This will give me proper understanding of your desires and in this way, I can attempt to please you by following your instructions implicitly.

*Your struggling grandson,  
Vaishnav Pran Dasa*



Vaisnava Priya Dasi 🙏  
Durban  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to Your divine lotus feet.

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

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

**THERE IS A FABLE THAT ONCE** a man instructed his son on his deathbed that treasure was buried within

his farm. After his death, the sons decided to dig up the farm to find the treasure. They did not find any

treasure, but their soil digging produced the best crops ever that year.

Today, as I completed my Shrimad Bhagavatam Canto 3 exams, I can only reflect on how grateful I am to you. You have given us those gems in the form of Bhaktivedantapurports to help us understand Shrimad Bhagavatam and the essence of spiritual life. You sacrificed your time and energy, and we can only reciprocate by studying your purports, as there are unlimited jewels contained within these purports. As we dive deeper and deeper into the Shrimad Bhagavatam and all the books you have afforded us, we realise the gems you have placed within these literatures.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for all you have sacrificed to help us know Krishna. Thank you also for helping us understand the concept of devotional service. In the West, you have allowed Vaishnavis to engage in service not permitted in traditional Vedic temples in India.

Thank you for your broadmindedness that has allowed this insignificant, conditioned soul to engage in service.

I am forever grateful to you.

*Your insignificant servant,  
Vaisnava Priya Dasi*



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 honour you with this offering. From the time I was small I was always exposed to your life story and how you took the effort to spread Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu's message throughout the world. I want to thank you for everything you have done and for simplifying

all the important matters that the Lord has given to us into a version that we can use and understand.

*From your dearest great granddaughter and servant always,  
Vaisnavi Mistry*



Hare Krishna dear Jagadguru Srila Prabhupada,  
All glories unto thee on your Vyasa-puja.

**I THANK YOU** very much for giving us Krishna consciousness. Your magnanimous mercy extends to all living entities and you are the true saviour of humanity. The only problem is that we are so stubborn that 99 percent of us generally will not take to Krishna consciousness. I am trying my very best to distribute as many plates of prasada to humanity so that the seed of bhakti may eventually bear fruit in their hearts.

You have given us this rare gem of Krishna consciousness and it is our duty as members of ISKCON to share this treasured gift to all and sundry. Please bless me that I make steady progress in my Krishna consciousness and also help others on their path to bhakti.

*Your servant,  
Vasu Ghosh Dasa*



Vaisnavi Mistry  
Midrand  
South Africa



Vasu Ghosh Dasa  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Vedavyasa Dasa  
Durban  
South Africa



Hare Krishna Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to you on your most auspicious Vyasa-puja celebration.

IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, the world of devotees have lost some of the most notable and exemplary personalities within the Hare Krishna Movement. I was especially fond of and captivated on a spiritual platform by the priceless association of HH Bhakti Caru Swami Maharaj and HH Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj and the impact they've had on the South African yatra and globally as well.

These wonderful souls, as well as other sons and grandsons of yours, have come in our lives in the mood that you have instilled in your disciples through your teachings and example as the founder-Acharya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

It is through them that I have a special place in my heart for ISKCON and everything pertaining to ISKCON. Your disciples have taken up and are following in your footsteps to take Krishna consciousness and expand the most amazing spiritual movement to a greater extent all over the world.

It is through them that my life has changed,

taking a step closer to Krishna, as I am now officially your granddisciple.

Thank you for sending my dearest spiritual master - HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami Maharaj - into my life to save me, who so diligently works every single day of his life to please you and Krishna in his every endeavour.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for everything you have done and for sending your disciples to save us in your name and by your movement.

By your causeless mercy you have given us the greatest gift in this lifetime of ours and I pray that I, though being such a fool, may also become dedicated and worthy of being a devotee in ISKCON and may also be a servant to you and your disciples in the same manner and mood that you set out for us to imbibe within ISKCON.

*Your fallen servant,  
Vedavyasa Dasa*

Veenesh Dhayalam  
Germiston  
South Africa



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

**HARE KRISHNA**, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare / Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare. All Glories to the merciful and loving Lord. In these most difficult and dangerous of times, the Lord's shelter is required more than ever. Without Him, what can truly be realised, achieved or gained.

Individuals continue to battle towards nearing the transcendental state of mind but know that is the ultimate self-realisation and are in need of

His Word constantly. It is important that whilst we continuously fail, we must not stop trying as the end goal is priceless. We are always thankful to you for giving us His word and ways so that we always have something to hold onto. Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servant,  
Veenesh Dhayalam*





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

**IT HAS BEEN** a beautiful journey. As you know Srila Prabhupada, it has not been a straight flat line. I am glad upon reflecting that it was not. It is through life's tribulations that I have grown.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the major role that you have played in my life.

On behalf of other devotees and well-wishers, I thank you too. As the saying goes, "the rest is history."

Please continue to guide and protect me and

my family at large. You know my biggest goal please help me achieve it. Have no more words to express our gratitude and love for you - dearest Srila Prabhupada - our father and grandfather and great grandfather too - our all.

Hare Krsna.

*Your servant,  
Veronica Panday*

 Veronica Panday  
Durban  
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada  
Please accept my obeisances unto your lotus feet.  
Glories to you and to your Vyasa-puja.

**ON THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION** I pray for your mercy, compassion and blessings to be always in the association of devotees and to walk the path of bhakti as taught by the scriptures, yourself and your wonderful disciples and grand disciples.

Indeed, this world is not a place for a gentleman as often taught by yourself, and at every step lurks danger. It took me quite some time to figure this out and indeed so many other things that have not yet come to clarity for me.

Battling with the mind seems to be a

non-ending struggle and surely swimming out of this worldly ocean without getting sooner or later drowned is almost impossible.

So, I pray again and again for your mercy, love and compassion so I live up as a worthy soldier, a worthy human being and a worthy devotee of their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Krsna.

*Yours humbly,  
Vikash Bunjun*

 Vikash Bunjun  
Vacoas  
Mauritius



Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Vilasa Manjari Devi Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa



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

**SRILA PRABHUPADA**, on this wonderful occasion of your Vyasa-puja, I make my humble offering to you. You have opened our eyes to the Absolute Truth – Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. You are to us the eternal saviour, father and teacher.

You spread your unlimited kindness and mercy in every nook and corner of this world, a true Mahatma.

You had a “one size fits all” key to open our eyes and hearts and raise us from the darkness. I consider myself very lucky to have received this most

valuable treasure “Krishna Consciousness” from you. In your absence you continue to guide us through your books, recorded classes and lectures.

I express my appreciation for your kindness and generosity.

Srila Prabhupada, I thank you for adopting me into your eternal family.

*Your insignificant servant,  
Vilasa Manjari Devi Dasi*

Vimlyn  
Veni  
Preolyn  
and Caidyn Pillay  
Durban  
South Africa



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

*nama om visnu-padayakrsna-presthayabhuta-tale  
srimatebhaktivedanta-svamininamine  
namastesarasvatedevegaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvivesa-sunyavadi-pascadya-desa-tarine*

**WHEN OUR LIVES WERE** in chaos you stepped into our lives Prabhupada. I thank you for your causeless mercy upon my family and I. We really admire the sacrifices you made Prabhupada to deliver us, fallen souls. You had gone through such great lengths just so that you could provide a cushioned spiritual path back to Godhead for us.

We truly wish we had a chance to meet you in person Prabhupada, that’s our desire. We do know that you said that you will forever live on in your literature/books. Our dearest Prabhupada, please forgive us but it’s not the same, we have been unfortunate in not meeting you.

We would like to thank you Prabhupada for labouring for us and giving us the divine nectar, in the form of your literature. It was your book, The Science of Self- Realization that convinced us to become

Krishna Conscious, thank you greatly. Prabhupada we are really struggling with concentration during our chanting, please help my family and I in this regard. Please help us to become great devotees. Prabhupada, we fall at your lotus feet again and again and we humbly ask of you to please ask Lord Krishna, not to ever put us into forgetfulness. Please protect us from falling eternally, give us the ability to always remember the Lotus feet of all his names, forms and associates, and most importantly please ask Lord Krishna to give us all that is needed to chant sincerely.

Thank you my dearest Prabhupada. Countless thank you’s for choosing to be a part of our lives, please don’t ever leave us.

*Your most fallen servants,  
Vimlyn, Veni, Preolyn and Caidyn Pillay*



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

*nama om visnu-padayakrsna-presthayabhu-tale  
srimatebhaktivedanta-svaminitinamine  
namastesarasvatedevegaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desa-tarine*

**THANK YOU**, to our most dearest grandfather, jagad-guru Srila Prabhupada for bringing Krsna consciousness to the west. You saved us by giving us the best spiritual masters, you gave us the spiritual world through your books, and the mahamantra to cleanse our heart and to send us back to Godhead.

Your temples brought us all together. Your festivals enlightened us and taught us who Lord Krsna

is - The Supreme Personality of Godhead. It is our greatest wish that we never cause disgrace to your ISKCON and remain in service at all times.

Srila prabhupada ki jaya!

*Your aspiring servants,  
Virabhadra Dasa and Mani Manjari Devi Dasi*

 Virabhadra Dasa  
and Mani Manjari Devi Dasi  
Durban  
South Africa



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

**ON THIS DAY** of your appearance, we present this puny offering to show our appreciation and love for you, despite our lacking and huge, short comings. Our heart is jumping for joy at the sheer unexpected good fortune we have received. As we witness the anxieties of this material world and how illusioned the general population is, the more we understand how indebted we are to you for giving us the Vedic scriptures and holy name, which continuously shields us.

The scriptures always hold the answers in times of uncertainty. Without them leading us through life, we would be in the darkness that so many currently dwell in, living a life of sin. Not only do

your teachings from the Vedic scriptures shield us, but they also allow us to lead others to Krishna consciousness.

You imbibed such patience and tolerance.

In the face of such challenges and adversity from all sides, as you tried to initiate and revive

Krsna Consciousness on so many continents, you remained resilient, steadfast, and strong willed. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your insignificant servants,  
Virachandra Dasa, Keli-Kunja Dasi and Subhadra*

 Virachandra Dasa  
Keli-Kunja Dasi  
and Subhadra  
Durban  
South Africa



Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Vishaka Devi Dasi 🌸  
Lenasia Johannesburg  
South Africa



Hare Krishna, dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
My obeisances and dandavatpranams at your divine lotus feet.

**ON THIS BEAUTIFUL DAY** of your divine appearance, how glorious it is to glorify you, Srila Prabhupada. There are celebrations taking place throughout the world. I feel extremely blessed to be in your ISKCON movement.

Please, Srila Prabhupada, continue to bless us all. This world is in chaos. It is difficult to exist, let alone live. Your beautiful teachings are saving us, Srila Prabhupada. We have your disciples who are preaching vigorously and so admirably. They were with you when you were here, and

we get to hear all your wonderful pastimes, Srila Prabhupada. I am so grateful to Krishna for bringing me to your lotus feet, Srila Prabhupada. You have given so much in your glorious movement, the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

I pray and I pray you always keep me there at your divine lotus feet.

*Your servant,  
Vishaka Devi Dasi*



Visvabhara Dasa 🌸  
Cape Town  
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupad,  
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace.  
All glories to your transcendental Vyasa-puja.

**WE ARE IN 2023** and the world as we know it is the most advanced as we have ever known. We have the fastest technologies and artificial intelligence to name a few of these advancements we have made. In spite of these advancements, we do not have the common sense it seems to be able to do even the commonest of things like communicate effectively. Communicating does not require too much of advancement to be effective.

For you communication was simple as you met and spoke to people, you wrote to people or you called someone up telephonically and communicated with them. You were effective in all methods of communication with the people you were communicating with and that is because the way you communicated was not as important as what you communicated with the recipients of your message.

In today's advanced world, we have more misunderstandings than we have ever had before. These misunderstandings are so rampant in small family households, broader family structures to the

extended country leaders and subjects to between global leaders. It is inconceivable that in such an advanced world, there would be such a long-running war on our planet. Clearly, this is because our advanced leaders are not capable of getting the warring parties to resolve the matter and get the parties to become friends again. How can this be real advancement if we cannot communicate in the simplest terms?

You were the expert communicator to both those you have known very well and also to people you met for the first time. The secret is that you have always communicated in one way and that is the language of love. You have had and still continue to have love for everyone that you come into contact with. You have just one motive in all that you do and that is to bring everyone you meet to the lotus feet of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. That is the secret to your great communication. If one was chastised or given a gulab jamun, they all appreciated that you were communicating



with pure unmotivated love for them and they all appreciated and loved you with these exchanges.

I know that I have to imbibe your mood to be a faithful follower of yours. Please give me the common sense to be able to be that faithful follower I

aspire to be.

*Your aspiring servant,  
Visvambhara Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept our humble 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  
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyā-desā-tarīne*

**ON THIS MOST JOYOUS** occasion of Your Vyasa-puja celebration we are privileged to be given the opportunity to express our gratitude to Your Divine Grace, the benefactor of all human society. Although we are unqualified, we take this opportunity to declare our indebtedness to Your Divine Grace.

By your mercy we are connected to you via your most loving son, His Holiness Srila Bhakti Caitanya Swami. Thank you for giving us a loving devotee family and for always allowing us to get the association of such wonderful devotees.

With your guidance, assistance and mercy, Srila Prabhupada, we promise to continue serving your mission to the best of our ability.

We are forever indebted to Your Divine Grace for all that you have done for us in changing our life

into such a blissful Krishna conscious life.

Thank you for allowing us to be engaged in transcendental service and thank you for bringing Krsna Consciousness to us and the whole world. We would like to express our indebtedness to you dear Srila Prabhupada for saving us and allowing us to always be able to associate with you.

Please accept our love on this most glorious day of your Vyasa-puja.

We are most unqualified to ask for anything of Your Divine Grace, but we pray for your causeless mercy.

*Your insignificant servants begging for the dust of  
your lotus feet,  
Vraja Priya Devi Dasi and Revati Devi Dasi*



 Vraja Priya Devi Dasi  
and Revati Devi Dasi  
Tongaat  
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees

Vraja Vilas Dasa  
Cape Town  
South Africa



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

**WITH THIS OFFERING**, I would like to express my gratitude to you for bringing me to Krishna consciousness and showing by your prime example what it means to truly serve and follow the instructions of the spiritual master. Please bless me Srila Prabhupada to always remain steadfast in my service and execute it in an all-round manner that is pleasing to you

and HH Bhakti Charu Swami whom you mercifully sent to guide me and so many others in this process.

Hare Krishna.

*Vraja Vilas Dasa*



Vraja Vilasini Devi Dasi  
Cape Town  
South Africa



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

**ON THIS AUSPICIOUS** day of your Vyasa-puja, I offer my deepest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for your immeasurable contributions to the world and to my own spiritual journey.

Your divine presence in this world was marked not only by your profound spiritual wisdom but also by your forward-thinking leadership and visionary approach. You were truly ahead of your time, envisioning a global spiritual movement when the world seemed unfamiliar with the principles of Bhakti Yoga and the profound teachings of Lord Krishna.

In the Srimad Bhagavatam, we find a verse that aptly describes your visionary spirit:

“The sage sees systematically everything in relation to the Supreme Lord, and therefore he sees only the Lord and not the Maya which is external. The sage’s conclusion is that devotional service unto the Lord is the ultimate goal of life.” (2.3.23)

Your understanding of the supreme importance of devotional service and your tireless efforts to propagate Krishna consciousness reflected your deep realisation and adherence to this wisdom. In your purports, you constantly emphasized the need for

a revolution in human consciousness, urging individuals to connect with their spiritual essence and cultivate a loving relationship with Lord Krishna.

Through your visionary leadership, you established the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), a global organisation that continues to flourish and inspire millions around the world. Your emphasis on community-building, sustainable living, and vegetarianism reflected your deep understanding of the interconnectedness of spirituality, ecology, and well-being.

In the Srimad Bhagavatam it is stated: “One who acts to serve Krishna with his body, mind, intelligence, and words is a liberated soul, even within this material world.” (3.29.36) Your teachings and exemplary life demonstrated the path of complete surrender and dedication to Lord Krishna, showing us the true essence of liberation and spiritual freedom.

On this sacred occasion, I offer my deepest appreciation for your forward-thinking leadership and being ahead of your time, as demonstrated by these timeless teachings from the Srimad Bhagavatam. Your revolutionary ideas and practices continue to inspire generations, showing us the path

to a more harmonious and spiritually enlightened society.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, your extraordinary contributions to humanity, both spiritually and socially, have left a permanent mark on this world. Your legacy of spiritual wisdom, compassionate leadership, and innovative thinking continues to guide us towards a more meaningful and purposeful existence. Please bless me so that I have an ounce of this intelligence and dedication to make some

contribution to your most wonderful ISKCON.

I am forever grateful for the invaluable blessings and guidance you have bestowed upon me and the entire world. May your teachings and the spirit of your visionary leadership continue to empower and uplift souls for generations to come.

*With profound appreciation and heartfelt gratitude,  
Your forever grateful granddaughter,  
Vraja Vilasini Devi Dasi*



Hare Krishna, dearest Srila Prabhupada.

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

All glories to Your Divine Grace.

**SRILA PRABHUPADA**, I am very grateful to you for accepting me into your ISKCON family and for giving me the chance to chant and servedespite my health, especially today as I am starting Deity worship. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for fulfilling one of my dearest desires today. Although I wish I could do more, I am trying my best. I am grateful for every inch of mercy that you send my way, especially at my age.

Srila Prabhupada, I have been to the dhama and received and appreciated all the mercy, only because I have seen it through your eyes. Thank you,

Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for being with me through all the years, especially the difficult ones that you carried me through. I remain ever grateful to you and wish I could repay you in some way.

Happy Vyasa-puja, Srila Prabhupada. Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.

*Your grateful servant,  
Vrajapriya Devi Dasi*



Dearest Jagad Gurudev Srila Prabhupada,

I offer my respectful and humble obeisances. All glories to you dearest Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to the saviour of the 3 worlds.

**ON THIS SPECIAL DAY** of your Vyasa-puja, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing this fool to be able to serve you and serve in your mission.

Your guidance through your books and mercy through your devotees has helped me get through some challenging times this year. Sadly, I was not as

instrumental in your mission as I would have liked to have been this past year. However, I felt that whatever came my way was only to teach me to become a stronger devotee and practice what I have learned through the years of my Krishna conscious life.

Often the thought crossed my mind, of how I would have been able to handle these situations if



Vrajapriya Devi Dasi

Tongaat

South Africa



Vrajavasini Devi Dasi

Gauteng

South Africa

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I had not been under your shelter, and with confidence I can say I would have not been as strong and focused as I was.

I keep remembering the verse from Bhagavad Gita 2.14 and within the purport, you mention that one should tolerate this non-permanent appearance and disappearance of happiness and distress.

mātrā-sparśāstukaunteya  
śītoṣṇa-sukha-duḥkha-dāḥ  
āgamāpāyino 'nityās  
tāmstītiḥśasvabhārata

TRANSLATION

“O son of Kunti, the nonpermanent appearance of happiness and distress, and their disappearance in due course, are like the appearance and disappearance of winter and summer seasons. They arise from

sense perception, O scion of Bharata, and one must learn to tolerate them without being disturbed.”

Srila Prabhupada, I cannot serve you or thank you enough for showering this precious gift of Krishna consciousness. I pray that I can always remain under your shelter and under the guidance of your lotus feet.

Please allow me to tightly hold on to the treasureable jewel of the Holy Name and your lotus feet.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, thank you Srila Prabhupada, thank you Srila Prabhupada!!!

Jai Srila Prabhupada!

*Always your foolish granddaughter and servant,  
Vrajavasini Devi Dasi*



Vrindavana Dasa 🌸  
Thakura Dasa  
and Caitanya Lila Devi Dasi  
Johannesburg  
South Africa



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

*nama om visnu-padayakrsna-presthayabhu-tale  
srimatebhaktivedanta-svamininamine  
namastesarasvatedevegaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desatarine*

**SRILA PRABHUPADA**, your first requirement for chanting the holy name was that we chant 64 rounds daily because you wanted to stress that devotional service is not available cheaply; it requires a lot of sacrifice. Caitanya Mahaprabhu also only took his meals in the house of one who chanted 100,000 names. This means that Krsna does not accept service from one who chants less than 10,000 names.

Srila Prabhupada, you are so compassionate that you reduced the minimum rounds to chant to

16 rounds. By your mercy, Krsna accepts our service. As long as we accept you as our master, Krsna will accept our 16 rounds and He will accept our service.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for bringing devotional service within our reach.

*Your servants,  
Vrindavana Dasa, Thakura Dasa and Caitanya Lila  
Devi Dasi*







Dear Srila Prabhupada,

 **Yadu Kishori Dasi**  
and **Shyamananda Krsna Dasa**  
Pretoria  
South Africa

**O VENERABLE VAISNAVA**, today is your Vyasa-puja,  
be so kind to me, that at the time of death, I'm embraced by Vishnu Duta.

Teach me to control my six passions,  
which bind me to this material world and are useless fashions.

Teach me to rectify my six faults,  
which imprisons me lifetime to lifetime in fake vaults.

Ohe! VaisnavaThakura, bless me with the six positive qualities,  
which will help me transcend my material abilities.

Oh my Guru Maharaja, kindly offer unto me the six kinds of holy association,  
which will protect me from sadhu, sastra and Sri Krishna's disassociation.

I do not have the strength to carry on alone the sankirtan of the holy name,  
but being more magnanimous today, please shower me your mercy, on how to  
play the game.

To avoid maya's bait,  
kindly bless me with just one drop of your faith.

Krishna is yours; you have the power to give Him to me,  
so today, you're reading me, begging you to help this insignificant servant by  
awarding His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada to me.

I just running like a madman behind you saying "Krsna, Krsna."

~ based on the famous song of our most phenomenal & prolific,  
astute & judicious Vaisnava Acarya of all time and a Goswami, His Divine Grace  
Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura's Ohe! Vaisnava Thakura

*Yours ever loving and well-wishing dasa-anudasah*  
*Yadu Kishori Dasi and Shyamananda Krsna Dasa*



Yashodarani Devi Dasi 🌸  
Durban  
South Africa



My dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my most respectful obeisances at your lotus feet.  
All glories to you and to the sankirtana mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, which you have preached and expanded so perfectly all over the world.

*nama om visnu-padayakrsna-presthayabhu-tale  
srimatebhaktivedanta-svaminitinamine  
namastesarasvatedevegaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-tarine*

**I PRAY THAT YOU** bestow your mercy upon me, I also humbly beg you to give me the strength so I can continue my service to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath, to you, to my spiritual master and all the Vaishnava devotees in my respective propensity.

Many have expressed that you are an ocean of

mercy. May you be kind enough to let me aspire for that ocean eternally.

Jagad Guru Srila Prabhupada ki jai!

*Your endearing servant,  
Yashodarani Devi Dasi*



Yavat Dasa 🌸  
Pretoria  
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Hare Krishna! Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to you, my beloved master!

**WITH EACH DAY** that passes, I feel the intensity of the Age of Kali increase, and it tests me, and my faith in you.

Yet, despite this, with each day that passes, I feel your presence in my life more tangible than ever, and my heart overflows with gratitude.

You are my ever-well-wisher. My confidante. My closest friend.

Amidst dwindling hope in material and social comfort, I find solace in the depths of our relationship, and it's all I've ever wanted.

Thank you my beloved master.

If love does somehow exist in the barren field of my heart, it's exclusively manifest in my desire to please you.

Please empower me to be of some use - to

the sankirtan mission, and to all the wonderful souls who have dedicated their lives in your service.

*With all my love, and devotion,  
Your servant,  
Yavat Dasa*





Dearest Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept my most respectful obeisances to you.  
All glories to You on this most auspicious day of your Sri Vyasa-puja.

 Yogendra Dasa  
Durban  
South Africa

**SRILA PRABHUPADA**, thank you for allowing me to remain within your ISKCON. It is the safest, and by far the most guaranteed way to reach the spiritual world, Goloka Vrindavana. I just need to stay the course and not leave no matter what happens. Over the past year I've witnessed a few devotees becoming estranged from your ISKCON, for a plethora of (unwarranted) reasons.

I wish to never leave your lotus feet Srila Prabhupada. Please, irrespective of whatever occurs, allow me shelter at your lotus feet. It is the safest place in

all the three worlds.

One day, I will do something useful for your ISKCON. Please give me your blessings so I may contribute tangibly to your ISKCON movement, who I am so proudly a part of. With my most respectful obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

Hare Krishna.

*Your grand-disciple,  
Yogendra Dasa (BCAIS)*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

 Zanjeer Shoba Saz Albert  
Durban  
South Africa

**THANK YOU**, great teacher Srila Prabhupada, for the complete healings, blessings and protection to us and our entire family including Bhani, Meera, Mum, Susan, Sita, Nigel, Yastheel and all the families so that we could forever serve thy Supreme Lordships

with love and devotion for now and for a lifetime with sincerity. Hare Krishna

*Zanjeer Shoba Saz Albert*



Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples  
& Other Devotees









# **OFFERINGS BY ISKCON CENTRES**











Hare Krishna dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept our humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.  
All glories to your good self.

ISKCON Blantyre  
Malawi

WE, HERE IN A VERY SMALL nation called Malawi are trying to spread your legacy of chanting and dancing with the holy name of Lord Sri Krishna. You mentioned on many occasions that this chanting will deliver the whole world, so we are sure that if we just follow your instructions our services here in Malawi will be a success.

From the beginning of this year, we have been having the association of Mahaprasad Govinda Prabhu, who is also very keen on taking your movement here in Malawi further and further and to make this easier for us he himself has put up the rotation of senior devotees plan. Which will see us having senior devotees from different parts of Africa visiting us for a period of 1 to 3 months and contribute their expertise etc. in the areas of preaching and guiding us.

We have offered the following services in the past year:

- Having a new altar for the Deities which will attract many local and expatriate devotees to join and take up to the process of chanting.
- We made and strengthened our relationship with the local Hindu community who assists us in spreading our

Sanatana-dharma.

- We held our 2nd annual Sri Jagannath Rath-yatra in main town, which was attended by almost double the people that we had last year.
- We rekindled the orphanage prasada distribution program.
- We started off the devotee rotation plan with HG Lavanga Prabhu from Nairobi who did wonders and won the hearts of many, many souls here in Malawi.

Much more is in the pipeline and planning. We will soon have another devotee coming in from Ghana and helping us for 3 months. We hope to work hand in hand to push your movement forward step by step.

We fall prostrated at your feet and ask you for your mercy to carry on despite having so many obstacles, as just by your mercy can this happen. As we have heard from the acarya's song, "gurudeva, kripa bindu diya . . ." Finally we would like to thank you for accepting our smallest services and recommending us to Srimati Radharani.

*Your servants here in Malawi,  
ISKCON Blantyre*



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

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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, WHEN ONE STARTS to contemplate

about being a part of your wonderful ISKCON movement, we can then understand how truly fortunate

one is. In the Bhagavad Gita (7.19) Lord Krishna says:

*bahūnāṁ janmanām ante  
jñānavān māṁ prapadyate  
vāsudevaḥ sarvam iti  
sa mahātmā su-durlabhaḥ*

#### Translation

After many births and deaths, he who is actually in knowledge surrenders unto Me, knowing Me to be the cause of all causes and all that is. Such a great soul is very rare.

Indeed, surrendering unto Lord Krishna is very rare, however, what is even more rare than that? What is even more rare, is a personality through whose mercy, millions of people start surrendering unto the Supreme Lord. Therefore Srila Prabhupada, we are certainly blessed beyond understanding, to have the opportunity to be in a movement founded by such a rare and extraordinary personality.

Srila Prabhupada, since the pandemic has passed, we have seen devotees and people in general taking to spirituality even more. Our programs like Ratha-yatra, Food for Life, Harinama, Janmashtami, Food Festivals, etc, with your mercy, have become bigger and better. However, a key milestone for us here at ISKCON Botswana has been, that over the

last year, many devotees have accepted a guru and taken initiation. This has filled the Centre with a lot of joy and excitement as our spiritual family grows. We can see this as a direct result your mercy.

Srila Prabhupada, as you mentioned in your poem onboard the Jaladuta, “taba kṛpā ha’le mor kathā śuddha habe. . .” The translation being, “That only by Your causeless mercy will my words become pure.”

So similarly, Srila Prabhupada all the above only happens through your causeless mercy. Only through your causeless mercy, will any of our actions become successful and will we be able to try and assist you in your mission to spread Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu’s movement.

Today on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, we pray that you keep us in your shelter and shower us with your mercy. Only by your grace can we continue serving our Lordships, Sri Sri Krishna Balaram and we pray to stay your eternal servants, life after life.

Always praying for your causeless mercy.

*Your insignificant servants at,  
ISKCON Botswana*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our 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-pascatya-desatarine*

**WHEREVER YOU GO THAT PLACE BECOMES VRINDAVAN.**  
You transformed so many places on this earth into holy places, by your unlimited compassion for souls

that were subjected to the three fold miseries of material life.

Here in East London, South Africa we have a small



group of sincere souls who are making an effort to advance the preaching mission. Each one of us are being tossed about in the ocean due to the distress arising from adhidaivika, adhibhautika, and adhyatmika.

However, we are comforted by the fact you are the expert captain of the ship and have your disciples and your followers (following the parampara system as initiating gurus) as your expert crew. So, as long as we remain on this transcendental boat and serve you, we will be able to cross over the material ocean as we are dependent on your mercy.

*api ced asi papebhyah  
sarvebhyah papa-krt-tamah  
sarvam jnana-plavenaiva  
vrjinam santarisyasi*

“Even if you are considered to be the most sinful of

all sinners, when you are situated in the boat of transcendental knowledge, you will be able to cross over the ocean of miseries.”

In your purport Srila Prabhupada you say the following:

If someone comes forward and lifts the struggling swimmer from the ocean, he is the greatest savior. (Bg. 4.36)

On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja we humbly offer our deep gratitude to you for lifting us from this material ocean and taking us on board your transcendental boat. We plead with you to allow us to be of service to the mission of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu as we know that this is so dear to your heart.

*Your servants,  
ISKCON East London*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,  
Please accept our humble obeisance's. All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada  
All glories to your International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

**WE AT ISKCON MIDRAND SOUTH AFRICA** would like to share our heartfelt appreciation to you Srila Prabhupada, for allowing your mercy to flow throughout the world. The congregation here surely are the results of this mercy. With sincere love and dedication Srila Prabhupada, your wonderful devotees have continued to be consistent with their service thus allowing ISKCON Midrand to grow day by day. We have attracted many new devotees, through Bhagavad-gita classes, the Govinda's Restaurant, Food for Life distribution, the Boutique, Sunday Love feast and our major attraction through the ISKCON Midrand Goshala. The youth has also taken a

keen interest to drive a lot of initiatives to serve you Srila Prabhupada. The congregations love for your International Society for Krishna Consciousness motivates us all to serve lovingly with each other.

We pray to you Srila Prabhupada to always be merciful unto us all so that we continue to serve selflessly, to give us the strength to encourage our new devotees with love and affection and that we can extend ourselves to serve all yatra's nicely together.

*Your loving servants,  
ISKCON Midrand*



 ISKCON Midrand  
South Africa

ISKCON Ota 🇳🇮  
Nigeria



Dear A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami,  
Please accept our humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

**ON THIS OCCASION** of your Vyasa-puja anniversary we wish to express:

Srila Prabhupada we love you, Srila Prabhupada we miss you, Srila Prabhupada we need you so much

we want you to know how much we care and our love for you will never die.

Begging to remain at your lotus feet.

*Assembled Devotees.*  
*ISKCON Ota*



ISKCON Sandton 🇿🇦  
South Africa



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

**ON THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION** of your Vyasa-puja, we offer our humble respects to you, our beloved Srila Prabhupada, and express our deepest gratitude for everything you have done to spread Lord Caitanya's mercy. Your teachings have transformed countless lives and continue to inspire generations of devotees.

Through your guidance and inspiration, ISKCON Sandton has managed to hold countless, well-attended temple programs and an extremely successful Ratha Yatra festival.

A key part of our offering to you has been the university preaching programs - the main goal of which is to share Krishna consciousness with the youth of South Africa and help them realise their highest potential.

Whether through lectures or kirtans, universities have become a fertile ground for the seeds of devotional service to take root and flourish. Students who may have never heard of Krishna or the Bhagavad-gita before are now eagerly seeking answers to life's most profound questions and

discovering the joy of spiritual life.

Your vision of a world united in love of God is coming to fruition, as young devotees from different cultural backgrounds and walks of life come together. The university preaching movement is a shining example of the power of your teachings to transform individuals and society as a whole.

When so many people love the same person, they can do whatever it takes to please that person. This is our only desire at ISKCON Sandton, to continuously serve you.

So, on this occasion of your Vyasa-puja, our dearest Srila Prabhupada, we offer you our humble efforts to continue your preaching mission. May your blessings be with us always as we strive to follow in your footsteps and spread Krishna consciousness to every living entity!

May we serve you eternally, our beloved grandfather!

*Your servants,*  
*ISKCON Sandton*





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Dearest Srila Prabhupada

Please accept our humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet on this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

 The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust Africa  
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*

**AS THE FOUNDER-ACHARYA** of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) and the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust (BBT), you have left an indelible mark on the spiritual landscape of this world, guiding countless souls towards the path of love and devotion to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Krishna.

On this special day, we offer our heartfelt gratitude for your profound teachings, unwavering dedication, and compassionate guidance, which have illuminated the path of bhakti-yoga for millions across the globe. Your transcendental books, imbued with the essence of Vedic wisdom, continue to transform lives and elevate consciousness, providing a spiritual anchor in a world often mired in materialistic pursuits.

You have established ISKCON as a spiritual oasis, where devotees from all walks of life can come together in loving service to the Lord and His devotees. Through your tireless efforts, you have created a global family, united by a common goal - to spread the message of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu and awaken the dormant love for God within each heart.

Srila Prabhupada, you have also laid the

foundation for BBT, an institution that has served as the backbone of your literary mission, ensuring that your wisdom reaches every corner of the world. Your vision for the BBT has made the sacred Vedic texts accessible to a global audience, inspiring countless souls to delve into the depths of spiritual knowledge and experience the sublime taste of devotion.

As we at BBT Africa strive to follow in your footsteps, we pray for your blessings to remain steady on the path of devotion, to constantly remember the instructions you have so mercifully given us, and to share the gift of Krishna consciousness with others. May our lives be a humble offering in your service, and may we never forget your causeless mercy upon us and all living entities.

Srila Prabhupada, on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, please accept this humble offering of gratitude and devotion. We beg for the strength and determination to carry out your mission, to serve the devotees, and to always remember the ultimate goal of life – to love and serve the Supreme Lord, Sri Krishna.

*Your servants  
BBT Africa Team*









# **OFFERINGS FROM OTHER SOURCES**











Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Jagannath's Fun School  
Durban  
South Africa

**I AM THANKFUL** for all the lovely temples you gave us. I am thankful for helping me get through all the tough holes on the golf course and school exams. I appreciate the lovely homes you gave us. You gave us knowledge about the Lord and knowledge for school.

Thank you for giving us the maha-mantra.  
Thank you for giving us lovely shelter. Thank you for giving us the best festivals ever like the Ratha Yatra. You have given us everything we need.

*Aryahi Madhanjith*

Dear Prabhupada,

**I AM THANKFUL** for the education that is given to me and for the books on Srila Prabhupada. I am thankful for Jagannath fun school. I am also thankful for friends, kirtan and hospitals. Thank you for technology for when we are bored. I am also thankful that you brought ISKCON into my life. Thank you for helping me in good times and bad times. I am thankful for water and lights. Thank you for all your

important rules that keep us going and keeping us on the right path. I am thankful for our best lives and it's all because of you. I thank you for the special festivals you have given us. Thank you for the Krishna consciousness. Thank you for teaching us how to read and write. I am so very thankful to you for everything. Thank you.

*Caidyn Pillay*

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

**I AM THANKFUL** for you helping me in school and for all our special festivals and for helping me so much in all my hard times. I am thankful that you founded ISKCON. Thank you for our maha-mantra and all our delicious parsadam that you give us. Thank you for teaching us how to read and write. Thank

you for all our important rules that keep us giving and keeping us on the right path. I am thankful for the best lives we can live and it's all because of you. I have so many things I am thankful for that I cannot explain it all in words. Thank you!

*Keri Singh*

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

**I THANK YOU** for the maha-mantra and thank you for helping me pass my studies and for bringing ISKCON into my life. Also thank you for teaching me how to sit in the temple for the yummy parsadam. Thank you for sending friends into my life thank you

for the love and care. Thank you for my loving parents. I really appreciate my bigger brother and thank you for amazing teachers and for a house to live in. Thank you for the food, for the temples and for bringing me into the world. Thank you for air conditioners, for clothes and for the knowledge. Inclosing, thank you for all the luxuries in my life.

*Lalita Lutchman*

**THE THINGS** I am thankful for Srila Prabhupada is as follows. I am thankful for you helping me during my exams and in a hard situation. Thank you for the guidance. Thank you for helping me to read. Also thank you for teaching me how to play and learn sports. Thank you for giving me education and to

learn to pray and to also show respect. Thank you for the love and care and for parsadam and festivals. Thank you for lovely parents and a house. Thank you for Krishna consciousness. I am thankful for the knowledge of Krishna. Thank you for the books and education you gave me and the Jaganath school.

*Shivam Chunylall*

**I AM THANKFUL** for the education given to me and for books on Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for the schools that help us learn more about Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for stationary books, for schools, shops, hospital for the sick and people or hurt. For

technology when we are bored. For having parents to help us when we need help. For maha- parsad. Thank you for festivals and for friends at the ISKCON temple to play and talk to. Lastly, thank you for food and snacks to satisfy my hunger.

*Shridhar Chunylall*

**I AM THANKFUL** for the prasadam. I am thankful for the knowledge about Krishna. I am thankful for the maha - mantra. I am thankful for the Krishna classes. I am thankful for ISKCON. I am thankful for activities in the classes. I am thankful for the food. I am thankful for the festivals that we have.

I am thankful for the books. I am thankful for kirtan. I am thankful for the sweets. I am thankful for music. I am thankful for the alter. I am thankful for the friends I made. I am thankful for the Hare Krishna temple.

*Tyrell Budhoo*



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



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

*(Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta Ādi-līlā 1.45)*