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PREFACE

 HEMANT BHAGA



THIS YEAR'S EDITION of Śrīla Prabhupāda's pan-African Vyāsa-pūjā book published by BBT Africa comprises 369 offerings with contributions from more countries across the African continent than in previous editions.

As we come together as the African *yatra* in glorification of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda by this public expression of gratitude, we should also consider our good fortune to have Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy.

It is through his compassion and legacy in the form of his institutions, teaching, literature, and exemplary example of Vaiṣṇava character that enables us both individually and as a society to participate in Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu's *saṅkīrtana* movement. Personally, one simply needs to

reflect on one's own life to understand the profound effect of this mercy.

A note on our editorial policy for this book: Offerings were reviewed for appropriateness but were lightly edited for spelling and grammatical consistency. Also, no diacritics were added. In short, we've mostly published the offerings as we have received them.

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

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THE MEANING OF VYĀSA-PŪJĀ

🌸 ŚRĪVĀS DĀSA

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

Let me offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace Śrīla A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa, having taken full shelter at His lotus feet. Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Gosvāmī. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanya and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.



TODAY MARKS the 124th most auspicious appearance of *jaḡad-guru* His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. This most auspicious event of Prabhupāda's Vyāsa-pūjā is a delightful and memorable moment for the world at large, particularly for members of ISKCON, who heartily celebrate it, for without His Divine Grace's coming, the world would have been devoid of ISKCON's bubbling Kṛṣṇa conscious activities. Thus, Vyāsa-pūjā is the commemoration of the

spiritual master's appearance, and the spiritual master represents Śrīla Vyāsadeva, the compiler of the original Vedic scriptures.

The material world is characterized by ignorance and symptomized by the misidentification of self with the body. For millions of births, this bodily conception of life has perpetuated the living entities' miseries and will continue to do so unabated as long as this misconception prevails. Consequently, the whole world is caught up in a universal conflagration, just as poor forest animals are scorched by a blazing forest fire.

The *Vedānta-sāra* (11) advises: *janana-maraṇādi-saṁsāranala-santapto dīpta-śirājala-rāśim iva upahāra-pāniḥ śrotriyaṁ brahma-niṣṭhaṁ gurum upasṛtya tam anusarati* — “Just as person whose head is on fire runs towards a body of water, one burning from the fire of material existence of birth, death, old age and disease, must run to a guru for relief. Such a guru must be fixed in the Absolute Truth and well-versed in the scriptures. One should approach him with all that is needed for sacrifice, submit to him, and be ready to carry out every instruction.”

Hence, the relevance of the appearance of the *ācārya*, or the transcendental teacher of spiritual science. The above-mentioned verse clearly delineates the reason for a bona fide guru’s appearance: to ameliorate the untold miseries of the entrapped living entities by propagating Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

The *ācārya* appears, therefore, to provide respite and refuge to mitigate the pangs of this blazing fire. Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura’s encapsulates this in the first verse of his *Śrī Śrī Gurvaṣṭaka*, or eight prayers to the divine spiritual master:

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

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

As the legitimate bearer of the Supreme Personality of Godhead’s causeless mercy, the spiritual master extinguishes the blazing fire of material existence by disseminating transcendental knowledge to all severely afflicted conditioned souls and

by enlisting amenable souls in the process of pure *bhakti*.

The teachings of pure *bhakti* emanate from Kṛṣṇa Himself, who is the original guru, or transcendental teacher. Long ago, out of His causeless mercy, He disclosed this divine knowledge of *bhakti* to *catur-mukha* Brahmā, the premier living being in the universe: *tene brahma hṛdā ya ādi-kavaye (Bhāgavatam 1.1.1)*. Brahmā in turn imparted this knowledge to his son and disciple, Nārada, and Nārada in turn enlightened Śrīla Vyāsadeva, the literary incarnation of Kṛṣṇa, who appeared in this world to compile the Vedic scriptures. Thus, Śrīla Vyāsadeva graciously appeared in this world to expound the Vedic knowledge to alleviate the miseries of all living entities, as stated in the first Canto of the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*:

*anarthopaśamaṁ sākṣād
bhakti-yogam adhokṣaje
lokasyājānato vidvāṁś
cakre sātвата-saṁhitām*

“The material miseries of the living entity, which are superfluous to him, can be directly mitigated by the linking process of devotional service. But the mass of people do not know this, and therefore the learned Vyāsadeva compiled this Vedic literature, which is in relation to the Supreme Truth.” (*Bhāgavatam 1.7.6*)

Bhakti-yoga is the linking process to Adhokṣaja, He who is beyond the reach of the senses, or the Supreme Personality of Godhead. The *ācārya*, who comes in a sequence of authorized spiritual teachers from Śrīla Vyāsadeva and thus represents him, appears in the material world to expedite the dissemination of devotional service. The spiritual master’s hallowed appearance heralds a blessed dawn for fortunate souls eager to ask the transcendental messenger about the goal of human life and how to solve life’s problems. Hence the relevance, solemnity, and auspiciousness of celebrating Vyāsa-pūjā.

In the *Bhagavad-gītā*, Lord Kṛṣṇa says:

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

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

The spiritual master is the transcendental bearer of the message of the transcendental world for the deliverance of the conditioned souls. Therefore, it is the duty of every ensnared soul of this world to approach such a bona fide representative of the Lord for spiritual enlightenment and nourishment.

From time immemorial, the *guru-paramparā*, or the chain of disciplic succession, serves as a viable channel to transmit the Lord’s transcendental message to the fettered souls of this world, just as a ripened fruit is transported down from person to person on a tree to prevent it from falling and breaking. Since the *ācārya* represents Śrīla Vyāsadeva, the original spiritual master, he must be worshipped, eulogized, and appreciated on his auspicious appearance day. This is called Vyāsa-pūjā. The *ācārya* descends from the spiritual realm to instruct sincere souls by his own example how to adore the Lord. The *ācārya*’s duties are further described in *Manu-saṁhitā* (2.140): accepting disciples and teaching them all the intricacies of the Vedic knowledge, thus giving them their second birth and delivering them from the ocean of *saṁsāra*. In delivering conditioned souls from material existence, the *ācārya* plays a unique role in their spiritual emancipation and is therefore the external manifestation of Kṛṣṇa. Indeed, in the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* Lord Kṛṣṇa tells Uddhava:

*ācāryaṁ mām vijānīyān
nāvamanyeta karhicit
na martya-buddhyāsūyeta
sarva-deva-mayo guruḥ*

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

Out of His enormous compassion for the *jīvas* and for their benefit, the Supreme Personality of Godhead manifests Himself as the spiritual master. The *ācārya*’s dealings are, therefore, not material but rather full of transcendental loving service to the Lord. The spiritual master is the Supreme Personality of Servitor Godhead and therefore worshipable by everyone. All authentic scriptures proclaim that one must take shelter of such a steady, unalloyed devotee, who is called *āśraya-vigraha*, or the manifestation of the form of the Lord.

In this regard, Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura says in *Śrī Śrī Gurvaṣṭaka*:

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

“The spiritual master is to be 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 Lord Śrī Hari.”

As the Supreme Personality of Godhead’s most confidential viceroy, the spiritual master appears in this world to bring the transcendental message of Supreme Lord for the benefit of the entire human race, and only by the spiritual master’s excessive mercy can an entangled soul gain release from the custody of *māyā*.

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

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

Without the *ācārya*'s divine appearance, how would the people of this world ever understand the Supreme Lord and devotional service unto Him? Without the *ācārya*'s soothing words of wisdom,

how would the fallen souls of this world ever gain spiritual refinement? Without the *ācārya*'s compassionate glance at the entrapped souls of this world, how would they ever obtain release from the grip of *māyā*? And without the *ācārya*'s descent to give divine instructions and guidance, how would entangled souls ever get the opportunity to gain the clemency of the Supreme Lord?

On this most auspicious day, we rejoice and celebrate of Śrīla Prabhupāda's divine appearance as a token of our gratitude.





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GURVAṢṬAKAM


*Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī
Ṭhākura*






1

*saṁsāra-dāvānala-līḍha-loka-
trāṇāya kārūṇya-ghanāghanatvam
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*mahāprabhoḥ kīrtana-nṛtya-gīta-
vāditra-mādyan-manaso rasena
romāñca-kampāśru-taraṅga-bhājo
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*


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





3

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

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

4

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


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






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

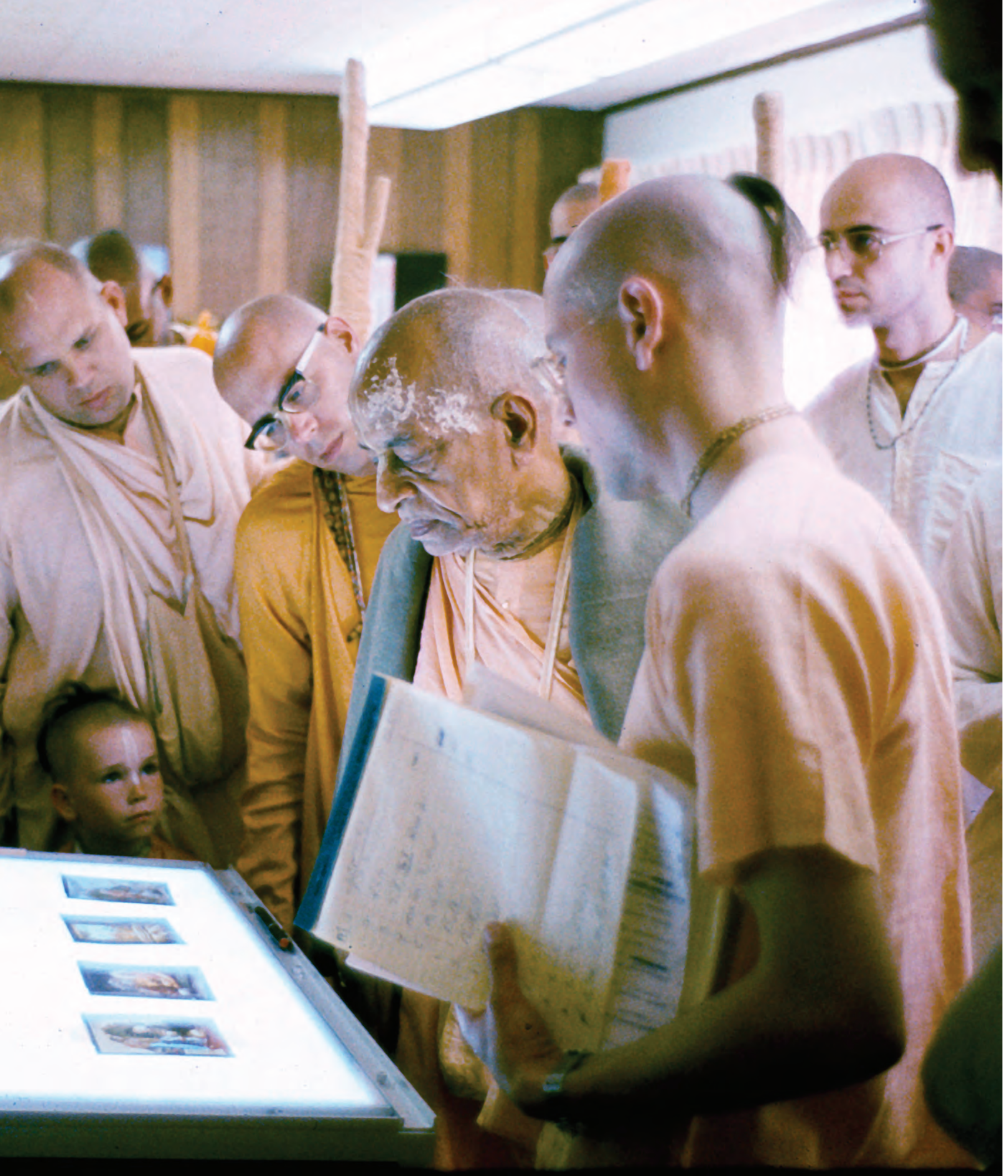
THE spiritual master is always eager to hear and chant about the unlimited conjugal pastimes of Rādhikā and Mādhava, and Their qualities, names, and forms. The spiritual master aspires to relish these at every moment. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master. 

6

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


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






7

*sākṣād-dharitvena samasta-śāstrair
uktas tathā bhāvyata eva sadbhiḥ
kintu prabhor yaḥ priya eva tasya
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THE spiritual master is to be honored as much as the Supreme Lord, because he is the most confidential servitor of the Lord. This is acknowledged in all revealed scriptures and followed by all authorities. Therefore I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is a bona fide representative of Śrī Hari [Kṛṣṇa]. 

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*yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi
dhyāyan stuvamś tasya yaśas tri-sandhyaṁ
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**OFFERINGS BY
SANNYĀSĪS**





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

NOW THE WORLD IS IN THE GRIP of a fever regarding the so-called corona virus. I have been wondering how you would have reacted to all this. I feel you would point out how the material world is always full of danger, and that this is just a further example of that.

Currently I am in our Sri Sri Radha Radhanatha temple in Durban, South Africa, and we are under what is called “lockdown” meaning that no one in the country can go out of their houses unless they have an extremely good reason. We have not had a regular preaching program for almost two weeks, and we don’t know when we will be able to, although it will not be soon.

I remember when you were with us there were accusations in America that we were “brainwashing” people to get them to become devotees. Some devotees did not know how to respond to these accusations, but you, as always were very clear about addressing the situations.

You said: “Yes. We are brainwashing from bad to good. That is our business. We are washing the brain from all rascaldom. That is our business. You are... ‘Your brain is filled up with all rubbish things: meat-eating and illicit sex, gambling. So we are washing them.’ *ceto-darpaṇa-mārjanam* [Cc. Antya 20.12]. *śṛṅvatām sva-kathāḥ kṛṣṇaḥ puṇya-śravaṇa-kīrtanaḥ hṛdy antaḥ stho hy abhadrāṇi* [SB 1.2.17]. Abhadrāṇi washing. Abhadrāṇi means bad things. The bad things should be washed off. Don’t you cleanse your home? Don’t you cleanse your room? Is not that brainwashing? So, if you wash your room very cleansed, who blames you? But you are so rascal that ‘Why you are washing this garbage?’ you are protesting.”

You also said: “If you have got brain.... You are trying to brainwash. Actually, you have no brain, see how important it is, this movement. You are trying

to brainwash. We are not brainwashing. We are giving you good brain. That is our mission. That you are so dull headed we have come to give you good brain. *Su-medhasaḥ. yajñaiḥ saṅkīrtana-prāyair yajanti hi su-medhasaḥ* [SB 11.5.32]. We have come to make you intelligent. Receive us well, for your benefit. Tell them like that. Bring one court case, and I shall sit, go and sleep there. And expose them. Item by item. I know my case is strong.

So I am sure you would have many things to say to clarify how this virus situation has arisen, due to the degraded habits of the majority of people, and you would have many ideas how we can spread Krishna consciousness under these circumstances, even though so many people and countries have become practically paralyzed and have practically no idea what to do.

And you would have many ideas how we can make the most of these situations to find creative ways to spread Krishna consciousness.

You say in your purport to *Caitanya Caritamrita, Adi Lila* 7.31-32: “Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu wanted to invent a way to capture the Mayavadis and others who did not take interest in the Krishna consciousness movement. This is the symptom of an acarya. An acarya who comes for the service of the Lord cannot be expected to conform to a stereotype, for he must find the ways and means by which Krishna consciousness may be spread.”

By your mercy devotees are finding ways to preach Krishna consciousness through the internet and similar means, and some extraordinary results are coming.

In many ways your example and instructions were revolutionary, and therefore your movement has had such an effect on this world. We are praying on this most sacred day to get a little empowerment

from you so we can represent you and carry things on in such ways that you will be pleased. Only in this way can we be successful.

*Your eternal servant,
Bhakti Caitanya Swami*



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



THIS IS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR ME to get purified as offering a Vyasa-puja message to you is a most pleasing and purifying activity. Honest devotees who acknowledge your importance and contribution in this world should be very eager to do so.

Many years have passed but you still remain ever fresh in memories of your disciples, grand disciples and well-wishers.

In your *pranam-mantra*:

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

The word gaura-vani is very important. You were able to achieve all that you did due to the vani (instructions) of your divine spiritual master to print books and inundate the world with transcendental literatures, and the vani of Lord Gauranga, which is to spread the holy names of Krishna in every town and village.


Even though you are no longer physically present, you are still perfectly guiding us with your vani that you left in your precious books. You said that books are the basis, purity is the force, preaching is the essence and utility is the principle. It's true that without books, ISKCON wouldn't have had that strong foundation that seems unshakable. Without books, how can we know purity, preaching and principles?

We are at war against the materialistic culture and every conscious soldier need bullets to shoot the enemies. So, your temples and ashrams are like military camps, our gurus and GBCs are generals of the Caitanya army, and your books are the bullets

or bombs that you called Brhat Mrdanga. They never miss the target and even if they don't explode immediately, they will always explode at the appropriate time and circumstance. The Caitanya army does not lose any war, it's just like Krishna said in the "Bhagavad-gita" that all the soldiers from both sides in the Kuruksetra battle will perish except the Pandavas; so too, will ISKCON always win because we have Krishna and you by our side. O Param Guru, my only prayer on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja is to be qualified to be used in your dynamic army (ISKCON) and always be armed with the appropriate weapons (books) to fight the enemy of forgetfulness of Krishna due extreme sense gratification based on the ignorance of one's real identify as spirit soul.

All glories to you again and again and may fame always be with you.

*Your grandson,
Bhakti Carudesna Swami*

 Bhakti Carudesna Swami
Abidjan
Ivory coast (Côte d'Ivoire)





Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

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

AS I AM TRYING TO COMPOSE MY VYASA-PUJA OFFERING, I cannot help but reflect on the world situation today. The whole world is in the grip of an intense fear of a pandemic and practically everything has come to a standstill. The whole of India is on lockdown and no one is allowed to go out of his house. For the first time in history, all the places of worship — temples, mosques, churches and synagogues have been shut down. No one could ever imagine that such a situation will ever arise. Nevertheless, I can see the foresight of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. As if He knew that such a situation will arrive when no one will be able to go to the temple to see the deities of the Lord and worship Him, therefore He gave us the process of chanting His holy name.

At a time like this I also wonder whether this is His divine arrangement to force this world to surrender unto Him and accept the process of congregational chanting. After all He sent you to fulfill His prediction, and very systematically you have made all the arrangements by creating the institution of ISKCON and making an army of dedicated devotees worldwide, to march forward being equipped with the most powerful weapons of your books to defeat

the misdirected, atheistic civilization of this world.

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja, please bless us that we can become the valiant warriors of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's army and fight against the enemy that has vitiated the whole world with sinful activities. Please lead us, as our glorious general, to lay a siege to meat eating, intoxication, illicit sex and gambling. Under your divine leadership, we are confident that the victory will be ours defeating the eternal enemy of this world that vitiates everyone's mind with the poison of atheism. Once again, under your expert guidance, let us establish the kingdom of the Supreme Personality of Godhead in this world.

When we have a pure devotee like you to lead us and the Supreme Personality of Godhead with us then who can ever doubt our victory? Who can ever doubt that the ominous influence of Kali will be defeated, and absolute peace and ultimate prosperity will prevail again bringing the spiritual world down to this beautiful planet of ours?

*Your humble servant eternally,
Bhakti Charu Swami*



My dear Srila Prabhupada,



PLEASE I BEG TO OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto your divine lotus feet. With grateful heart, I am thanking you for everything you have kindly done for the whole world. By Your Divine Grace the whole world is dancing in the quality of your Krishna kirtan which you have kindly and compassionately given to us. You have made the whole world fortunate by giving pure Krishna consciousness in the way which is easy and practicable to the modern man.

Lord Krishna said that one will attain pure love for Krishna after many, many births but you have expanded the benediction moon by making it possible to attain in one lifetime as you have said so many times in your lectures and books to go back home, back to Godhead in this lifetime by sticking to the process of Krishna consciousness as you have given it.

*bahūnāṁ janmanām ante
jñānavān māṁ prapadyate
vāsudevaḥ sarvam iti sa
mahātmā su-durlabhaḥ (BG 7/19)*

You have expanded the benediction moon in which you have turned a crow into a swan through the process of Krishna consciousness. The greatest miracle ever done in the history of the whole world. You told my spiritual master HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami that his ancestors send them out of Africa, but you are sending them back to Africa as kings and he was actually crowned as a king in Nigeria and was also empowered by Your Divine Grace to make so many African devotees.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, You are a transcendental touch stone that have changed many stones

all over the universe into invaluable jewels thereby expanding your glories which will continue for eternity. Your Lectures, Books, Schools, Restaurants, Farms, Deity worship, Temples, Prasadam, devotees, BBTs and many other ways are the divine systems you use in expanding and manifesting your pure compassion upon all living entities.

I am praying and begging at your divine lotus feet to kindly protect me from doing anything that is not approved by you and that you kindly empower me to always do things that pleases your divine Grace. May your causeless mercy remain my eternal shelter and kindly forgive all my offenses.

Hope All Is Well With You

Regards,

Bhakti Dhira Damodara Swami



My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my prostrated obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace, the embodiment of unlimited mercy.

 Giriraja Swami

SRILA PRABHUPADA AND LORD NITYANANDA'S MERCY

KNOWLEDGEABLE DEVOTEES AGREE that you were a *saktyavesa-avatara*, an empowered incarnation, and you have indicated as much yourself. *Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta (Antya 2.13–14)* states, “To deliver people in regions throughout the universe who could not meet Him, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu personally entered the bodies of pure devotees. Thus He empowered living beings [His pure devotees] by manifesting in them so much of His own devotion that people in all other countries became devotees by seeing them.”

And in your purport, you explain, “As stated in the *Caitanya-caritamṛta (Antya 7.11)*:

*kali-kalera dharma—kṛṣṇa-nama-sankīrtana
kṛṣṇa-sakti vīna nāhe tara pravartana*

Unless one is empowered by the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, one cannot spread the holy names of the Hare Kṛṣṇa *maha-mantra* throughout the world. Persons who do so are empowered. Therefore they are sometimes called *avesa-avatars*, or empowered incarnations, for they are endowed with the power of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.”

Your learned godbrother Sripada B. R. Sridhara Deva Goswami Maharaja also accepted that you were a *saktyavesa-avatara*, and he opined specifically by whose shakti you were empowered—Sri Nityananda Prabhu's.

Lord Nityananda is renowned for delivering Jagai and Madhai. As described briefly in *Sri*

Caitanya-caritamṛta (Adi 17.17), *abe nistarila prabhujagai-madhai*: “Then the Lord delivered the two brothers Jagai and Madhai.” In your purport, you write, “Jagai and Madhai were two brothers born in Navadvipa in a respectable *brahmana* family who later became addicted to all kinds of sinful activities. By the order of Lord Caitanya, both Nityananda Prabhu and Haridasa Thakura used to preach the cult of Kṛṣṇa consciousness door to door. In the course of such preaching they found Jagai and Madhai, two maddened drunken brothers, who, upon seeing them, began to chase them. The next day, Madhai struck Nityananda Prabhu on the head with a piece of earthen pot, thus drawing blood. When Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu heard of this, He immediately came to the spot, ready to punish both brothers, but when the all-merciful Lord Gaurāṅga saw Jagai’s repentant behavior, He immediately embraced him. By seeing the Supreme Personality of Godhead face to face and embracing Him, both the sinful brothers were at once cleansed. Thus they received initiation into the chanting of the Hare Kṛṣṇa *maha-mantra* from the Lord and were delivered.”

But as you wrote about yourself in your purport to *Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta*, *Madhya* 16.55:

“If one is true to Gaurāṅgī’s service in the disciplic succession, he can even exceed Nityananda Prabhu’s service. This is the process of disciplic succession. Nityananda Prabhu delivered Jagai and Madhai, but a servant of Nityananda Prabhu, by His grace, can deliver many thousands of Jagais and Madhais. That is the special benediction of the disciplic succession. One who is situated in the disciplic succession can be understood by the result of his activities.”

Srīla Prabhupāda, you took up the same mood of approaching anyone and everyone—pious or sinful, qualified or unqualified—without discrimination. As Nityananda Prabhu said, in Kali-yuga practically everyone will be like Jagai and Madhai. That may be more apparent in America and Europe than in India—though I did hear a talk in which you were discussing how demonic Western civilization

is and how the leaders, and pretty much everyone, are demons, but then added, “Actually in my country also, 80 percent are demons.” But still, what you encountered in 1965 when you came to America was something that people now, especially people in India, can’t even imagine.

Kṛṣṇa-candra Prabhu (Hrishikesh Mafatlal), from Mumbai, used to say that people cannot imagine who you approached when you came to America. He recommended that everyone see the early DVDs of you, first at 26 Second Avenue in New York, then at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. Most of us can’t believe, can’t imagine, the type of people you were approaching. And they didn’t always receive you or treat you well.

I hope all your followers have read *Srīla Prabhupāda-līlāmṛta*; everyone should read it as well as see the DVD series *Following Srīla Prabhupāda*. There was one incident when you were living in New York, in a loft in the Bowery, which was the most degraded part of the city, its skid row, inhabited mostly by drunks. But even they had a little respect. They would be sprawled out on the sidewalk and on the stairs leading up to your apartment, but somehow they sensed that you were a saintly person and would try to move over and make room for you to pass.

You were staying with a young man who seemed interested. In fact, you thought, “I’ll train him as a Vaiṣṇava.” But one day the young man went crazy, probably from taking LSD—the 1960s’ equivalent of the strong wine that Jagai and Madhai were drinking five hundred years ago. He went crazy and wanted to attack you. And he was ready to kill you, just as Madhai was ready to kill Nityananda Prabhu. You bolted out of the room and ran down the stairs like Lord Nityananda being chased by Jagai and Madhai.

It is quite a history—what you endured for the sake of delivering the mercy of Gaurāṅgī is inconceivable. On the boat to America you suffered two heart attacks, and even in America you had a lot of physical problems. But you endured everything—all these attacks of *maya*—for the sake of delivering

Gaura-Nitai's mercy to us. And what Nityananda Prabhu wanted in India you have fulfilled outside India. What Nityananda Prabhu wanted was fulfilled in Bengal, but through you it's been fulfilled throughout the world. So, you really are the embodiment of the mercy of Nityananda Prabhu. There's no one else in the history of our *sampradaya*, no one after Nityananda Prabhu, who has taken up that mood of approaching anyone and everyone without discrimination, without considering who is qualified and who is not.

And you delivered the same message: chant Krishna's name, worship Krishna, follow Krishna's instructions—but not in so many words, because the people you were approaching didn't even know who Krishna was. When Nityananda approached people in Navadvipa and told them, "Chant Krishna's name, worship Krishna, follow Krishna's instructions," they knew who Krishna was and they knew what He was saying, but in America and Europe nobody knew who Krishna was. So "Just chant Krishna's name, worship Krishna" had to be explained in detail in books, and thus you wrote so many books to explain who is Krishna, what is Krishna's name, what are Krishna's instructions, how to chant Krishna's name, how to worship Krishna, why we should surrender to Krishna and follow Krishna's instructions—the same message that Chaitanya Mahaprabhu asked Nityananda Prabhu to deliver to everyone, but in an expanded form, because the people you were approaching had no idea of Krishna's identity or instructions.

When we go out with your books, it is like when Mahaprabhu sent Nityananda and Haridasa to approach people with that message. Sometimes devotees are not well received, but even Nityananda and Haridasa were not always well received. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu would have nocturnal kirtans in Srivasa Thakura's house, and if anyone was proud, they were not allowed to enter. Only humble, pure devotees were allowed. So all these proud people in Navadvipa were upset and angry that they weren't allowed to join the kirtan, and when Nityananda

and Haridasa came to their homes, they were angry with them—"Oh, you've come from that Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and Srivasa Thakura"—and the people spread so many rumors about them: "They are thieves. They come to your door and say to chant Krishna's name and worship Krishna, but really what they're doing is looking in your house to see what you have so that they can come back at night and steal it." The people spread a lot of false propaganda. So we have to accept that, expect it and accept it, without being deterred. It didn't stop Nityananda Prabhu, and it didn't stop you, and it shouldn't stop any of us.

So, your movement is the continuation of Nityananda Prabhu's mission, and you really had that mood. When one of your early disciples came to India and the Calcutta temple president phoned you in Bombay to tell you that the devotee was smoking ganja, marijuana, and asked what to do, you told your secretary, Tamal Krishna Goswami, to relay your response: "Tell him that if he doesn't stop smoking ganja I will reject him." Afterwards, Tamal Krishna Goswami asked you, "Is it true that if he doesn't stop smoking ganja you will reject him?" And you said, "No—I cannot reject anyone." Tamal Krishna Goswami asked, "But don't you have to draw the line somewhere?" And you replied, "The mercy of Lord Nityananda has no limit." So, that was your mood; you were in the mood of Nityananda Prabhu.

We are the recipients of Gaura-Nitai's mercy through you. By your mercy, we are chanting Krishna's name and worshipping Krishna, accepting Krishna as the goal of our lives. And it is also by your mercy and order that we preach the same message to others. We can speak to our capacity, and we can give people your books, which convey the same message of Mahaprabhu. We just elaborate on it and present it in a way that people without any background in Vedic knowledge can understand.

So, on this most sacred and blessed occasion, we can pray to you and Nityananda Prabhu to inspire and empower us with this mood of humble persuasion. When Nitai approached people,

after giving them instruction He would say, “If you accept this instruction, I will consider you more dear to Me than My own life.” And if someone did not accept the sacred instruction, He would prostrate Himself at their feet and beg them to take it. He is Lord Balarama, the first of all of Krishna’s expansions; He is the origin of Maha-sankarsana, who is in turn the origin of Maha-vishnu, Karanodakasayi Vishnu, by whose breathing countless universes are generated from the pores of His body. And then a portion of that Maha-vishnu is Garbhodakasayi Vishnu, and He enters into every universe and gives birth to Brahma and engineers the creation of every universe. And Ksirodakasayi Vishnu is the Supersoul in everyone’s heart. Nityananda is that original Supreme Person, and He is rolling in the dust at people’s feet and begging them, “Just chant Hare Krishna.”

I saw that mood in you. You often tutored us in it, but I saw it personally. When we first went to Bombay, there was a program on the terrace of the house where we were staying—Seksaria Bhavan, on Marine Drive. It was very nice, very glamorous, near the sea, and our host, Kailash Seksaria, had invited all the elite, affluent aristocratic people he knew in Bombay. And you, with the same humility as Nityananda Prabhu, implored them, “I am taking the straw in my mouth and begging you, please chant Hare Krishna”—just like Nityananda Prabhu.

You often quoted a verse by Prabodhananda Sarasvati about how we should approach people the way Nityananda Prabhu approached people. The verse is, *dante nidhaya trnakam padayor nipatya*: “I take a straw in my mouth . . .” (it is a sign of utter humility) “and I bow at your feet.” *Krtva ca kaku-satam etad aham bravimi*. “And I flatter you a hundred times.” *He sadhavaḥ*: “O great learned sadhu.” *Sakalam eva vihaya durad*: “Whatever you have learned, you keep it far away from you.” And *gauranga-candra-carane kurutanuragam*: “Just accept the mercy of Lord Gauranga, just surrender to Lord Gauranga, become attached to Lord Gauranga’s lotus feet.” And you did it yourself.

In that humble mood, Nityananda was begging for people to take the holy name—falling at their feet, rolling in the dust, and begging them. And that, in essence, is what you did with us. None of us would be here today if you hadn’t done what you did.

In Bombay, an Indian gentleman came to you, pleading, “Please save me; please save me. Only you can save me. Please save me.” And you replied, “I cannot save you; you have to save yourself. But I can give you the process by which you can save yourself.”

So, Srila Prabhupada, you have given us the process by which we can, with your mercy, save ourselves, and on this auspicious occasion we resolve to follow the process in greater earnestness.

In one brief statement you encapsulated our entire procedure: “To approach Radha and Krishna, you need the mercy of Lord Chaitanya. To get the mercy of Lord Chaitanya, you need the mercy of Lord Nityananda. And to get the mercy of Lord Nityananda, you have to approach people like Jagai and Madhai.” So, if we ever feel, “Oh, I’m too high, I’m too holy, I can’t approach these people,” we should think of that instruction and your own example and Nityananda Prabhu’s example and really pray, beg, to be humble instruments of your love and mercy and compassion. And as your guru maharaja told you, that will be good for us and good for the people who hear us.

In a talk in Bombay you said, “Our Krishna consciousness movement is trying to make fools and rascals and sinful men wise. And actually, it is happening. *Papi tapi yata chila, hariname uddharila, tara saksi jagai madhai*. You want evidence? Look at Jagai and Madhai. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu delivered two sinful brothers named Jagai and Madhai. Now you can see how strong is Chaitanya Mahaprabhu’s movement. Many thousands of Jagais and Madhais are being delivered. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu’s movement is greater than Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu personally delivered Jagai and Madhai, but now, by His movement, thousands of Jagais and Madhais are being delivered. This is the practical evidence. If you take advantage of it, you

will be glorified, and we shall be glorified. This is our process.”

Srila Prabhupada, despite your merciful association and instructions, I am still possessed of some qualities of Jagai and Madhai. So, on this auspicious occasion, please purify me and reform me.

*sri-guru karuna-sindhu,
adhama janara bandhu,
lokanath lokera jivana
ha ha prabhu koro doya,*

*deho more pada-chaya
ebe yasa ghusuk tribhuvana*

“O spiritual master, O ocean of mercy and friend of the fallen! O universal teacher and life of all people! Alas, alas, O master, please be merciful unto us and give us the shade of your lotus feet. May your glories now be proclaimed throughout the three worlds.”

Hare Krishna.

*Your aspiring, eternal, hopeful servant,
Giriraj Swami*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



 Jayadvaita Swami

*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*

IN OUR VYASA-PUJA OFFERINGS we tell some of Srila Prabhupada’s uncountable glories, and one that came to mind today is that he has inspired a new generation of disciples, for whom he serves as the spiritual grandfather.

He has left them a Krishna conscious legacy, in the form of his books and instructions, his temples and Deities, his mission, his kirtana, his worldwide society of devotees, his unique example of pure devotional service, and the wealth of a Krishna conscious way of life, nourished, fortified, and enlivened by sadhana and Krishna’s kindness, opening the way to freedom from maya and, step by step, to faith, attachment, and finally pure love for Krishna, as given by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Among these grand-disciples, some are sons and daughters of devotees, others new recruits. As Srila Prabhupada’s mercy descends, they have grasped hold of it. Many practice and serve strongly, and some stand out in varied ways, by preaching

and teaching, by scholarship, by kirtana, by worship of the Deity, by cooking, by organizing, by enlivening and inspiring others, by dedication to different aspects of what Srila Prabhupada wanted to establish. For all of this, the credit goes to Srila Prabhupada.

What a pleasure it is for us disciples of Srila Prabhupada to see members of that new generation shine and even excel us. When a son takes over the family business and makes it more successful than the father, the father becomes more pleased. And the grandfather is easier to please than the father.

Srila Prabhupada in his last days sometimes asked, “How will things go on?” They will go on by his mercy, from generation to generation, as long as devotees who receive it take it seriously, manage it well, and keep it pure.

Jayadvaita Swami







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

OCEANIC PRABHUPADA

Life-threatening Atlantic waves
but Krsna rowed your boat and calmed the waters.
You safely reached Maya's capital, NYC
and flooded the world with kirtan
from Tompkins square

You are the captain
of the Jnana plavena,
boat of transcendental knowledge
sailing across the bhava sagar,
the ocean of nescience.
Maya's waves have hit us hard
Without you we have no chance
we will surely drown
in an ocean of unwanted deeds

Oh Prabhupada you are oceanic,
You are a resident of the Prema Sagara,
the ocean of transcendental love.
Love that extends in all directions
from Krsna to devotees and devotees to Him
and to each other
You carry the love of the spiritual world
to ignorant fools like us, who don't know what love is
You saved us, you are saving the three worlds
We in our own clumsy way, bow down again and again
to your lotus feet in gratitude,
we are yours

*Your insignificant servant,
Kadamba Kanana Swami*





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

Partha Sarathi Das Goswami
Durban
South Africa

I RECENTLY MEMORIZED A STATEMENT from the Caitanya Caritamṛta (Madhya Lila, summary of Chapter 22), “The fact is that devotional service is bestowed by the blessings of a pure devotee (sa mahatma sudurlabha). One has to receive his mercy for one’s dormant Kṛṣṇa consciousness to be awakened”.

From this statement I can understand that whatever advancement I’ve made, whatever position I’m in, is simply due to your causeless mercy.

Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura has also said that mercy or kṛpā is more important than endeavor. Of course, endeavor is required and therefore Rupa Goswami writes in the Nectar of Instruction Text 3,

*utsāhān niścayād dhairyāt
tat-tat-karma-pravartanāt
saṅga-tyāgāt sato vṛtteḥ
ṣaḍbhir bhaktiḥ prasidhyati*

“There are six principles favorable to the execution of pure devotional service: (1) being enthusiastic, (2) endeavoring with confidence, (3) being patient, (4) acting according to regulative principles [such as śravaṇam kīrtanam viṣṇoḥ smaraṇam – hearing, chanting and remembering Kṛṣṇa], (5) abandoning the association of nondevotees, and (6) following in the footsteps of the previous ācāryas. These six principles undoubtedly assure the complete success of pure devotional service.”

But ultimately, it is mercy that carries us through the different levels of samanya bhakti to bhava bhakti to prema bhakti.

Some context: Presently it is lockdown, I am fortunate to be staying at Govardhana Hill. The house I am staying in is behind the ISKCON Bhaktivedanta Ashram. Every evening I sit on the rooftop and watch the sun (Vivasvan) set over Giriraj Govardhana and it is like a crimson silken veil that

Srimati Radharani may wear. Vayu, the wind, Vayu, blows pleasantly and the Candra, moon, is shining. In two days, it will be purnima, the full moon, and it is going to be a special pink moon.

During this lockdown I see children playing on the roofs. I offer my respects to the pigeons, to the starlings, to the kalpavṛkṣa trees, to the cows, to the dogs, to the pigs, to the Brajabasis and even to the mosquitos that are trying to taste my blood. I am fortunate to be at the best place in this material world, in the shade of Giriraj Govardhana.

When Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu asked Ramananda Raya where is the best place to practice devotional service, Ramananda Raya replied, vrajabhūmi vṛndavana yahan lila rasa (Caitanya Caritamṛta Madhya Lila Chapter 8 Text 254) “He should live in the holy place known as Vṛndāvana or Vrajabhūmi, where the Lord performed His rāsa dance.”

Somehow, I am here at Govardhana Hill, at least until the lockdown is lifted. What better place to be than in the association of Giriraj Govardhana.

All this is your mercy upon me. Your mercy has also extended to tens of thousands of followers, admirers, disciples, grand disciples, and great grand disciples.

I repeatedly commit myself to practicing Krishna consciousness within your personal mission, the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. I pray that I can continue to get the association of your beloved disciples and grand disciples. Just today I got an email from one of my senior siksa-gurus, enquiring about my welfare. Due to your potency you have made so many wonderful disciples, grand disciples, and great grand disciples – to whom I repeatedly offer my respects. Simply remembering their holy names can purify me. As it is said in Caitanya Caritamṛta (Adi Lila Chapter 12 Text 92), “Simply by remembering the names of these Vaisnavas one can attain the lotus feet of

Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Indeed, simply by remembering their holy names one achieves the fulfillment of all desires”.

Of course, this particular verse is mentioned by Srila Krsnadas Kaviraja in relation to the Vaisnavas listed in Caitanya Caritamrta Adi Lila Chapter 10, 11 and 12. But your beloved disciples and grand disciples are also exalted Vaisnavas. So, I can remember their names and chant their names – it is like offering oblations of ghee into the fire.

I thank you for allowing me to associate with you through your sound vibration – listening to your lectures and reading your commentaries on Bhagavad Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam, and Sri Caitanya Caritamrta. I thank you for allowing me to worship your deity form.

I was extremely fortunate when you visited South Africa in October 1975 for nineteen days and I was able to serve you. At that time, I was the pujari and engaged in service of offering you guru-puja and applying candana paste to your forehead.

I hope in the very near future, I can get your personal association. Wherever you want me to go upon leaving this body is your desire and the desire of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. I would very much like to associate with you in Goloka Vrndavana. But if you want me to take birth again within ISKCON then that will also be my pleasure. I would imagine it would be South Africa again, since I have been there attempting to preach and establish your mission for forty-six years.

Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura describes in Jaiva Dharma that a madhyama-bhakta does not desire to live, does not desire to die but simply wants to perform bhajana and accept whatever is the desire of Lord Caitanya.

Of course, I am not a madhyama-bhakta, nor am I an advanced kanistha-bhakta but I am a beginning kanistha-bhakta. The prerequisite for becoming an uttama-bhakta is to become a madhyama-bhakta. And a prerequisite for becoming a madhyama-bhakta is to become a mature kanistha-bhakta. And a prerequisite for becoming a mature kanistha-bhakta is to become a beginning kanistha-bhakta, who at least bows down to the deity and follows the principles.

I pray that your personal preaching mission can continue and becomes more established. And I pray in the mood of Vasudeva Datta that all living entities can be relieved of their material desires and the reactions of their sinful activities and become liberated. It would seem that Vasudeva Datta has influenced you in this particular mood since you have preached extensively not only in India but also in the Western countries.


Thank you once again for engaging me in your service and in the service of our guru parampara. I unlimitedly take the dust of my godbrothers, godsis- ters, and your grand disciples, koti koti times.

Your servant,

Partha Sarathi Das Goswami



Rama Govinda Swami 
Botswana
South Africa

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

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

PARAM GURUDEVA! You have undertaken all tribulations at the old age just out of causeless mercy on the fallen souls in this world, and went to United States of America to preach Krsna consciousness, in a place where people do not know who is Krsna, nor they ever heard that name. By reading Your pastimes in Srila Prabhupada Lilamrta, I am really convinced of the sayings of the scriptures, as mentioned above.

Scriptures compares the holy persons, pure devotees of the Supreme Lord to that of Tirtha Raj Prayag. A pure devotee like Your Divine Grace is just like a moving Tirtha raj. By establishing the worship of Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha and Krsna in each and every country, Your Divine Grace made all these countries, places of pilgrimage. My little mind is not capable of glorifying your glories and achievements. For me it looks like a dream that in a short period of just ten years, Your Divine Grace travelled the entire world many times and established temples of Sri Sri Radha Krsna, preaching Krsna consciousness. All the great acaryas of various sampradayas preached transcendental knowledge within in Indian sub-continent only. But Your Divine Grace preached this transcendental knowledge of Sri Bhagavad Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam and Sri Caitanya Caritamrta throughout this world. Not only that, but you established the worship of Divine

couple Sri Sri Radha and Krsna which was earlier exclusively meant for the so called brahmin community only. Many times, we hear the reciters of Srimad Bhagavatam katha saying that because of the preaching efforts of ISKCON, we have temples of Sri Sri Radha Krsna, and Sri Jagannatha Subhadra Baladeva, Ratha Yatras, pure vegetarian restaurants in every part of the world. The whole world recognizes Your Divine Grace's contribution to mankind of this world.

In the translation to the text of Srimad Bhagavatam 7.6.27, Your Divine Grace said "...everyone who has taken shelter of Narada's disciplic succession can understand this transcendental knowledge". In the same purport it is mentioned that the transcendental knowledge is extremely difficult to understand, yet it is very easily understood if one takes shelter of a pure devotee. By your mercy, I am practically experiencing this.

Param Gurudeva! Please bless me so that I can always be in association of the pure devotees and be at least little helpful to your preaching mission of Krsna Consciousness in various countries of this world.

*Your servant of your servant,
Rama Govinda Swami*





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

🙏 Medhavi Dasa
Cape Town
South Africa

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

I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES to all the Vaisnava devotees of the Lord. They are just like desire trees who can fulfil the desires of everyone, and they are full of compassion for all the conditioned souls.

*yah svanubhavam akhila-sruti-saram ekam
adhyatma-dipam atititirsatam tamo 'ndham
samsarinam karunayaha purana-guhyam tam
vyasa-sunam upayami gurum muninam*

“Let me offer my respectful obeisances to him (Suka), the spiritual master of all sages, the son of Vyasa-deva, who, out of his great compassion for those gross materialists who struggle to cross the darkest regions of material existence, spoke this most confidential supplement to the cream of Vedic knowledge, after having personally assimilated it by experience.” S.B. 1.2.3.

I will suppose that the ravages of the “virus” and “lockdown” will be still fresh in everyone’s mind at the time this offering is presented, but it has offered devotees much time to reflect on how much time, thought and effort can go into unnecessary activity.

How the real problem of life is to meet death remembering Krsna alone- anta-kale ca mam eva smaran muktva kalevaram. B.G. 8.5

Now, at times, the choice is clear that one must serve Sri Krsna by the processes of hearing, chanting, remembering and praying for engagement in His service or else one can continue wasting much of one’s valuable time.

It is something that you remind us of constantly on every page of your books.

Srila Prabhupada. You have so wonderfully

carried the mission of all the acaryas – the Goswamis, Srila Bhaktivinoda, Srila Gaurakisora and especially your Guru Maharaja, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur with such immense compassion and determination.

We were reading recently in your Lilamrta, of your visit to Europe in 1974.

You landed from India in Rome and experienced a very positive reception by the Italian people of Rome who behaved as if coming to receive the blessings of the Pope. You then proceeded to Geneva where you were officially received by the Mayor in the City Hall, spoke at the World Health Organization at the UN and met with the Indologist Jean Hulbert and several scientists and professors.

At the La Salle Pleyel in Paris, you were presenting a talk to a large audience of 2500, mostly students from an overly large vyasasana supplied by the devotees. Because of your reference to ‘criminals being punished by the government’ and their own anti-government stance, the students became agitated and began demanding for you, Par terre, Par terre- Get down, Get down, (from the vyasasana.)

In my mind, the thought was, “When and where in the entire history of the Vedas and Vaisnavism has such an abominable event occurred? It was like the ‘9/11’ of offensiveness.

But there is a somewhat similar instance in Lord Caitanya’s pastimes, C.C. Adi 17. 250, when the impudent student criticized the Lord in His ecstasy of chanting Gopi, Gopi, was chased by Him and then organized to retaliate and possibly strike the Lord.

Students, it seems, have always had a rather chequered reputation.

Still in France, you calmly replied, “I could speak to you from the floor also, but that doesn’t mean that you would understand any better. If you know the science of God consciousness, then you can sit on the vyasasana and they will bow down to you.

In the Vedic Age, a powerful sage would have burnt the protestors to ashes with a powerful curse or turned them into some amoebic species for a few million births, but you, Srila Prabhupada compassionately instructed the devotees, “have kirtan,” to which most of the audience participated.

The next day, you were on a 20 hour flight to Melbourne, Australia to attend Ratha Yatra.

In this one passage from Lilamrta; in one location you are reverentially respected, in another, offered a high governmental reception, then speak at the United Nations, to an Indologist and intelligent professors, and in another accosted by disrespectful anarchists. But you, Srila Prabhupada, take it all in your stride as Lord Caitanya’s servant and

ambassador, not concerned with how you are treated but only how to distribute the Lord’s teachings and His holy names. Then you step on a plane and travel halfway around the world.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, your tireless efforts of traveling around the world spreading Lord Caitanya’s message, while instructing and inspiring your disciples, still every early morning rising to present the “cream of Vedic knowledge” in your books, is simply an indication of your immense compassion for all those struggling in this darkest region of material existence.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, please allow me to always remember and be amazed by your unparalleled service to Lord Sri Caitanya, to maintain a deep appreciation for all your servants - past, present and future; and a strong and unshakeable faith in your ISKCON society.

*Your lowly and insignificant servant,
Medhavi das*



Nanda Kumar Dasa 🙏
Rivonia
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances on this most auspicious day of Your vyasa puja.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

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

ACTS OF DEVOTION, your early childhood
Ratha Yatra a festival in your neighbourhood
You prayed to the Lord as you flew your kite
Please let it fly, let it take flight

A lifetime in preparation
There was no separation
Divine instruction of a rooftop meet
Defeated, I take shelter at your lotus feet

Vrindavan days, prayed to your Lord
The day will come when I go abroad
An impossible task I must embrace
Sublime surrender Divine grace

Forty rupees, and a trunkful of books
A hazardous journey you undertook
Faith in the order and in the Holy Name
America you did land, never the same

Mayas domain far and wide
Benediction moon you curbed the tide
By logic and devotion you crushed our pride
Kindness and compassion, the eternal guide

Lawbooks for mankind you did write
Sword or pen you showed your might
Love thy Lord your humble plea
Transformation of heart you did see

Your servant
Nanda Kumar das



Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,
Please accept my prostrate obeisances at your lotus feet.



Rāmanujācharya Dāsa
Chatsworth, Durban
South Africa

WHEN I FIRST CAME IN CONTACT WITH YOU through your devotees and books I was suffering very much. I was struggling and drowning in the ocean of material nescience. I didn't know which way to turn. Somehow Kṛṣṇa was very merciful to me and I got your association.

One sunny afternoon in 1969, I had come on an outing to Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. Your devotees from the local temple were holding a *kīrtana* and passing out 'simply wonderfuls.' I was attracted very much by the *kīrtana* and sat nearby enjoying the soothing and sweet transcendental sound vibration. I had been parched by the desert of material

existence and now I was coming in contact with the ocean of nectar. After some time, the devotees all got up to leave. I was feeling very disappointed. Where were they going? Then Madhudviṣa Prabhū, the temple president, said to me, 'We're going back to the temple for a feast. Why don't you come along?' I was gladdened by his invitation, accepted and got into the van with the other devotees. This was the beginning of my ever-improving, blissful life in Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

In July of that same year, 1969, I saw you for the first time. It was at the Rathayātrā Festival at the same Golden Gate Park. You were leading the

chanting of Hare Kṛṣṇa during the procession. Ten thousand people were in attendance and the *kīrtana* was uproarious. You were sitting on the chariot at the lotus feet of Jagannātha, Baladeva, and Subhadrā. At one point the chariot stopped before a bridge so that the top could be lowered. Then you stood up, raised your arms to the crowd, and began dancing and jumping on the chariot. Everyone went wild. As the procession continued, the ecstatic chanting and dancing carried on. At the end of the procession we arrived at the Family Dog Auditorium near the shore of the Pacific Ocean. The devotees had prepared ten thousand feast plates of *prasādam*. Although the chariot had stopped, the chanting continued, as you led the crowd inside the auditorium to a temporary stage and altar the devotees had erected among the bizarre trappings of the dance hall. A giant silk screen of Lord Caitanya covered the hall's Tibetan *maṇḍala*, and pictures of Lord Viṣṇu and Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī were on the stage. The Jagannātha deities now looked down from Their high platform above your seat, and a garlanded statue of Lord Kṛṣṇa stood on a marble pillar.

You began speaking and the crowd quieted. You quoted a song by Śrīla Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura: 'My dear Lord Caitanya, please be merciful upon me. I do not find anyone as merciful as You.' Drawing the audience's attention to the large picture of Lord Caitanya, you described the Lord's merciful distribution of the holy name of God. Lord Caitanya, you said, was teaching the same thing Lord Kṛṣṇa had taught in *Bhagavad-Gītā*: 'My dear sons, do not suffer in this abominable condition of material existence. Come back to Me. Come back to home. Enjoy eternal, blissful life, a life of knowledge.'

You explained the simplicity of Kṛṣṇa consciousness:

'Lord Caitanya appeared five hundred years ago to establish the direct principles of *Bhagavad-Gītā*. He showed that even if you do not understand the process of religion, then simply chant Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare/ Hare Rama, Hare Rāma, Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare. The results are

practical. For example, when we were chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa all the members who are assembled here were joining in, but now when I am talking about philosophy some are leaving. It is very practical. You can see. The Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra is so enchanting that anyone in any condition can take part. And if he continues to chant, gradually he will develop his dormant love of God. It is very simple.

'We are requesting everyone to chant the Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra and take *prasādam*. When you are tired of chanting, the *prasādam* is ready; you can immediately take *prasādam*. And if you dance, then all bodily exercise is Kṛṣṇa-ized. And all of the attempts of the yoga processes are attained by this simple process.

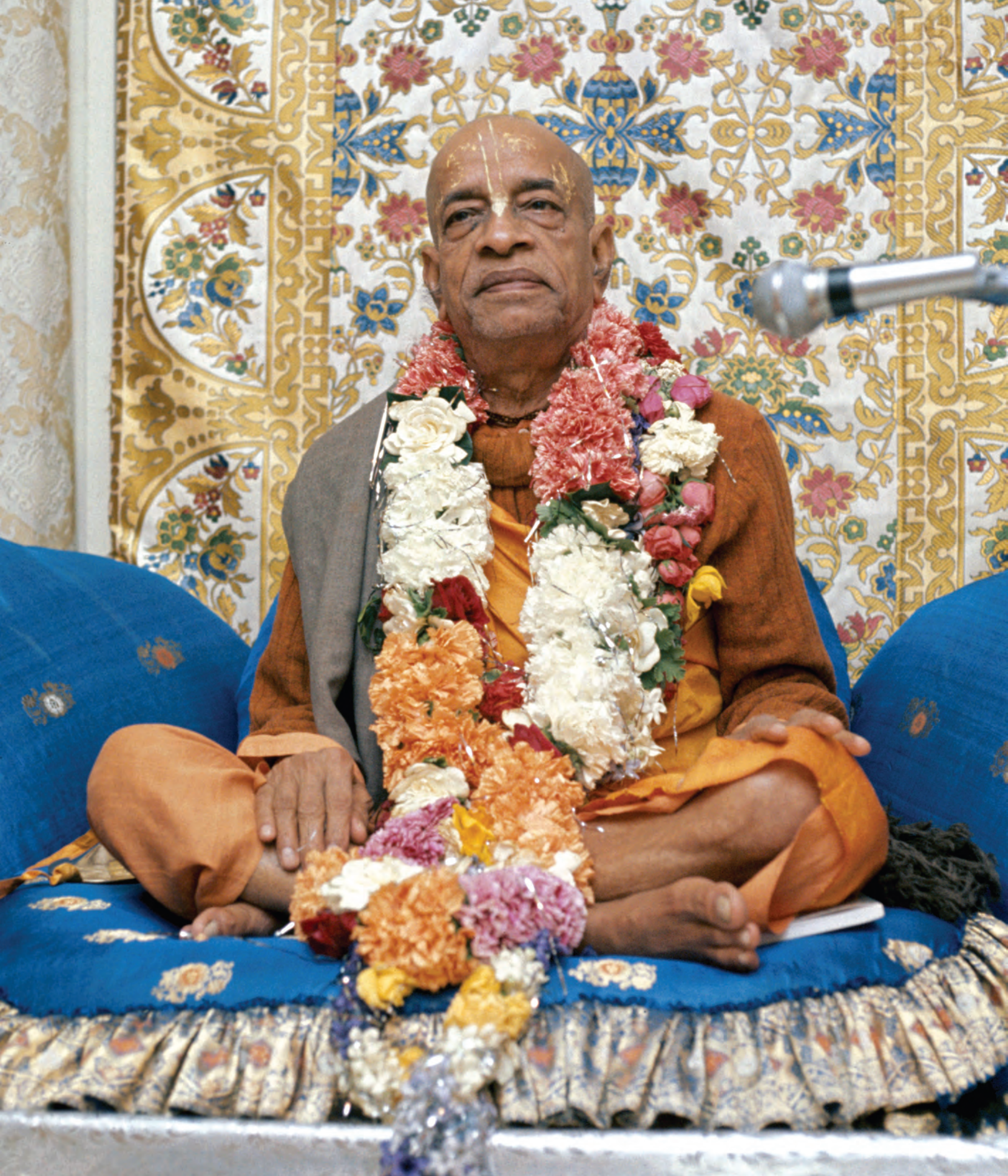
'So chant, dance, take *prasādam*. Even if you do not at first hear this philosophy, it will act, and you will be elevated to the highest platform of perfection.'

I was one member of the crowd on that wonderful day. I was so moved by you, by your chanting, your speaking and presence. You were so merciful to have picked me up. My searching had finished. I finally found someone in whom I could have full faith. At that time in my heart I accepted you as my spiritual master. In July of the following year you formally accepted me as your disciple.

As the years pass by, I am appreciating you more and more. Your good qualities are unlimited. It is only because of my material contamination that I cannot appreciate you fully. I know that I am very feeble and unqualified, but I hope to be of some service in pushing on this movement that you spread all over the world. By your mercy I aspire to become more qualified so that I can be of better service to you. On this auspicious day honouring the anniversary of your most merciful appearance in this world, I rededicate myself to your service. You are my lord and master. I am yours.

*Your insignificant and unqualified servant,
Rāmanujāchārya Dās*







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Bhaktin Aarti Ranjit
Cape Town
South Africa



Hare Krishna Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Krishna, and to you.

I KNOW THIS YEAR HAS BEEN VERY ROUGH for my family, and I, and many other people. But I know that you would want us to continue taking shelter from you and Sri Sri Radha Krishna as you will never let Krishna's devotees get hurt in any way unless it is their karma to be in that situation.

I am trying to be a good devotee, and I am trying

to chant my rounds, but I am having issues concentrating and keeping up with them. But I am still trying my best to become a better and wiser devotee to you and my Guru Maharaj.

Your Servant

Bhaktin Aarti Ranjit



Abhaya Dasa
Lagos
Nigeria



Dear Srila Prabhupada, Jaga Guru,

BY YOUR INFINITE MERCY, we were able to know their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Krsna in this lifetime in this dark planet of ours. We pray for your continuous mercy to enable us to spread the holy names to our

best abilities.

Jai Srila Prabhupada.

Abhaya Dasa



Acharya Ratna Das
Moka
Mauritius



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful prostrated obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to you on your most auspicious Vyasa-puja day.

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

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO SAY A FEW WORDS on this day. Please forgive me for any offenses I may and most likely will surely commit in trying to glorify such an exalted personality like yourself.

Srila Prabhupada, the present situation in the world is one of the worst that has been, maybe since World War II. The Corona Virus has affected the whole world in a way no virus has, in several decades, killing thousands of people.

But it is not surprising. As you say, Srila Prabhupada, calamities will come and go - this is the nature of this material world. Some say this Corona virus is man-made, others say it's by accident. But we know for a fact that whether it is so-called man-made (in which case the intelligence for same comes from the Supreme Lord only) or whether it is by so-called accident, (in fact there is no accident), everything is under the control of the Supreme Lord who in the

Bhagavad Gita 9.10 says:

*mayadhyasena prakrtih
suyate sa-caracaram
hetunanena kaunteya
jagad viparivartate*

“This material nature, which is one of My energies, is working under My direction, O son of Kunti, producing all moving and nonmoving beings. Under its rule this manifestation is created and annihilated again and again.”

Srila Prabhupada, the whole world is reminded time and again, of your teachings from the Vedic literatures, that this material world is a place of misery “*dukhalayam ashavatam*“, that there is no enjoyment here. That we need to abide by the laws of God, that we need to live a simple life, simple living high thinking - we need to work just enough to keep body and soul together, that we need to be self-sufficient, work close to where we live, etc. etc. All this is very clearly delineated in our Varnashram system. But more than often people do not see the relevance of such teachings especially when the economy of the country is flourishing. Therefore, the Corona Virus is finally a blessing in disguise.

I remember when once in America you said that ‘all these big, big roads, cars, they will all be finished one day’, and a devotee asked ‘really Prabhupada, do you really believe all this will be finished?’

So, people are sceptical. With this virus we get a glimpse that everything can go topsy-turvy overnight. Expect the unexpected. Nonetheless people are still in extreme darkness. No sooner have the effects of the virus subsided a little bit that people are out hankering for some petty material enjoyment! No lesson learnt. They cannot be blamed neither, ignorance is bliss. This is where your glorious ISKCON comes in. You have burnt the midnight oil to give us so much literature, in so many languages of the world, not only the literature, but also the blueprint so the people of the whole world can perfect their lives. You have also left behind

a succession of hundreds of consultants/disciples in the form of spiritual masters and the vaisnava community for the benefit of the entire world. No doubt you are known as the true ‘jagad guru’. There is a dire need to educate the masses, the leaders of society, politicians, etc. And there is no better time than now, now is the time. The leaders of the world are at a loss, they are grappling at quick fix solutions, patch works. They have no idea that the world is in need of Krsna Consciousness, that it requires a change at the root. The corona virus is really a blessing in disguise. Many of your disciples and grand disciples are already active on the field and are constantly looking into ways and means to do things in an effective manner, making best use of every tool, thing and person ‘*yuktam vairagyam ucyate*’ We think of the ‘archaic’ conditions in which you, Srila Prabhupada, operated and created ISKCON and yet you achieved so much in just twelve years - with no phone, no finance, no support, no place to stay, snail mail, a bunch of youths to work with! You started the movement not by holding big conferences with the leaders of the American society, nor with the well-known universities. You sat under a tree with a pair of kartals and sung the maha-mantra to a bunch of hippies. This is called total surrender to Krsna. You are the personification of a perfect disciple of Krsna executing His last instructions “*mam ekam saranam vraja*”. If you did what you did in those days, we can just imagine what you would have done today, with the present level of technology – internet, social media – it’s just mind boggling! Of course, as you rightly say and proved - no material situation can be a hindrance in our path of devotional service nor do we absolutely need hi-fi technology to perform devotional service. The question now is what can we as your aspiring followers, achieve with all this hi-tech and modern set up?

Srila Prabhupada, again apologising for any offenses, I may have committed at your lotus feet, please allow and bless this insignificant soul to be of some little service in your mission to save as many souls as possible in the world. Having made these

offerings and meditations I beg to remain steadfastly under the shelter of your lotus feet eternally.

Sri guru carana padma kevala bhakati sadma.

*Aspiring to be your servant,
Acharya Ratna Das*



Acyuta Kesava Dasa
ISKCON East London
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

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

WHAT HAVE I DONE to receive your loving divine grace's mercy? The answer is: Nothing.

Just like the sun shines everywhere and does not discriminate on which place is clean or dirty; you have spread your mercy everywhere without consideration as to who may or may not be deserving. So even though I am undeserving, this did not stop you from giving me your mercy.

“On the plea of visiting all those holy places, the Lord converted many thousands of residents and thus delivered them. Simply by touching the holy places, He made them into great places of pilgrimage,” – CC. Madhya 9.4.

Srila Prabhupada you are the general of Lord Caitanya's army. You are a pure devotee of Lord Krishna.

You have brought Krsna in the form of His many names; and you gave us the knowledge that Krsna and

His name are non-different from each other. So, when you touched all these towns and villages

propagating the chanting of the Hare Krsna Maha-mantra, Lord Caitanya appeared and made them into

holy places of pilgrimage.

So sometime in October 1975, when Your Divine Grace was in South Africa, your lotus feet touched Durban and Johannesburg. I have heard from senior devotees in South Africa that you had programmes in

Durban, at the Durban City Hall, Truro Hall-Westville, university programmes, Sri Laxmi Narayan Temple in

Mobeni Heights, Reservoir Hills Hindu Seva Samaj site, as well as Pietermaritzburg and Johannesburg (Yeoville Temple) amongst others. The movement started to grow once you visited South Africa.

Everybody was inspired to stick to the successful formula of kirtan and book distribution.

Somehow or other, amidst all the above programmes and activities, this insignificant servant as a 2-year, few months-old boy had the most fortunate golden opportunity to have darshan of your loving Divine Grace, when you visited the Sri Laxmi Narayan Temple. I cannot remember the day, but my mum confirms that she was at the programme with my sister and myself. I sometimes pray that I could


even recall a small glimpse of that transcendental occasion, so I can see your effulgent golden form. The form of a pure devotee.

And then I remember your instructions, that vani is more important than vapu, and that you live in your books forever. So, I continue to aspire to serve in your transcendental house of ISKCON

as dasa-dasanu-dasa, and praying that one day I can grow up to be a Prabhupada man and fulfill the instruction of my Guru Maharaj.

*Your insignificant servant,
Acyuta Kesava Dasa*



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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, recently I have been engaged in listening to memories of your precious pastimes in the early days of ISKCON as shared by your wonderful disciples.

I was really struck with wonder as I became more and more aware of the unflinching faith and love these devotees have for you.

These devotees underwent so much of austerity and «hardships» only to please you. Some of them did not even know what they were really into in the beginning; however, they kept going just to please you.

Srila Prabhupada, please be kind enough to shower your mercy onto them, because without

them continuing your wonderful mission so sincerely and successfully, we would not have an ISKCON today.


A sincere request from me, Srila Prabhupada, is to please allow me to feel the love that they feel for you.

Please allow me to render services unto you with great love and determination, Srila Prabhupada, as currently I render services as a duty.

Thank you once again Srila Prabhupada for giving us the gem of life - ISKCON.

*Your servant of the servant of the servant,
Adharamrita Devi Dasi*



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

IT IS INTERESTING THAT IN THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES that we are faced with, we are only just beginning to understand the magnitude of austerity that you have practiced in your mission to spread Krishna Consciousness throughout the world. So severe has been your sacrifice to bring love of Godhead to conditioned souls like us.

Currently, a few short weeks already feels like

years, and yet you tolerated many more varieties of difficult conditions for decades. You have truly demonstrated to us the meaning of “simple living, high thinking,” - not just through your words and actions, but indeed in the way that you have lived.

Always trying to be the best for you, your humble servant, Adhokshaj Das, April 2020

 Adharamrita Devi Dasi
ISKCON Lenasia
South Africa

 Adhokshaj Das
De Waterkant
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples
& Other Devotees

Ajay Caitanya Dasa and
Gayatri Devi Dasi
Phoenix
Mauritius



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

IN A VERY SMALL SPAN OF TIME the world is slowly but surely recognising your personal contribution and that of ISKCON worldwide. Needless to mention that devotees see both Your Divine Grace and your institution to be the same.

The only reason of your coming to this material world is to save the spirit souls like myself. For this we are eternally grateful to Your Divine Grace. Despite your busy schedule Your Divine Grace managed to visit Mauritius in 1975. Your Divine Grace immediately identified our problems as a country and also proposed solutions. Had the government leaders followed your advice, we would not have been in such a chaotic situation especially during the Covid 19 era.

Based upon Your Divine Grace's simple motto of «simple living and high thinking», different ISKCON projects worldwide have been 'eye openers'. Your divine instructions given 45 years ago here is still valid. We pray for your divine mercy for its implementation.



Besides the medicines you were prescribing for him, your godbrother Adi Kesava dasa would always ask you for the special 'tonic' of love of Godhead which you had. At one point you stated that you do not have the 'tonic' but had the formula, which you gladly gave him.

Srila Prabhupada, I am honestly trying to apply this same formula of *trnad api sunicena* but I'm always failing. Yet, I am convinced that through your mercy and continual practice I may be able to achieve it. Despite being so fallen, I am hopeful because I am convinced that the 'back door key' is in your hands and that you will never let me or anyone else down.

Happy Vyasa-puja day dear Srila Prabhupada.

*Trying to serve your divine institution under your representatives,
Your fallen servants,
Ajay Caitanya Dasa and Gayatri Devi Dasi*

Akina Kasil
Bedfordview
South Africa



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

IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS I joined a daily class on the Bhagavad-gita As It Is, whereby each of the chapters were explained by senior devotees and scholars of the Bhagavad-gita As It Is. Reading the Bhagavad-gita As It Is by myself couldn't compare in terms of the experience of listening and understanding chapter by chapter every day. These classes have greatly improved my understanding of the content. I am very grateful that I have been given the mercy to

have access to the information contained within Bhagavad-gita.

After the classes had come to an end, I realised that I never would have come across the important knowledge imparted by Lord Krishna to Arjuna on the battlefield of Kuruksetra five thousand years ago had it not been for you. You so bravely and with tremendous courage boarded the Jaladuta some fifty-five years ago ready to impart the sacred

knowledge that the world so desperately needed and changed the course of millions of lives by your actions and the foundation of ISKCON. This has had a major ripple effect since then and continues up until today. Therefore, people like myself have been greatly impacted by your actions all those years ago.

I would like to thank you Srila Prabhupada for being so compassionate to fallen souls like myself stuck in the material world, and for giving us this knowledge of how to go back to the spiritual world.


I am still at the very beginning of my journey to go back to the spiritual world and in many ways still an infant in my understanding. It is for this reason that I humbly beg for your mercy to progress in my spiritual life and to understand a little more about Lord Krishna or some aspect of him so that I can

practice remembering him every moment of my life. It is my hearts deepest desire to serve him and be eternally happy especially after having an improved understanding of the content of the Bhagavad-gita.

I also would like to pray to you Srila Prabhupada to give the special mercy needed to understand the important knowledge contained within Bhagavad-gita to my family so that we can together learn submissively and lead a Krishna conscious life in this lifetime, so that at the end of each of our respective lives we are a little more qualified to go back to Goloka Vrindavan.

*Your servant,
Akina Kasil*



 Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Hare Krishna. I bow down to the lotus feet of my Spiritual Master and all of the Vaisnavas.
I bow down to the lotus feet of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

 Akincana das
Lomé
Togo

SRILA PRABHUPADA CHANGED MY LIFE. Today, if I am proud of what I am, it is thanks to his books and the movement he left for us.


When I look back at my past and I see what I was going to become then I give thanks to Krishna. It is through this ultimate Father that we have and

know who is Srila Prabhupada.

Thanks to you Jagad-guru. All glories to Srila Prabhupada

*Your humble servant,
Akincana das*



 Hare Krishna. Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisances. All glories to you, dear Srila Prabhupada. All glories to your ISKCON movement.
All glories to your disciples, grand disciples, great grand disciples and well-wishers of ISKCON.

 Alanath das
Chatsworth, Durban
South Africa

I AM ETERNALLY INDEBTED TO YOU, SRILA PRABHUPADA, for starting the ISKCON movement on a global scale. Thank you for bringing my Guru Maharaj, and for the devotees of ISKCON into my life. Thank you for taking the time, effort, care and compassion to present your books to the global community of devotees and people in general. Thank you

for bringing the culture of simple living and higher thinking into this material world. It is so much needed at this very moment in time. You have warned the people in general and the devotees of the dangers of this material world, and we are now seeing these dangers first-hand.

Your ISKCON movement is the saving grace for

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples
& Other Devotees

this material world at this present moment. Mankind can only be saved, and the earth salvaged by your teachings of Lord Krishna and His associates. The task is a colossal one that requires every devotee and well-wisher to put our backs into it and to get the task done. The devotees at the Nama Hatta (where I serve-in) relish distributing your books and have won the December Book marathon for the fifth consecutive year in a row in Chatsworth, Durban. I must admit that each year gets more difficult. However, the enthusiasm of the devotee team to distribute and to find new ways of getting the books out keeps us motivated and focused.

I am so grateful that I have taken up this process, taking shelter of my Guru Maharaj, engaging in devotional service and putting to practice the sacred teachings in your books.

I recently graduated from the Bhakti Shastri degree at our temple college, Bhaktivedanta College of Education and Culture. While I may have the degree, the learning continues. Putting it into practice and giving it to others is my next goal. This will re-enforce my ability to further learn what I have been taught. The devotees at our Nama Hatta are given the opportunity to present a lecture from Bhagavad Gita As It Is on a weekly basis, and

everyone gets the opportunity to engage in this wonderful experience. We are guided by our ISKCON Gurus and senior devotees of ISKCON that visit our Nama Hatta from time to time, as well as your lectures. We have dedicated a monthly program in your honour at our Nama Hatta whereby we offer Guru Puja to your deity form and listen to a lecture from Bhagavad Gita. This deepens our connection to you, Srila Prabhupada, and provides us with the nourishment and motivation to keep on pushing your vision and teachings to the guests and people in general. Our Nama Hatta devotees also hold Harinaams, food for life programs, hall programs and home visits at different intervals during the year.

Srila Prabhupada, please protect your ISKCON movement, protect and guide the devotees that are in leadership positions that manage and oversee the many ISKCON centres globally. Let your vision and desire, be their motivation to lead ISKCON for the future generations to come.

Please bless all your disciples, grand disciples, great grand disciples, the future devotees of ISKCON. I pray at your lotus feet to remain a loyal servant of the servant of your ISKCON mission.

Your aspiring servant, Alanath das



Ambika Devi Dasi
Tongaat
South Africa



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

I AM ILLITERATE. I can barely read and write and my daughter is sending this offering on my behalf.

You have given us the experience of Krishna Consciousness and something that any illiterate person can understand - your causeless mercy. Had you not come, where would we be?

The whole world is suffering in the darkness of ignorance, and you, dear Srila Prabhupada, have shown your causeless mercy unto the entire material world, which was absorbed in darkness.

Just as Sri Krishna lifted up Govardhana Hill with His lotus left hand, you, Srila Prabhupada, lifted us up at your guru maharaja's command.

Your greatness is unparalleled and we always beg for the mercy and shelter of your lotus feet.

Thank you for saving us Srila Prabhupada! Please be merciful unto me.

*Your servant
Ambika Devi Dasi (PSDG)*



My dearest Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.



Amritamani Devi Dasi

Johannesburg

South Africa

TODAY AS I WRITE THIS OFFERING, I find myself thinking about the word «love». To me love means eternal happiness. Acceptance without external judgement. Accepting me for me and helping me work through my imperfections.

Srila Prabhupada you are my definition of pure love. Who else but you could sacrifice all comforts for us? Who else could give themselves to us so selflessly but you? Who else could share their most precious and eternal possession, Krishna consciousness, with us but you? Who else could see perfection in our imperfections, but you? Who else could put up with us and tolerate us unconditionally but you?

Srila Prabhupada, you have turned hippies into happyes. You constantly look past all our pathetic external conditions and see nothing but the potential of one day giving our hearts to Krishna fully. You accept our imperfections and constantly hold our hands, work through them with us every step of the way.

Srila Prabhupada, in a world full of seekers of love I found you, someone who has a heart full of

nothing but pure love for us pouring out limitlessly. A heart full of love for your Spiritual Master pouring out limitlessly. A heart full of love for Krishna pouring out limitlessly.

When will that day be where I can hold out my hands and open up my heart and grab that love and love you back just a tiny fraction of the way you love me?

Srila Prabhupada you are the definition of pure love in my world! Thank you for showing me what true love means.

Srila Prabhupada on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja I pray that someday I can write an offering filled with just a fraction of love for you.

But for now, please accept these broken words from a heart still trying to figure things out.

Happy Vyasa-puja Srila Prabhupada.

Hankering to love you some time soon.

Your foolish granddaughter,

Amritamani devi dasi



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Your Divine Grace.



Amrtavani Devi Dasi

Durban

South Africa

BY YOUR PRAYER I have come to the lotus feet of Lord Caitanya and His devotees, and you are teaching me what it means to be a servant. It is a difficult lesson, one that I continually fail. But I hold on to the stick of your support and the support of the exalted vaisnavas that you have so mercifully blessed me with.

How can I possibly understand your great desire to serve your spiritual master, that you persevered

against all odds? You succeeded simply because of your implicit faith in his instructions and because of your unlimited compassion for suffering humanity. You sacrificed so much to bring to us the sublime happiness of pure devotional service.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, despite all your struggle to bring me this magnanimous gift, I still have not wholeheartedly accepted it. Please may the truth of

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& Other Devotees

your teachings manifest in my heart so that I may live according to these teachings and also be an example to others. I come to you in my weakness and ignorance, for a drop of your strength and purity, so that I may become an instrument of service in your Krsna consciousness movement. Please bless

me to keep your instructions like a jewel on my head and help me to become a servant that pleases you.

*Your aspiring servant,
Amrtavani Devi Dasi*



Anakulya Devi Dasi
East London
South Africa

 Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet on this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.
All glories to your 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*

THANK YOU for allowing me to be an instrument in our Krishna conscious mission, in this house that you have built for all of us to live in. Through your grace dearest Srila Prabhupada as well as our dear Gurudev, Kadamba Kanana Swami we are trying to spread the values and teachings of the Krishna consciousness movement in East London, South Africa. It is a difficult task because Maha Maya is ever-present. She finds new ways to test us every day. This preaching is only possible through the chanting of 16 rounds daily which was made possible by you our dearest Srila Prabhupada.

Please bless me so that I am able to be your eternal servant always.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada you have provided us with all the answers in the form of your books and allowed us to emerge from the darkness into the light.


Grant us the energy and strength to never falter in this important service of book and prasadam distribution.

Srila Prabhupada keep my family and I forever at your lotus feet, engaged in loving service at the feet of the servants, of the servants, of the servants of Lord Sri Krishna and all His associates.

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



Nandadul das
Raghuvir das
Palika Sevi dasi
and Ananda Tirtha das
Johannesburg
South Africa

 Hare Krishna dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances in the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to your divine grace.

IN MADHYA LILA 17.80 it is stated

*mūkaṁ karoti vācālaṁ
paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim*

*yat-kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande
paramānanda-mādhavam*

Translation: “The Supreme Personality of Godhead

Śrila Prabhupāda
Vyāsa-pūjā 2020

has the form of sac-cid-ānanda-vigraha — transcendental bliss, knowledge and eternity. I offer my respectful obeisances unto Him, who turns the dumb into eloquent speakers and enables the lame to cross mountains. Such is the mercy of the Lord.’”.

In your room conversation in Bhubaneswar dated 21/01/1977 you touched on this verse explaining to your disciples present as to how important it is to get the mercy of one’s guru. You further explained how Sri Prahlada Maharaja received the mercy of Narada Muni and thus became a great devotee of Lord Nrisinghadeva. Explaining how by the mercy of the spiritual master, one’s life becomes successful, you broke it down so simply that even fools like us started to understand the ease of this simple principle and the sublime process of Krishna consciousness. This mercy is achieved by pleasing ones guru and is not difficult and is dependent on ones level of surrender and sincere endeavor to please the spiritual master. You went on to explain that simply by ones sincere endeavor to preach and render devotional service in itself is pleasing to the spiritual master. A no brainer again for us. No bank balance or wealth is required but ones genuine endeavors to render devotional service unto the lotus feet of Radha-Krishna. Seeing this sincere endeavor the guru becomes pleased and by pleasing the guru, Radha and Krishna become pleased. Upon pleasing Radha and Krishna, They shower Their Divine causeless mercy upon the recipient, making all arrangements to facilitate

their preaching endeavors.

Reading this made us realise just how much you yourself have endeavored to preach this Krishna Consciousness, although we cannot fully realise it as our intelligence is very limited. You certainly have pleased Srila Bhaktisidanta Saraswati Thakur dearest Srila Prabhupada and thus became the recipient of His and Radha and Krishna’s divine causeless mercy. No one could achieve what you have.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada your great achievements are countless, but to name a few, you established ISKCON, “a house in which the whole world can live in” and over 108 temples in remarkable time of 10 years. A feat that no ordinary person can ever achieve. This also illustrates how Srila Prabhupada is indeed empowered by Radha Krishna. Your divine grace you made insignificant souls like us understand that ISKCON is your body and you are the pre-imminent siksha guru of ISKCON for all time.

Our humble and sincere prayer is to always remain at your divine lotus feet and never leave ISKCON, ever. Kindly bless us my Lord and Master, so that we can serve your ISKCON in a way that shall be pleasing to you and thus become the recipient of your causeless mercy, to make us humble servants of your servants of Your ISKCON.

*Your insignificant servants of the servants
Nandadulal das, Raghuvir das, Palika Sevi dasi
and Ananda Tirtha das*



Hare Krsna to my dearest His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your most sacred merciful lotus feet.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, I cannot fathom the depths of your causeless mercy. I have been thinking about how much you have done for me over all the years. You gave my biological father dignity by saving him in his last years and giving him a proper send off and for my mum, you gave her so much mercy that

she surpassed the doctors time, expectations and glory expected end. She lived and left so beautifully, even having her last rites done in Sridham Vrindavana in the most auspicious month of Kartika. Thank You Srila Prabhupada, this gives me peace of mind. You taught us how to live and how to die. I



Ananda Vrindavana Dasi
Durban
South Africa

remain eternally indebted to you for that. You make the impossible possible with your compassionate vaisnavas.

Srila Prabhupada, currently we are going through the most difficult time of our lives worldwide, but your mercy is carrying us through in the form of devotional service and online nectar, chanting of the Lord's holy name and your nectar-ean books.

Today, as I write to you (as usual last minute every year) it is thirty-six days that you have given an undeserving fool like me a chance to be engaged in direct service. I sat and thought about it deeply this morning and I am so grateful to you for glancing upon me. Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

I am the worst servitor you can find, yet you still glanced upon me.

Srila Prabhupada, Guru Maharaja was saying that „at the fag end of your life, you accomplished all this that You have given us“. Only a purely great soul can do that. Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for everything Srila Prabhupada.


I remain eternally indebted to you.

Please accept our unlimited respectful and grateful obeisances at the dust of your most merciful lotus feet.

Your foolish servants,

Ananda Vrindavana Dasi and Family

Anandamaya Krishna das
and Radharani devi dasi
Durban
South Africa

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

WE ARE CURRENTLY AMIDST A GLOBAL PANDEMIC where millions of lives have been turned upside down. This fatal threat is devastating every facet of human civilization. Young and old, rich and poor, highly educated and simple minded, the famous and the man on the street - nobody is above the laws of nature. No amount of military strength or physical prowess will triumph. Mighty economic powers that dominated the world have been brought to their knees. High tech gadgets are worthless against this invisible threat. The once proud medical scientists are grasping for a solution. However, this is only the beginning. We are on the brink of economic collapse and world war.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, you have seen this coming decades ago when you said, 'We are living an unsustainable lifestyle, soon this bubble will burst.' Now, we are seeing firsthand, that

your predictions are materializing. People all over the world are helplessly struggling against the onslaughts of material nature.

Foreseeing a dark future for all living entities in this material world, you have made tremendous sacrifices and endured great personal difficulty to share with us the mercy of Lord Caitanya. By your kindness we can understand why we are suffering. You are graciously showing us the means to end our struggle in this ocean of misery. As Lord Caitanya's great general, you have expertly arranged this spiritual army to battle the evils of the world. My dear Srila Prabhupada, please give us the strength to continue your mission.

Your grand disciples,

*Anandamaya Krishna das
and Radharani devi dasi*



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

THANK YOU SRILA PRABHUPADA for giving the world the greatest gift - Krsna consciousness, without which, we would still have been living like animals, busy with sense gratification and material advancement. On this day of your Vyasa-puja, I beg that you shower me with some mercy so that I can help to preach the glories of Krishna consciousness.

Thank you for your mercy. I beg you on this auspicious day to help me remain attached to your lotus feet.

*Your servant,
Ananga Manjari Devi Dasi*



Ananga Manjari Devi Dasi
Lotus Park. Isipingo, Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

MY DEAR BELOVED GRANDFATHER I felt your mercy more this year. I feel your presence more at every moment in my life, I feel from February this year, I have come more closer to your lotus feet. I feel that you have come personally to protect me because you have heard my prayers to you. To protect me in all areas of my life by giving me the shelter of your assistants as well as your personal shelter.

I pray I can understand your vani and to practice it in my life and to be empowered to preach.

I have come to understand that our relationship is spiritual, that means eternal with Guru's and Krishna's happiness at the centre of one's life at any stage of life. Everyone should touch your lotus feet and be open as you are the Guru of the whole world, for me it's the Guru of the creation.

After so many lifetimes I have received the shelter of a bonified spiritual master that is linked through the parampara.

Please help me to surround my heart with good association so that I can be protected from anarthas, offenses and obstacles inside the heart and outside the heart and in my conscious as well.

Please free me from the bodily concept of life and let me love according to your vani. I pray to become more caring to the vaishnavas and to the lost souls.

ISKCON is a manifestation of your vani coming from the prampara. I pray always to be engaged in devotional service under your shelter and the shelter of your assistants. Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura our great grandfather established the GBC. Srila Prabhupada implemented the GBC in ISKCON and wanted the GBC to be the head of ISKCON, the highest authority in ISKCON. Therefore, GBC members have to be well trained in Krishna conscious, and understand your vani through practical realization. By following this vani we will receive the mercy of the whole prampara and that mercy originates from Krishna Himself (the Supreme Personality of Godhead).

A Vaishnava is a soul that cannot bear to see the suffering of another soul.

I pray that our relationship can grow deeper and more loving like that of the relationship in Vrindavan.




Ananga Manjari Devi Dasi
Lenasia
South Africa

I pray for your shelter in all areas of life. Please protect my heart from envy as there is no place for envy in the spiritual world (I pray that your shelter and mercy can be received by every soul).

*Lots of Love.
Your Granddaughter,
Ananga manjari Devi Dasi*



Andrisha Chunderparshad
Northdene
South Africa

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


ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS APPEARANCE ANNIVERSARY,
I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation. It is by your mercy that Krishna consciousness has grown at a rapid pace to all parts of the Globe, no matter how large or small.

I am ever grateful to be part of your ISKCON.

*Your Insignificant Servant,
Andrisha Chunderparshad*



Anilan Hirasen
Seatides
South Africa

 Hare Krishna dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances and dandavat pranams.
All glories to your divine lotus feet.

DEAR PRABHUPADA, you have blessed the world so mercifully with your presence, your instruction, your mercy, your understanding, your books, and in infinitely other ways, that I am not smart enough to know.

Last week I was in the hospital for 7 days owing to a relapse in my medical condition. Most people would see it as an unfortunate event that I am sick, but I saw it as a blessing - only because of you! When I went in for my MRI scan, I saw only Radha-Krishna, the Gopis, and the Gopas. They were dancing to the roaring of the MRI machine. This is the first time that such a thing happened, and it was only because of your books, lectures and disciples that I was in such a consciousness. I have your blessings through your word and your disciples - through the

movement you created!

All I want to do is serve you and your movement, and to glorify you, Radha-Krishna and all their devotees! I beg at your lotus feet that you please guide me through this process and help me in my journey home, back to Godhead.

Dear Prabhupada, I am not very qualified and do not have much skill in writing this offering; but all I wish to say is thank you!

You may not be in our physical presence, but I feel you in my heart.

*My head at your feet
Hare Krishna.
Anilan Hirasen*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

IT'S WITH HEARTFELT LOVE AND DEVOTION that our humble Srila Prabhupada and jagad -guru started the greatest ISKCON worldwide institutions and teachings.

We are so grateful that the Nectar of Devotion and the holy name will forever be on our tongues.

May Lord Krishna and Srimati Radharani bless our Srila Prabhupada eternally and may the Lord bless us all, the servants of the Lord, my mother,

myself and my entire family with the holy name with healings, blessings and protection always.

Jaya Sri Radha Shyam. Om namo bhagavate vasudevaya. Jai Jagannath. Lord Krishna the magnificent Lord of creation and the universe.

*Your servant,
Aradhana Krsna*



Aradhana Krishna
Sydenham
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

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

I OFTEN WONDER WHAT MY LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN without your books, lectures, letters, recordings of your morning walk discussions and direct disciple HH Bhakti Charu Swami.

Material life is full of suffering. There are dangers lurking at every step of the way. I wake up each morning ready to take up the challenges of the new day. Without thinking of how I am going to make it to the end of the day. Thanks to you Srila Prabhupada I am reminded to start my day with prayers, and I start chanting the maha mantra which is the greatest gift that you have given to me. I realized that when the maha mantra is chanted attentively and

without offences it is like switching on our cruise control that guides us and helps us get through the day without fear of anything.

I have so much to be grateful for and it's all credits to you. Thank you for engaging me in the little services that I do in Your ISKCON.

I beg that you continue to engage me and help me remain a little servant and that you guide me to never commit any offences to any devotee, big or small.

I beg to remain your eternal servant.

*Your grand disciple,
Aravinda Dalayataksha Das*



Aravinda Dalayataksha Das
Durban
South Africa



Hare Krsna Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you.

I DO NOT KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN when it comes to appreciating you. You have given me so much. Although I have never physically met you, but this

relationship I have with you is so intimate and personal. I feel that connection every time someone shares a pastime of yours, every time someone



Arvash Sewpaul
Johannesburg
South Africa

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speaks about you and every time I dance in guru-puja. I cannot fully fathom your greatness, and so it baffles me how you can be so loving to me, I feel so unworthy. But every time I open one of your books, I feel as if you are speaking to me alone. It is like you know exactly what is going on in my heart. This has led me to being indebted to you. In this entire universe, I want nothing else but to be of service to your movement, to please you. I do not deserve what you have given me and so I cherish it with all my heart. The knowledge of Krsna, the association of devotees and prasadh, I am sure many have expressed this before, but I say again, thank you for it all. I have found a family through you, a family full of love, acceptance, and support.

The devotees have welcomed me with open arms and so much love. This is all due to you. You are the reason I have all that I do. I joined the movement at a young age and struggled with various

challenges, but no matter the hardship, standing before you, I know it will all be alright because of you. You are my motivation and inspiration. The reason I am a kathak dancer, is because I can offer that creativity to you, so that it can be used to propagate this philosophy you have given to the world. I am not intelligent to understand the philosophy fully, I cannot quote verses or give lectures. But I can dance them and show various pastimes through this art. So, I beg your mercy, I am but an instrument for you to employ in the movement. I thank you for being so loving to me, for guiding me and showing me that there is a purpose to this existence of mine. I pray to always be engaged in your service and in some way please you.

*I love you very dearly Srila Prabhupada,
Your servant,
Arvash Sewpaul*

Asha Singh
Effingham Heights
Durban
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Hare Krsna!

I OFFER MY HUMBLE OBEISANCES to you Srila Prabhupada.

I am very grateful to you Srila Prabhupada. Reading your books has given me knowledge of my spiritual life. You are really amazing Prabhupada, because in such a little time you built so many temples.

My daily prayer to you is to please help me to advance in my spiritual life and to help me to always remember Krishna till my last breath.

*Your humble servant,
Asha Singh*

Ashita Daya
Johannesburg
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,

AS WE CONTINUE ON THIS PATH OF SELF-REALIZATION year after year my heart fills up with so much of gratitude for this gift of Krishna consciousness that

you have given us.

Without Krishna consciousness we would be so lost wondering aimlessly in this material world.

During these testing times that this Covid-19 pandemic has put us in I am even more grateful for everything you have done for us, the leaders you have left us and the books you had written for our benefit.

I pray we may always remain at your lotus feet lifetime after lifetime birth after birth.

Srila Prabhupada bless us always that we may

do some service for you to continue the spread of your mission this ISKCON movement. May we always remain at your lotus feet.

Jai Prabhupada!

*Your servant,
Ashita Daya*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate krsna das swami iti namine
nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate guru das jayadvaita swami iti namine*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate kadamba kanana swami iti namine
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*

TODAY IS MY FAVOURITE FESTIVAL OUT OF THE YEAR, which is your wonderful Vyasa-puja, so on this most auspicious and amazing day, I would like to wish you a wonderful Vyasa-puja. Srila Prabhupada, I am very grateful for all the things you have done for all of us in ISKCON. It is so wonderful to see ISKCON grow throughout the world. At times, when I feel any difficulty, I remember this wonderful letter written November 13th, 1969:

“But always remember that I am always with you. As you are always thinking of me, I am always thinking of you also, although physically we are not together, we are not separated spiritually. So we should be concerned only with this spiritual connection.” I pray to you on this wonderful day that I will always be at your lotus feet.

Your servant at your divine lotus feet, Ashutosh das



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

 Ashutosh das
Johannesburg
South Africa

 Atmatattva Das

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*Jaya om vishnu-pada paramahamsa parivrajakacarya ashtottara-shata
Sri Srimad A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada ki jaya!*

ON THIS SOLEMN OCCASION of your divine appearance, I send you my sincere gratitude, because without your descent into this world I do not know what I will have become ... Thank you for allowing me to find the way back to my original residence; even if I am not yet able to do the essentials to deserve this grace. I beg you to grant me the strength to commit myself with enthusiasm, in the mission of propagation of the holy names, and determination to offer my humble adoration to Sri Krishna

Please grant to the community of devotees, be united in order to consolidate the many precious achievements, obtained by your personal self-denial, to establish the foundations of our movement.

All glories to your lotus feet, you the savior of fallen souls.

Your aspiring servant,

Atmatattva Das



Avashan Govender
Alberton
South Africa



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

I OFTEN THINK ABOUT WHAT MY LIFE WOULD BE if I did not come into contact with ISKCON and your amazing books. I feel indebted to you, however, I sadly cannot repay this debt even after many lifetimes. You have changed the lives of so many people across the world. You have given us the greatest gift of all, love for Lord Krishna. For that, I am truly thankful. Without your association through your books, I

would've been lost in the material ocean. You have given us the gift that is transcendental; devotional service to the Supreme Lord. Thank you for this gift. I promise to make a greater endeavour in my spiritual life.

Your humble servant,

Avashan Govender



Avinash Khusal Das
Cape Town
South Africa



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

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

DEVOTEES, THIS YEAR, I have accepted my spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada and Krishna as my

family forever. All I want to do is to serve my family unconditionally. Bhaktivedanta means *one who has*

realised that devotional service to the Supreme Lord is the end of all knowledge.

*Trying to be your servant,
Avinash Khusal Das*



D Our Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances.
All glories to you on your Vyasa-Puja.

WRITING THIS VYASA-PUJA OFFERING THIS YEAR, when the entire world is in such turmoil, makes us most grateful for all the great sacrifices you have made for us, Srila Prabhupada. We are so grateful to have the maha-mantra and all your books to keep our minds healthy now more than before.

Thank you for everything that you have given us Srila Prabhupada, and we pray that we may always remain at the shelter of your divine lotus feet.

*Aspiring to be your servants always,
Balacharan das and Revati priya devi dasi*

 Balacharan Das
and Revati priya Devi Dasi
Johannesburg, Gauteng
South Africa



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

IT IS ONLY THANKS TO YOUR MERCY SRILA PRABHUPADA, that I have been fortunate enough to join this most wonderful and beautiful ISKCON, which has given shelter to countless people like myself. Your mercy is limitless Srila Prabhupada, I would be lost without your mercy, teachings and books.

I humbly pray that you please keep me engaged in helping to distribute your books so that more people can gain shelter and a way out of this material

world.

I humbly pray that I always be engaged in devotional service to you dear Srila Prabhupada, all the vaisnavas and their Lordships Sri SrI Radha Radhanath.

*Your fallen and aspiring servant,
Balaram Das and Family*

 Balaram Das and Family
Isipingo
South Africa



D Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances onto your lotus feet,
which has cleansed us and is in the process of cleansing the rest of humanity.

I FIRSTLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR STRENGTH and will in your mission to spread Krsna Consciousness first to the West then to the rest of the world. Without this great wisdom and knowledge that you have passed onto us we would all be fallen. Secondly, I

would personally love to thank you for introducing me to my all-loving and merciful Krsna, my best friend. I might be born in a beautiful devotee family, but that doesn't make me immediately qualified to become one. I didn't have any realization of the

 Balaram
Cape Town
South Africa

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Supreme Lord until 2018. Then we went to India for the second time in 2019, and after that journey, I found my purpose in life, making sure my dear Krsna is always smiling, whatever it maybe I will implicitly do what is instructed for this. Thirdly, giving this world many great representatives of the Lord, HH Bhakti Thirta Swami, HH Radhanath Swami, HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami and so on. My life seems difficult or impossible to figure out certain difficulties whether they are morally right or wrong, but the wise words from these amazing gurus show me what to do, and why I am doing it, every time I feel lost or without my purpose I look at them and their words and I smile and blush uncontrollably as I feel happy that I have hope to be permanently happy.

I am currently reading the Science of Self Realization that you wrote, and my mind is blown by your intellect, especially when asked certain material related questions, maybe sometimes I don't understand, but it does get cleared up for me when I inquire which is the difference between us and animals. I mainly want to read this and more so I can further understand about my dear Krsna, your movement and how to explain and hopefully

preach it to someone else who has no knowledge of the Supreme Lord.

I don't feel qualified to type this letter as my mother does, but I hope you can forgive me for all I have done in my past so that I may progress to get closer to the lotus feet of Lord Krsna. You are more than a role model to me, you are a life saver, and I mean in the way were you have made me realize my true desire to leave this planet and go back to Godhead, where I can enjoy eternally where you reside also.

I also would like to thank you for giving my parents the knowledge they have, they are fond of you, always stay for guru-puja and write these letters. Without such strong-willed parents, I would be left in the darkness of desiring sense gratification.

I hope you can guide me further in my life to get back to the ultimate form of happiness, without you I am lost to the abyss of maya who can forever keep me here.

*Your lost, but loving servant,
Balaram*



Balarāma Prasād dasa
Lone Hill
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
My dandavat pranams to you. All glories to you, the greatest personality in all the 3 worlds.
All glories to your ISKCON movement which is full of wonder and mercy. All glories to your perfect example and perfect teachings.

I WRITE TO YOU WITH A HEAVY HEART, as recent happenings have shed light on difficulties that have been experienced in your ISKCON movement. These issues stem from our previous conditionings and to some degree, a lack of understanding/accepting the fundamental teaching of bhakti yoga and vaisnavism. This is just my opinion.

Nevertheless, this is a real problem plaguing your ISKCON around the world and it frightens me to my core. I accept that not everyone can serve together but I'm confident that everyone can serve. So, my plea to you is to help guide each of us from

within our hearts, to try see the that the knowledge that you have given us in your writings and behaviour can be applied in our daily lives whether among vaisnavas or otherwise.

We should not be so surprised that such difficulties arise during this time. Kali-yuga is the most ruthless of all yugas as the bull of dharma cannot stand and is barely alive. We know that at every step there is danger. But what worries me is that we have come so close to destroying ISKCON from within so early in the duration of Kali-yuga. Two slokas come to mind when I think of how, surely this cannot be

the beginning of the end for our dear home ISKCON. We are all trying to be Hari-bhaktis.

This text is taken from the Brahma-vaivarta Purana [14] Text 59:

*kaler daṣa-sahasrāṇi
madbhaktāḥ santi bhūtale
ekavarṇā bhaviṣyanti
madbhakteṣu gateṣu ca*

“For 10,000 years of Kali such devotees of Mine will be present on earth. After the departure of My devotees there will be only one varna.”

The above is supported in 4.90.32–33:

*kalau daṣa-sahasrāṇi
haris tiṣṭhati medinī
devānām pratimā pūjyā
śāstrāṇi ca purāṇakam*

“(Sri Krishna said:) Lord Hari will stay on this earth for the first ten-thousand years of Kali-yuga. Till then gods will be worshipped and the Puranas and

scriptures will also be present.”

Please help us to see beyond this illusion and doubt, to a time where Your devotees stand united again. Please help open our ears so that we can clearly hear Krishna in the form of Paramatma instructing us what to do and what not to do. Please help open our eyes to see beyond the powerful illusory energy which is at times almost more convincing than reality itself.

Please help us do whatever is necessary to keep your ISKCON ship afloat and functioning, for it is the only safehouse we have to take refuge in. It is our only means to attain pure devotional service.

I’m always grateful for you mercifully giving me, Krishna, guru, vaisnava family and friends and some devotional service that ties all these up in a favorable way. This is your prasād and it’s the only thing that keeps my world spinning round and round every day. Thank you.

*I love You,
Your servant’s struggling servant,
Balarāma Prasād dasa.*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

IT IS YET ANOTHER TIME and opportunity for others and myself, on this auspicious day of your appearance, to say a very big thank you for the sacrifice you made on our behalf to come to this forsaken part of the world and to wake us up from our deep sleep of illusion.

Srila Prabhupada, each time I reflect on my life, I cannot but thank you for making me understand how to avoid the impending life danger in front of

me by taking to Krishna Consciousness as per your directives. Actually, it’s very difficult for me to know the selected words to use in glorifying Your divine grace in this regard, and this is why I just have to simply say “thank you” for your unquantified mercy and labour of love for all of us.

Patita Pavana Srila Prabhupada Ki Jaya!

Bhadra Sena Das



 Bhadra Sena Das
ISKCON Port Harcourt
Nigeria

Bhakta Rodrigo
Cape Flats, Cape Town
South Africa

 Hare Krishna.
All glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada,


MY SINCERE APPRECIATION and thanks to you Srila Prabhupada for all that you have done for me. My life would have no meaning had you not brought the nectar that is Krishna consciousness to the west.

I thank you.

*Your servant of the servant of the servant,
Bhakta Rodrigo*



Bhakta Rupa Das
Chatsworth, Durban
South Africa

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

I, THANK YOU, FATHER, for everything that you have done for me. I have been in hospital many times. I always think of was you, Srila Prabhupada and my Guru, Kadamba Kanana Swami. I find myself calling your name. From the first time I listened to you, my life has changed, and my life became easier. You


assisted me in giving up all of my bad habits, and I became an initiated devotee!

Thank you very much, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servant,
Bhakta Rupa Das*



Bhakta Samuel Melke-Tsadik
Addis Ababa
Ethiopia

 Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of Your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you on this most auspicious day of Your Divine Appearance.

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

I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila 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.

Although I have never met you in person, it

has been my great fortune to have been in contact with your transcendental books and instructions through your humble followers. Taking this opportunity, I would like to thank you for allowing me to meet your humble follower Mahaprasad Govinda, who introduced me to the world of your divine instructions.

Following that I would like to thank the BBT Africa team for giving me the opportunity to glorify Your Divine Grace on this auspicious occasion,

which gives me the opportunity to express my inner feelings on how your books and instructions have totally changed my lifestyle. I feel very much honoured to have been given the opportunity by your followers to perform an editing service of your books that are translated into the Amharic language.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada, it was my great fortune to have performed the editorial review of “The introduction to Bhagavad Gita”, “The Transcendental teachings of Prahlada Maharaja”, and “Sri Ispanisad.” Whilst reviewing and editing the Amharic version of these books I have gained a tremendous amount of transcendental knowledge, which has made me aware of the philosophy of Krishna Consciousness and also appreciate your significant contribution to the entire world.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada, I have learnt from your books on the eternality of the spirit soul, about the naked truth on how the material world is nothing but a place of suffering; on the importance of chanting the holy name of the Lord; about the actions of those who have taken shelter of Sri Krishna will never go in vain; and that they are always sheltered by the divine protection of the Lord.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada, I have also learnt the importance of compassion to other living entities and as a result, my life has been entirely changed adapting a karma-free diet by becoming a vegetarian. This has also contributed to my healthy lifestyle for over the last 5 Years.

Srila Prabhupada, no doubt due to my ignorance of your transcendental glories; my gratitude to you is expressed in such a limited manner. However, I must say the three realizations that stand out for me about your qualities are your steadiness in your devotion to Lord Krishna; your dedication to your mission; and the magnitude of your unflinching faith to Sri Krishna is what I admired so much.


You have taught us in such an exemplary way that if a person has a quality of steadiness, resolute purpose and unflinching faith in the Supreme Lord, he can create any miracle in the world. This we have seen from your deeds during such an advance age and in such a short time.

There is a saying in our country Ethiopia that all the good deeds of a person remain alive even after the soul has departed! In the same way, your glories and contribution to the world will remain alive by your followers and will continue to expand forever. I show my gratitude to you forever, for all you have done for me through your mission.

Taking this opportunity, I would also like to thank all your followers and Mahaprasad Govinda for introducing me to your teachings and the guidance I received from him to apply your instructions to my life.

*Begging to remain your servant,
Bhakta Samuel Melke-Tsadik*



 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga. All glories to 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*

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DID FOR US. You could have stayed in Vrindavan and continue your bhakti

 Bhakta Shyam Krishna
Laventure
Mauritius

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but you didn't. You preferred to take the Jaladuta ship for a journey to America and although you had fallen sick two times on the ship you persevered your journey to fulfill your spiritual master Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur Prabhupada's order to preach in the western countries. In the beginning your way ahead was full of obscurity but you didn't get discouraged and kept persisting in order to establish ISKCON.

Today ISKCON is flourishing all throughout the

world thanks to your mercy and by the grace of your disciples. Words are not enough to praise your grandeur. I will always remain grateful for everything you did for us. O master of the three worlds please bless me so that I can become an instrument in ISKCON and thereby propagate the Krsna Conscious Movement.

*Your great-granddisciple
Bhakta Shyam Krishna*

Bhakti Logan 
Lenasia, Gauteng
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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nirvivesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desatarine*

ALL GLORIES TO OUR SAVIOR. Blessed I am to have your mercy of the books that broaden my knowledge of your mission of ISKCON, that you gurudev brought to us in the West. I will continue to be the insignificant servant of the servant to your mission and pray that I am successful in pleasing you. Gurudev I will always be loyal to you. Gurudev I will be doing

everything possible to please the devotees that I am associated with. I am your servant for now and forever – Hari, Hari, Haribol.

*Your servant,
Bhakti Logan*

Bhakti Parsad Das 
Gillets Namahatha, Pinetown
South Africa



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

I WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH for helping me make my life successful, by allowing me in my own small way to offer myself up in sacrifice, somewhat in the mood to be the servant of the servant. You encourage me to read Bhagavad-gita As It Is and Srimad-Bhagavatam and many other of your books. You made me

humble and I am expressing my gratitude towards you.

*Your servant,
Bhakti Parsad Das*



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

AS A 'NEWBIE' TO THE 'MOVEMENT' I haven't felt qualified to make an offering to you on the auspicious occasion of your appearance day, but I was encouraged by one of our congregation members (a friend) to write some(ANY)thing heartfelt, so here goes.

In many ways I feel like I have been a devotee of Krsna my whole life, unknowingly following the four regulative principles lifestyle just not in a formal/structured ISKCON way. We are so fortunate through your efforts and sacrifice to have the benediction of Krsna consciousness in the West. Even though I am in an Indian body, I was born and live in Cape Town, South Africa and I am grateful for Divine intervention through which I came across ISKCON on my spiritual path.

I feel compelled to express my appreciation for your presence in my humble material existence. I really feel like u have bestowed your mercy on me by accepting my offerings of decorating your vyasasana on festival days at the Temple in Cape Town. I have been complimented by many devotees for my talents when it comes to décor, but I have reminded

myself (and others) every time that it is only through your love and my relationship with you that this is possible and that I am only an instrument of/for Krsna.

I recently got married to another devotee and made the pre-marriage commitment to learn more about Krsna consciousness and it has been a huge learning curve for me with a year of many challenges and lots of austerity/purification.

My promise to you is that I will continue on this journey with baby steps. Slowly but surely, I'm learning correct Vaisnava etiquette and I humbly request your forgiveness for any and all offences knowingly or unknowingly committed on this Krsna consciousness journey of mine. I will take as much (discerning) devotee association as possible and serve with devotion and sincerity. I fall at your lotus feet and beg for your attention, protection and shelter.

*Servant of Your Servant,
Bhaktin Bhanoo*



Bhaktin Bhanoo
Rondebosch, Cape Town
South Africa



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

THE STRUGGLES AND DANGERS THAT YOU FACED when you were preaching in the Western countries were extreme, but you continued. You are my fuse of inspiration every day. Traveling across the globe for eleven years - you are dedicated with a huge heart. You put your own needs aside to help fallen lost souls. You saved so many souls, inspired thousands of devotees, and helped us reach Srimati Radharani's

lotus feet. The lengths that you went to are unimaginable. So, from the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank you for everything that you have done. Although sometimes I don't appreciate my parents and I have made some mistakes, and done some things wrong throughout this year, I hope I have learned from them.

Only by your grace, please make me an



Bhaktin Dhanishta
Sandton
South Africa

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instrument in preaching Krishna consciousness.
Thank you for helping me stay on the right path and
guiding me every day. Only by your mercy, I hope
that I will be able to please the devotees and Sri Sri

Radha Shyamsundar and serve them.

*Your humble servant,
Bhaktin Dhanishta*



Bhaktin Giridhari
Ogun state
Nigeria



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

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

WITH A HEART FULL OF APPRECIATIONS, I offer my
respectful obeisance to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhak-
tivedanta Swami Prabhupāda.

You crossed the ocean to save me, love and
devotion you came with, You brought me out of the
darkness, you brought me into the light, all you deed
was because you love me, could there be any one
more worthy.

You left an exemplary life as a guide, provided
direction and blessings, which is a very rare priv-
ilege and impact from you as a father, husband,

mentor, counselor, spiritual guide, role model.

A fallen soul like me who is imbued in the ocean
of material suffering has no amount of words are
enough to state my gratitude, I'm not just privilege
to have scholars literature, association of devotees,
I'm privileged to calling the holy name of Lord Hari
without restriction.

Please I pray for strength and enabling spirit
at your lotus feet to keep practicing and encourag-
ing others.

Jai Prabhupāda,
Jai Gurudev,
Patita pavana,
Saviour of the world,
Saviour of my soul.

Bhaktin Giridhari





My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to the dust of your lotus feet.

THIS YEAR OF TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY has taken an incredible toll on everyone especially in Krishna conscious activities. We are uncertain as to whether we can actually see you and spend this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja at the temple, along with our family and chant the holy names that you have given to us. This pandemic has made me realise so much especially how grateful I am to be a devotee. I am thankful to you for giving us such a wonderful family that inspite of the circumstances we still can very nicely advance in our Krishna consciousness.

There are numerous online classes and discourses that take place on a daily basis and we can even get the association of devotees who are not from our country due to technology.

Thank you is not enough dearest Srila Prabhupada as you have given us life and its true meaning.

*All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.
Your most insignificant servant,
Bhaktin Kalindi*



Bhaktin Kalindii
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dearest merciful Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances.
All glories to your divine lotus feet, beloved Srila Prabhupada on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

*nama om visnu- padaya
krsna pesthaya bhutale
srimate devamrita
swamin iti namine*

*pracare purva daksyam ca
bhaktacara pravinata
parapatatapi karunyam
yasya sarve ca te namah*

HOW DO I BEGIN TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE for all that you have sacrificed and left behind for us. You had left your family and comforts for our benefit. You have spent countless hours translating various scriptures so that we can benefit from learning the true meaning of this human form of life, and the importance of the maha-mantra - Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Hare Hare - in this age of Kali.

You have left behind your most wonderful

merciful devotees to show us the right path. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. If you may desire, please guide me in teaching your grandchildren the true meaning of life, as I have no qualification.

I always pray, that someday I can feel the same love and build that relationship that your devoted devotees feel when they chant Krishna's name and serve the Lordships. The love, the devotion and dedication that they have and show every day without failure.

I pray to you Srila Prabhupada, to help me get



Bhaktin Varsha Ramjie
Sandton
South Africa


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rid of all my anarthas that have been accumulating throughout various lifetimes. I pray that I always stay right by your lotus feet, always serving the devotees and helping the movement of Krishna consciousness move forward.

*Hare Krishna
Your most fallen, wretched servant,
Bhaktin Varsha Ramjie*



Bhargava Das
Shobhamayi Devi Dasi
and Tharisha (Vishaka)
Fourways
South Africa

 Our Dear Most Great, Great Grandfather Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances and pranams.
All Glories to Your divine lotus feet. All Glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

WHAT WOULD OUR LIVES BE WITHOUT YOU? We can't imagine that! Every fabric of our lives are dedicated to serving you and your divine mission. You carried the world on your shoulders, shielded us, moulded us, guided us and continue to pave the way forward for us all. Your sincerity, your love, your dedication, may that rest with us forever and be the guiding light in everything we do.

You took the world by storm of love for Krishna, you laid all the foundations brick-by-brick. You showed us how to humbly serve, you weathered good times and harder times, and showed us how to weather through and keeping Krishna at the centre of all we do. You left no stone unturned in showing us the beauty of the Divine Lord.

Every step is a dance, every offering a song, every association a string of pearls taking us yet

closer towards the divine lotus feet of Hari. May the love in our hearts grow, may our service to you find new heights and may we always feel there is more and more to be done to serve Your divine lotus feet.

Message from your small great, great, great granddaughter:

«He was such a nice devotee. I would be so happy if only I saw him

He is such a spiritual man. I just want to be like him one day.


He is so dear, and I really can't wait to see him in the temple.»

Love Tharisha (Vishaka)

*Bhargava Das, Shobhamayi Devi Dasi and Tharisha
(Vishaka)*



Bimal Ramnunan
Southernwood, East London
South Africa

 Dearest Srila Prabupada,
I offer my humble obeisances to the spiritual master - our dear Jagad-guru Srila Prabhupada.

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

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC has affected every person globally. Some of us, as aspiring devotees, face a challenge of getting association and offering some

service. I so miss that! "O spiritual master thank you for giving me some guidance through your books, classes and some of your great disciples. It is difficult with Maha Maya, but fortunately your words of essence gives some relief.

Thank you for giving us this Krishna conscious family, there are always devotees whom I can turn to

Śrīla Prabhupāda
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for advice and guidance with your mercy. I still have a lot to learn and practice. I chant the Maha-mantra and read some literature, be it posts, “Back to Godhead” magazines and do some service. I try my best but still have challenges as a house holder and parent.

Thank you for bringing Krishna's past times and

words of wisdom, inspiration, comfort and solutions to our problems in this age of Kali .

Hare Krishna.
Srila Prabhupada ki jai!

Bimal Ramnunan



Most dear Srila Prabhupada, Hare Krishna.

Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

All glories to Your Divine Grace! All glories to your exemplary servants and followers!



Bontle Tladi
Johannesburg
South Africa

AS YOU KNOW, the past two years have been filled with a variety of activities and developments that have been so interesting and so instrumental in me coming closer towards your divine lotus feet.

They have served as catalysts to stimulate awareness, and to promote a deeper appreciation and more deliberate application of honesty in my own life; which then further interprets and translates into my personal spiritual practice (and serves to more soundly support, enhance and advance my devotional pursuits).

They remind me of some excerpts from a particular poem:

“Your pain is the breaking of the shell that encloses your understanding...

Much of your pain is self-chosen.

It is the bitter potion by which the physician within you heals your sick self.

Therefore trust the physician, and drink his remedy in silence and tranquility:

For his hand, though heavy and hard, is guided by the tender hand of the Unseen,

And the cup he brings, though it burn your lips, has been fashioned of the clay which the Potter has moistened with His own sacred tears”

I have often allowed opportunities to declare my appreciation to Your Divine Grace through the annual Vyasa-Puja offerings to pass me by; partly because I was (and perhaps still am) shy to process

and share my reflections of my relationship with you. I think though, as I write this, that it was possibly and more so because I had also not cultivated that inner relationship and connection with you. The recent developments of the past years have accelerated this pursuit for a connection; and I guess I kind of get it now when those who serve you refer to you lovingly as a spiritual father and grandfather. I want to be part of that family too.

I want to pronounce and affirm (I guess more publicly, through this public offering) your position as the eternal physician in my life. (It maybe is also part of this process of trying to be more honest to myself, to you and to others. The darkness of lies and dishonesty is shriveled by the light of truth; by putting things out in the open, to be aired and purified out. So perhaps, yes, it could be part of it).

Your words and teachings are the template to which I chisel and sculpture this life. I do not always get it right (and yes, I at times choose to not do so); but still the template remains and for that I am eternally grateful. Your words and life and presence root meaning to my life. Thank you for this meaning, amongst many other things on this tree of devotion.

I have been willing and willing to write you a letter - eventually, here it is. I pray this spurs a regular routine of continued offerings of personal correspondence to Your Divine Grace.

With love, and the utmost of appreciation for

all that you represent, and are to me and in my life:

Thank you for ISKCON; thank you for the association of your followers and the devotees of Sri Sri Radha Krishna; for all those who are so liberally extending and expanding the sharing of this gift (in so many heartfelt and different ways); and giving “free” passes into the sankirtan movement of Sri Sri

Gaura Nitai - all glories to them! Thank you for the opportunities to serve. Thank you for the opportunities to love and to learn about love.

*Your aspiring spiritual great grand-daughter,
Bontle*



Brahmadev das
Cape Town
South Africa



Our Most Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to you on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasapuja.

WHILST I CAN NEVER REPAY your divine self for how you have changed my whole life, I appreciate the multiple opportunities you have afforded me to serve the Lord and his devotees according to our diverse abilities and strengths. In this way we can, at least, show appreciation for the “Matchless Gift” of the holy names you have given us.

By your mercy, I now have more time to focus on my spiritual life, having retired from my material occupation last year. The corona virus has literally forced people around the world to stay at home as far as possible. This has enabled me to be more focused on the study of the scriptures and take time to assimilate properly Prabhupada’s purports

especially in Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam. I have also started preparing more bhoga offerings for the Lordships, and I am really enjoying this cooking and baking service by your grace.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for allowing me to chant the Lord’s names in your association daily. I pray that you will continue also to give me the opportunity to serve you and your temples in the same or better financial capacity than I am doing presently.

*Your servant and grand disciple,
Brahmadev das*



Brahmadutt Singh
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

IT IS WITH DEEP GRATITUDE that I honour your Vyasapuja. As an elderly man I have spent most of my life worshipping Lord Krsna, but it wasn’t until I came into contact with ISKCON that I truly understood love of God.

My introduction to ISKCON was out of distress many years ago, but as time has gone on, it has grown into a deep feeling of understanding and love.

Your lectures and expert instruction has helped me in my Krsna consciousness.

I also became more aware of sincere worship, watching my recently dear departed wife, Ratnavali devi dasi (loving disciple of HH Partha Sarathi das Goswami Maharaj), doing her service to you with so much love and humility. Her excitement to worship you and her deities (Jagannath, Baladev and

Subhadra) was amazing to see. She always looked forward to serving and appreciated everyone. Her kindness was known by all from beggars to Gurus.

She was a pure example of a sincere devotee who passed her spiritual test. She followed your instruction and called Krsna's name at the time of leaving her body. This showed me the truth of what

we all should be striving for and I thank you Srila Prabhupada for saving her soul.

Please guide me in my devotional service and continue to bless me and my family.

*Your eternal servant,
Brahmadutt Singh*



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

MY NAME IS BRYTON JANSEN, and I am 15 years old. It has been eight years, eight years in Krishna Consciousness and it has been great associating with such wonderful devotees, partaking in the lovely kirtans and joining Bhakti Theatre. I thank you, Prabhupada for introducing us to the holy scriptures and showing us the mercy of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

I also thank you for building a lovely home called Sri Sri Radha Radhanath temple where we

can learn how to understand the Vedic scriptures and how to be «simple living and high thinking» individuals.

I wish you a happy Vyasa-puja, and I hope you open up the gates to all the living entities of the Lord that are suffering in this world.

*Your servant,
Bryton Jansen*



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

THIS YEAR, after many years, I write my offering from a totally different perspective. I have no title; I have no position and I have no formal status in your society. What a refreshing, reflective and frightful position to be in! Not frightful, because I am thinking, “what will I do without the title, position and formal status?”

Theoretically I think I wasn't too concerned about that, but more so from the point of what these afforded me - primarily the service opportunity. My positions in your society afforded me tremendous service opportunities and in many ways that has

come crashing down. It's like my shield has been destroyed and that scares me as my service was the protection of my fragile, inept Krsna consciousness.

It seems circumstances has led me to this position, but the reality is that its Krsna's arrangements due to my inability to be truly Krsna conscious. There's another point of fear. I fear that without my service my Krsna consciousness is weak and now that may open me to more of maya's attack and I feel I may not be strong enough.

I suddenly feel aware that the external physical service should not be my only protection and I want



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Caitanya dasa
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South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples
& Other Devotees

to internalise a lot more. I thought I'd have the time, but such are maya's tricks that the freed time is consumed by trivial matters. Still somehow in a small way I am gaining solace in your books.

I've been told your books have all the answers but that they also become clear when required. Recently the topic of taste of Krsna consciousness has been a clear indication of what I need to do.

Step 1 - Shift my taste: "Though the embodied soul may be restricted from sense enjoyment, the taste for sense objects remains. But, ceasing such engagements by experiencing a higher taste, he is fixed in consciousness". (BG 2.59)

Step 2 - Get it from devotees: "Whereas others are forced to restrain themselves from sense gratification, a devotee of the Lord automatically refrains because of superior taste. Other than the devotee, no one has any information of that superior taste". (BG 2.59 Purport)

Step 3 - Direct my attitude: "The sweetness of Lord Krsna is not to be tasted by those who consider themselves equal to Krsna. It is to be tasted only through the sentiment of servitude." CC 1.6.103. It's not the "big" service that really counts but the quality of service. What's the use of service that is drenched in self grandeur, the feeling of superiority, filled with pride in oneself, etc.

Step 4 - Become a plunderer: "When Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu came with His associates of the Panca-tattva, they broke the seal and plundered the storehouse to taste transcendental love of Krsna. The more they tasted it, the more their thirst for it grew". (CC 1.7.20 purport)

Step 5 - I need to build confidence: "Therefore I must have confidence. Just like Krsna says that simply by understanding Him... So, we must have confidence that «I am working in Krsna consciousness, I must go back to Godhead, back home". This confidence. So, enthusiasm, patience, confidence". (Sri Prabhupada interview)

I think my process will be cyclical, with small gains at every step. I'm super confident of my success. Throughout my life the right things have happened at the right time for the right purpose. Now my purpose is to mold my own Krsna consciousness. Your presence through your books, words, institution, community, shelter and so much more is so prevalent, that it is easy to be confident, not of what I can do, but the shelter you provide.

You never took glory for yourself and always redirected it to your Guru Maharaja and Sri Krsna. We would not have access to all these amazing spiritual experiences if it weren't for you. I don't know how and why I am here experiencing all that you have given, but there isn't a day I am not thankful and happy that I am.

I'm not a prayerful person by nature. I'm still learning that from you, but I do make a prayer today that you keep me as one of your projects. I know I'm not an easy project as I'm strewn with anarthas, inaptness and weakness. Through all of this, I need you. I pray that I can become akincana i.e. one that completely takes shelter of the lotus feet of the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna and relinquishing all material possessions.

Please give me the faith and inspiration of so many millions of souls that you have touched. So many of your followers are legendary in their service, pray and absorption in you.

Finally, please remove the veil of my false indulgence and give me some drops of the real taste of Krsna Bhakti.

Forgive me for being such a taker. I don't like only being a taker, but I need to take from you so that I may start being a giver again.

Happy Vyasa-puja!

*Attempting to be your servant,
Caitanya dasa*





Dearest Srila Prabhupada!
I offer my humble obeisances onto you!
Happy Vyasa-puja.

NO WORDS CAN DESCRIBE HOW GRATEFUL I AM to be in this position today. To have a developing relationship with you through your books, you being the torchlight in this dark material world filled with ignorance, guiding me throughout this process of attaining true love for the Supreme. I am so fortunate to have you by my side, instructing me on this path of bhakti and emphasizing the importance of not wasting away this opportunity.

I hope to continue serving you by distributing your books and awakening everyone's dormant Krishna consciousness so that we can all realize our constitutional position. I hope to take to your instructions by implementing them into my life, by clearing the dust covering my heart and mind.

*Your servant,
Caitanya-Lila*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath.
All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari! All glories to Your Divine Grace.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, you had so much compassion for the fallen souls of this world that you left Vrindavan for us. You had so much love in your heart that you awarded the highest of gifts, the holy names, to the unknowingly undeserving. Your whole being is love and compassion. By the association of your amazing disciples and this beautiful house of ISKCON, you have changed the course of my dull existence. You have given me everything and so I am indebted you and also cannot do anything without you. In your house I am safe and accounted for. Under your gaze I am found.

On this day of your appearance day I have a humble, earnest prayer Srila Prabhupada. My prayer is for you to appeal to Krishna to direct a little bit of that love and compassion that you have to the hearts of the oppressive and unjust individuals in your house. Srila Prabhupada, I want to make you

proud and happy by serving within the desires of your Spiritual Master. I am so limited in my cognitive ability at the best of times and have only two hands, but our Krishna has unlimited resources and potency, so please, if you like, request Him to intervene and make magic where I cannot. At the same time, please allow whatever action that your devotees can undertake, to take wing. By Krishna's potency, let the wings of our actions create stirring in the hearts of those around us. Let the stirring begin the questioning of old, incorrect paradigms that hurt and disrespect so many in our ISKCON family. Please help me to become a clear beacon of truth and love, for your pleasure.

I love you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servant,
Calosha Ramlall*



Caitanya-Lila
Johannesburg
South Africa



Calosha Ramlall
Johannesburg
South Africa

Carana Renu dasi 
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All Glories to Sri Sri Radhanath. All Glories to your Divine Grace.

I WAS SWIMMING IN THE OCEAN OF IGNORANCE and maya when I met your grand disciples Sivananda das and Mother Manjari who introduced me to your books and the Maha Mantra Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.

When I entered your Hare Krsna movement I was attracted to the humility of your son Partha

Sarathi das Goswami Maharaj who later accepted me as his disciple. I am now struggling to become a servant of a servant of a servant. I pray that you have mercy on my quest to become a worthy grand disciple.

*Trying to be your humble servant,
Carana Renu dasi*



Caranaravinda Das 
and Caranarenu Devi Dasi
Quatre-Bornes
South Africa



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

IN THIS MATERIAL WORLD, where so much of adharmic activities are taking place, we are fortunate to have found shelter in ISKCON. Surrendering to you has given meaning to our lives, which otherwise would have been squandered in this cycle of birth and death. From your teachings and instructions, we have understood how to make spiritual advancement. Devotional service, devotee association and eating Krsna prasadam, helps us in strengthening our resolve to remain in ISKCON. Srila Prabhupada, without your mercy, we would have been struggling

in this ocean of darkness for many more lifetimes. We know that we are not perfect and that we have just started this process of spiritual life, but we are confident that you will always guide and protect us. On this occasion of your Vyasa-puja, we beg to remain eternally at the dust of your lotus feet.

*Your servants,
Caranaravinda Das
and Caranarenu Devi Dasi*



Chitrakleha Devi Dasi 
Westville, Durban, Kwa-Zulu Natal
South Africa



Dear Swami Srila Prabhupada,

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

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

HARE KRISHNA! Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath, all glories to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, all glories to Giri Govardhana, all glories to Lord Jagannatha, Baladeva and Subhadra Maharani, all glories to Nitai Gaurasundara and all glories, all glories, all glories to you, our

*yasminn idam yatas cedam
yenedam ya idam svayam
yo 'smat parasmac ca paras
tam prapadye svayambhuvam*

Synonyms: *yasmin* - the basic platform on which; *idam* - the universe rests; *yatah* - the ingredients from which; *ca* - and; *idam* - the cosmic manifestation is produced; *yena* - by whom; *idam* - this cosmic manifestation is created and maintained; *yah* - He who; *idam* - this material world; *svayam* - is Himself; *yah* - He who; *asmad* - from the effect (this material world); *parasmad* - from the cause; *ca* - and; *parah* - transcendental or different; *tam* - unto Him; *prapadye* - I surrender; *svayambhuvam* - unto the supreme self-sufficient.

Translation: The Supreme Godhead is the supreme platform on which everything rests, the ingredient by which everything has been produced, and the person who has created and is the only cause of this cosmic manifestation. Nonetheless, He is different from the cause and the result. I surrender unto Him, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who is self-sufficient in everything.

PURPORT: In *Bhagavad Gita* 9.4 the Lord says, *maya tatam idam sarvam jagad avyakta-murtina*: "I

"Krishna, who is known as Govinda, is the supreme controller. He has an eternal, blissful, spiritual body. He is the origin of all. He has no other origin, for He is

dearest most Srila Prabhupada!

Amid current turbulent global crisis; the following Sloka grants by your very generous yet significant sacrifice, a simplistic tool of comprehension in enduring survival.

Srimad Bhagavatam: 8.3.3:

am the Supreme Personality of Godhead, but everything rests upon My energy, just as an earthen pot rests on the earth." The place where an earthen pot rests is also earth. Then again, the earthen pot is manufactured by a potter, whose body is a product of earth. The potter's wheel with which the pot is made is an expansion of earth, and the ingredients from which the pot is made are also earth. As confirmed in the *Sruti-mantra*, *yato va imani bhutan jayante; yena jatani jivanti yat prayanty abhisamvisanti*. The original cause of everything is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and after being annihilated, everything enters into Him (*prakrti yanti mamikam*). Thus the Supreme Lord, the Personality of Godhead - Lord Ramacandra or Lord Krishna - is the original cause of everything.

*isvarah paramah krsnah
sac-cid ananda vigraha
anadir adir govindah
sarva -karana- karanam*

the prime cause of all causes." (Brahma Samhita 5:1) The Lord is the cause for everything, but there is no cause for Him. *Sarvam khalv ida brahma. Mat-sthani*

sarva-bhutani na caham tesv avasthita. Although He is everything, His personality is different from the cosmic manifestation.

I thank you Srila Prabhupada!

Haribol!

*Begging to Remain Your Eternal Servant,
Chitrlekha 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.

THIS YEAR a worldwide pandemic has gripped the entire planet and humanity at large is suffering more than ever. Indiscriminately, the COVID 19 Corona virus is incapacitating and even causing the death of hundreds of thousands of people. As a result of this, mankind has been forced to question the cause of this pandemic. The World Health Organisation attributes the source of the virus to animals i.e. transmission from wild animals to humans. It is alleged that this virus originated from a ‘wet market’ in China.

Consequently, this is an ideal opportunity for us to strongly advocate for a vegetarian diet as people are realizing the dangers of eating meat. Moreover, because of the ‘lockdowns’ that have been imposed, the planet has had an opportunity to heal due to less industries functioning, travel being curtailed and the concomitant pollution that flows from it. Those who have become accustomed to ‘eating outside’, now turn to cooked meals at home and have more family time available. Is this not the lifestyle, you have taught us, Srila Prabhupada?

“Simple living and high thinking”, is a phrase coined by you and underpins the devotional path that you have recommended for us. In this time of crisis, your teachings have become more relevant than ever before. The threat of this virus has made mankind acutely receptive to your teachings and we would be failing in our duty if we did not share your message with the rest of the world.

To this end, ISKCON is utilizing technology to preach over social media and other platforms.

The fundamentals of your teachings are becoming meaningful for people of all walks of life, leveled by the common denominator of this virus and death.

Whether it is preaching about every living entity, including animals, having souls or that the soul is indestructible and about the transmigration of the soul upon ‘death’ or about the age of Kali and the antidote of the maha-mantra - the teachings that you have given us are the only weapons for warding off the effects of this iron age. I consider, in fearful apprehension, what is yet to come as Kali-yuga progresses. After all, we are meant to be living in the period of the ‘golden age’ of this yuga.

Srila Prabhupada, it is becoming increasingly evident that death can appear at any moment and that our entire lifetime is a preparation for that moment. I pray that you help me pass that test. It is said that practice makes perfect. Likewise, if we centre all our activities around devotional service and thereby meditate on and remember Lord Krishna constantly, this process becomes very simple. Nonetheless, I am entangled in many material activities, in the guise of responsibilities, and am anxious that due to my mind being constantly occupied with these thoughts, I will not succeed. Being bereft of the relevant qualifications, I can only depend on your mercy as only by your mercy will I be eligible for a favourable result. I realize that I don’t deserve your kindness. So, I stand here today before you, with folded hands and beg that you, who are dear to Lord Krishna, give me the opportunity to become an instrument in your mission and thereby worthy

of your mercy. May all my activities find purpose per your directions.

Please engage me as you see fit. I have no desire to be anywhere else, except at your lotus feet,

lifetime after lifetime.

*I remain, your unworthy but hopeful servant,
Champakalata dasi*



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to you over and over.

IN MY OFFERING TO YOU LAST YEAR, I recall thanking you for amongst others, our baby that was on the way. As I write, he is now 11 months old. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for that sweet blessing that you sent into our lives by the name of Gaura Gopal. My daily prayer is that he always remain sheltered at your lotus feet and that he grows up to be a good vaishnava. Please bless us to guide him and show him the right path always. This is a most special blessing where I will never be able to thank you enough.

But apart from that, off recent I am so thankful once again that you actually allowed a fool like me to be a part of your ISKCON. During the current lockdown times my guru maharaja and your most wonderful son and devotee, His Holiness Bhakti Chaitanya Swami has been presenting classes to us and engaging us in online japa. When he presented the demons in Krsna's Vrindavan pastimes, he spoke of pseudo gurus and it reminded me so much of my life prior to ISKCON. Thank you for saving me Srila Prabhupada. I still find it hard to believe that I am in ISKCON despite my past beliefs in a pseudo guru. Thank you for revealing Krsna to me and for

showing me the way. Had you not saved me, I would have lost out on all the wonderful nectar, association and mercy that Krsna consciousness has to offer. My earnest prayer is that I am able to save my family and bring them to Krsna as well.

Thank you for my guru maharaja who tirelessly puts in many hours a day inspiring and motivating devotees regardless of his own health conditions. It is devotees like these that are capable of saving so many other people and devotees out there all through your mercy that flows through them.

Thank you once again Srila Prabhupada for everything that you have done for us, for allowing me to be part of your shelter and for having such a wonderful spiritual master. I still continue to pray to you to grant me taste to engage in devotional service. Please forgive me for any offences that I might have caused, and despite my shortcomings, I pray to always remain sheltered at your lotus feet together with my immediate family and ISKCON family.

Your fallen daughter,

Chandramukhi Radhe Devi Dasi



Chandramukhi Radhe Devi Dasi

Midrand

South Africa

Charlene Lutchman
Fourways
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

WORDS CAN NEVER BE ENOUGH to express the unlimited gratitude I feel towards you
If there is a life and purpose in me
The reason is you
Every possible auspicious moment
Is dedicated to you.
The feelings of bliss during kirtan
Of love during service
Of realizations coming from reading your books
Is all owed to you.
You are the reason
This life has changed
You are my everything
And this life
This soul
Is eternally your servant
I pray to be of some use to you
Some use to your mission
I pray for your mercy
To empower me in some way to carry out some task of yours
Please accept me
And shelter me as you have always done
You changed the entire world
You have given us a life formula
In these trying times of COVID
We can see clearly
The means to overcome this
Was given by You
To chant Hare Krishna
Is the only way
Let us serve you
And spread this message throughout
Let us respect your various books
By reading them daily
And distributing them worldwide
I just returned from Vrindavan dhama
You opened up the path to the dhama
I am so grateful.
My attachment to the holy dhama
Is all due to you

Each blissful experience
Is all thanks to you
Your mercy and kindness is unlimited
I love you
I submit to Your lotus feet

Charlene Lutchman



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
I offer my sincere obeisances unto your lotus feet,
All glories to you.

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

I WANT TO EXPRESS MY ETERNAL GRATITUDE TO YOU.

Because of you, I am able to practice Krsna consciousness. You have thought many of us about our actual identity. We are not this body but eternal spiritual beings, full of bliss and full of knowledge. However somehow, we have fallen and became engrossed in this material world. You have come to this planet in this age of Kali-yuga to save us from this dukhalayam ashasvatam world. You have taught us the power of the holy name, the Absolute Truth which is Lord Krsna Himself and how to engage in devotional service to the Lord. You have given us the most powerful gifts in the form of your books.

I am blessed to get the genuine spiritual

knowledge from your books which comes down in the authorised disciplic succession. In a short period of time, you have established and spread Krishna consciousness and the maha-mantra to the whole world. This is proof that you are the senapati bhakta of Lord Chaitanya.

Without you, my life would have no purpose. I am eternally thankful to you Srila Prabhupada.

Please always bestow your blessings on me and pardon my offences and accept me as your insignificant servant.

*Your aspiring servant,
Chayah Harah*



Chayah Harah
Highlands
Mauritius



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

DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA, you have conveyed to us the true meaning of life and love. It is certain that by Lord Krishna's blessing you have turned our

misfortune into an opportunity to make good of our existence. Life is so much more bearable and love is always present amongst our fellow serving devotees.



The Chotoki Family
Springs
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples
& Other Devotees

For this we thank you millions of times over. Hare Krishna.

*Your servants,
The Chotoki Family*



Daksha Patel
Sunninghill
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,


TO YOU SRILA PRABHUPADA, I OFFER MY HUMBLE OBEISANCES. To this great soul I thank you for bringing Krishna Prem to us fallen souls. Thank you for bringing the Bhagavad-gita and the Srimad-Bhagavatam

to us.

Daksha Patel



Damodar Das (BCais)
ISKCON Sandton
South Africa

 Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to you, dear Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, during this year (2020), people around the world are engulfed by the Covid-19 pandemic. Even though this disease, which is transmitted by a virus, commenced in China, this pandemic created a difficult situation for people in countries all around the world. This pandemic and many other infectious diseases are a result of people's meat-eating habits. Unfortunately, even preaching activities were affected due to this pandemic.

One of the strategies that governments and leaders around the world chose to implement is a lockdown, which restricted movement of people and thereby limited the spread of this virus. Travel and leaving one's home was restricted, including leaving one's home to go to work, as people were encouraged to work from home. Only limited travel for the purpose of acquiring foodstuffs and medical supplies was permitted. Many people found this lockdown measure to be intolerable and difficult to uphold. Some people became restless and began criticizing the government for implementing such a "harsh" measure as the lockdown to curb the spread of the virus. People appeared to be going crazy because

they were restricted from leaving their homes to go out, other than for essential items such as food and medical supplies.

You have explained many times that the real suffering of humanity is forgetfulness of one's relationship with Krishna and due to a lack of Krishna Consciousness. Fortunately for devotees this lockdown created an opportunity to deepen one's relationship with Krishna. Devotees began to take your association through your books, which are the supremely most valuable contribution to the world. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving us the gift of Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, which is such a wonderful treasure I have the opportunity to relish.

You have explained through Srila Rupa Goswami's teachings that there is no need for dry renunciation. In any case, everything belongs to Krishna, so what is there for us to renounce? Therefore applying the principle of yukta-vairāgya, so called material things can be used for Krishna's service. Unlike the materialists who were using social media, communication and conferencing technology for material purposes, devotees were associating with each

other and spreading the teachings of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Lord Krishna.

Srila Prabhupada, even during such difficult times as this pandemic, it is very evident that you still remain our ever well-wisher.

Please continue to bless me so that I may continue to distribute your beloved books and Back to

Godhead magazines, and preach in a loving manner which inspires people to accept Krishna Consciousness. Please let me always remain in the loving association of your sincere followers.

*Your grandson,
Damodar Das (BCais)*



Our dear spiritual grandfather.

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

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

DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA we are most fortunate to have the opportunity to writing an offering on this

*śrī-bhagavān uvāca
yasyāham anugrhnāmi
hariṣye tad-dhanaṁ śanaiḥ*

«The Personality of Godhead said: If I especially favor 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.» The world is a place of constant suffering, full of anxiety and hatred, but here Krishna displays His supreme mercy by empowering a person to preach his holy name. You may not be physically present with us, but many times you said you will be present in your instructions and books. Dear Srila Prabhupada, in trying to follow the instructions of your spiritual master you encountered many difficulties, been through many trials and tribulations, but your unflinching

most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja. Lord Krishna says in 10.88.8 of Srimad-Bhagavatam:

*tato 'dhanam tyajanty asya
svajanā duḥkha-duḥkhitam*

faith in Krishna never halted your determination to preach.


Dear Srila Prabhupada you are pure at heart, blissful, loving by nature and most of all caring to the fallen living condition souls. Your qualities are never bound to the material world, but transcendental and eternal. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to perform devotional service, guiding us, protecting us and a wonderful daughter.

Your most fallen grandchildren and great granddaughter.

Damodar Gopal, Lalita Devi Dasi and Vaishnavi.



Damodar Gopal,
Lalita Devi Dasi and vaishnavi.
Durban
South Africa

Damodar Prasad das (BCaiS) 
Lenasia
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

I WRITE TO YOU AT THE TIME OF THE CORONA VIRUS, after five weeks of quarantine at ISKCON Lenasia temple, beneath the Lotus Feet of Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari, and in your transcendental presence. And, so you know all that has happened, and all that is happening - and all I can say is, I don't know why you are so merciful to me.

I cannot understand it because I am hard-hearted, attached to material sense gratification and selfish. I use your mercy for my own selfish ends. How long will the Lord continue to tolerate my offences at your lotus feet?

During this time, you have given me so many services every day, as well as a place to stay where Krishna can be remembered, but all the time my mind has been bent on sense gratification, first feeling a false sense of happiness in anticipation, then depression in gratification. How much I wanted only to sleep or to die in ignorance, but your mercy, and

Krishna's service won't let me lie down and die. I am forced to drag this dead weight of my body and mind through the process of purification, and for the briefest of moments find real happiness and joy in Krishna's mercy, your grace, and the grace of Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari. But I still struggle in the material pool, by my faulty choice, and still I hold on, or maybe you hold on to me.

You have said that making only one devotee is more important than constructing so many temples, and I feel it to be true. There can be nothing more important than becoming a devotee and knowing the only true happiness there is in serving the Lord, and your mission, beneath your lotus feet. However, I am far, far away, and struggling. If only I could find the strength to share your mercy.

Damodar Prasad das (BCaiS)



Damodara Priya 
Sandton
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of Your lotus feet on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

I AM FOREVER THANKFUL, and in debt to you, for helping me develop love for Krishna and helping me realize my true self and purpose. I am grateful for the privilege of serving the Lord and his devotees in this one in-a-million lifetime.

Please bless this fallen soul to continue my service. Please guide me in this ocean of material suffering and help me fully surrender unto the Lord.

Please never let me forget every prayer Krishna answered and every blessing I was given. Seldom I feel stranded, but please help me realize how fortunate I am.

*Your fallen servant,
Damodara Priya*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please be merciful unto me and accept my humble obeisances at your Divine lotus feet.
All glories to you.

DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA, you are patitapavana, saviour of the fallen. You saved the whole world from the ocean of ignorance, by spreading the Holy Names of the Lord all over the world, and giving me an opportunity to take part in this glorious movement,

Dear Srila Prabhupada I can't thank you enough

for giving me a chance to associate with your devotees. 'Thank you' Srila Prabhupada, thank you, and thank you for everything.

*This is your most fallen and insignificant grandson,
Dasarath Pandit Das,*



Dear 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*

IT IS THAT TIME OF THE YEAR where I would like to congratulate you on the special occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

This is my third year since I moved from Botswana to Canada. I still miss all my services terribly, especially making garlands and singing to Their Lordships. I realized just how blessed I was to serve our beautiful Sri Sri Krishna Balarama in so many ways. Toronto is a much bigger city and I felt the difference in my spiritual life instantly.

Srila Prabhupada, you have given us the opportunity to carry on with our spiritual lives no matter which part of the world we are in. That is because there are Temples in every corner that have resulted from your hard work. Within the last year I have had the chance to visit Temples in Delhi, Chandigarh, Vrindavan, West Virginia and Toronto. All these centres have one message in common - chant the maha mantra!

The year 2020 has been a unique one due to the current Covid-19 virus situation. I had time to reflect

on both my spiritual and material life. During difficult times like this, I realize more and more that this material world is full of misery and everything is temporary. Earlier this year, The Hare Krishna Documentary was screened on YouTube and I was excited to watch it. It brought tears to my eyes seeing how much you have endured for our benefit. Prabhupada you have taught us the only truth is going back home, back to Krishna. Thank you for bringing Krishna consciousness to us, without it I would surely be lost.

In January this year, I was gifted Radha Krishna deities by a senior devotee in Pittsburgh and look forward to serving Them. Prabhupada please bless me so that I may chant my rounds, serve the Deities in the best way possible and read your books. I know that would make you happy.

*Your granddaughter
Deepa Bhatia*



Dasarath Pandit Das
ISKCON Enugu, Enugu state
South East Nigeria



Deepa Bhatia
Toronto
Canada

Graddisciples, Great-granddisciples
& Other Devotees

Devadeva dasa
Hillcrest
South Africa



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



AS THE YEARS PASS ME BY, I feel as if I am running out of time. My constant meditation is «How to please Krishna, you and my Gurudev and make my life

successful!» While reading some of your letters I came across these two below:

1. “I have already answered the most important question. “How to please Krishna?” - by following all the regulative principles that I have given you, chanting 16 rounds and reading my books scrutinizingly. Everyone must do these things, otherwise they cannot understand Krishna Consciousness.” [Letter to Adi-keshava, 16

January 1975]

2. “Thank you for reading my books and appreciating them. Please continue to do so. That will help you advance nicely in spiritual life. By reading my books and chanting Hare Krishna, your life will become perfect.” [Letter to Mr. Lourenco, 14 March 1975]

Your emphasis herein is on chanting and scrutinizingly studying your books.

to encourage more devotees to study your books in a serious way (scrutinizingly).

During the past few months I have been doing just this. With being forced into a country wide “Lockdown”, I have been away from the temple, the Deities, the devotees and my normal services. I was left despondent. Life as I knew it had changed. What is life without practical devotional service? This is what I live by... How would I go on???

We then presented the online Bhakti Sastri program. I never imagined we would have 1000's of enquiries and about 700 devotees register. After some screenings we still have close to 600 devotees studying your books in a scrutinizing way as per your desire. This is a mammoth task and the biggest Bhakti Sastri class in the history of your ISKCON movement.

With so much time on my hands I had no other option but to dive deeper into chanting more of the holy names and reading more of your books. The more I chanted, the more I wanted to chant and the more I read, the more I wanted to read. It was truly amazing!

We offer this to you today. Please be pleased with our efforts. With your mercy anything is possible! Even amongst the lowest of times we are still able to offer some services to you and carry out your instructions. In this way, by pleasing you I am sure Krishna is pleased and my life will become successful before time kicks me out...

My Gurudev, being extremely innovative in his preaching started online japa sessions and seminars presenting your books. The response was averaging at 40 000 views per video. I found them deeply enlivening and the thought occurred to use this platform

*Your fallen servant,
Devadeva dasa*





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

THIS MATERIAL WORLD IS FILLED WITH MISERY, envy, violence and hatred. Those blinded by the veil of maya think they are happy by possessing money, a big house, a fancy car, expensive phone, jewellery and clothes. But, by your causeless mercy and the wisdom imparted to us through your numerous books, the true purpose of our existence has been revealed to us to become an eternal servant of Lord Krishna.

A parent toils relentlessly to provide the best

for their children, makes numerous sacrifices and is willing to endure many hardships to ensure the protection of their children, so have you, our spiritual father, endured innumerable strife to impart to us the glories of the Lord Krishna.

Thank you, our dear father.

Forever in your service.

Devika Moodley



Devika Moodley
Chatsworth
Durban



Hare Krishna
My dearest Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances, All Glories to you and Gurudev.

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

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

*namas te sarasvate deve
gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvimesa-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 Chaitanya deva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

Thank you dear Srila Prabhupada for giving us the best gift ever, Krishna consciousness. This is the most precious gift, we are always grateful for everything you have done dearest Srila Prabhupada, we would have been nothing without you. Thank you for all your beautiful books, you live forever in our hearts and your precious books. I have learnt so much from your books, that's what keeps me going in my Krishna consciousness.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada for giving me such a wonderful Spiritual Master.

*Your humble servant
Dhaneshvari Devi Dasi*



Dhaneshvari Devi Dasi
Gauteng
South Africa



Dhīra Gaurāṅga Das and
Yogeśvarī Devī Dāsī
Roodepoort
South Africa



Our dear loving, Srīla Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED WITH GRATITUDE to be included in a society with you as our Founder Acarya. Now we have both received initiation from your very own sons and we are so thankful to be connected to you in this way.

As we are growing on this path, we realise more and more all that you have given us and how much you have sacrificed for us. Your books are the only means by which we can start to understand the philosophy and only way for us to get to know and learn to love Kṛṣṇa. It is also our way of getting to know you and to feel more connected to you. Thank you so much for all the personal sacrifice you endured for us by translating and explaining scripture on a level that we can understand. Your compassion for all of us is shown by your intense desire to give Kṛṣṇa to us and it really shows us that your mercy is all we are made of.

You arrived in our home three years ago, we have been trying to serve you but really it is you who is taking care of us and looking over us daily although we are so undeserving and unqualified. It is our desire to continue serving Your Grace and thank you for allowing us this opportunity. Please continue to guide us so that we can be of service to your every need. Please forgive us if we have offended you in any way.

Dear Srīla Prabhupada, the world as you know is going through a global pandemic and the normal operations of society have changed. This has allowed for spiritual introspection and development. Through digital sources we are able to access devotee association on a global scale from our homes. The world is in turmoil but the knowledge you have shared with us through your sons and daughters is certainly carrying us through the chaos.

Our ISKCON family is experiencing divide and discrimination making us anxious that we may not be able to please you as the united family that you envisioned. Srīla Prabhupada, we pray to you more than ever to guide us and for the society to heal. It feels like we are failing you Srīla Prabhupada. Due to our foolishness, to overcome these obstacles we are fully dependent on your mercy.

We have never met you Srīla Prabhupada but still we feel the special love that a Grandfather would show to his grandchildren. This love is incomparable to any relationship we may have in this world.

We love you Srīla Prabhupada.

Your grandchildren,

Dhīra Gaurāṅga Das and Yogeśvarī Devī Dāsī



Dinanukampa Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa



My Dearest Srīla Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of Your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-pūjā.

MY BELOVED SRILA PRABHUPADA, this world is facing so many calamities. It is so horrific that people do not know where to turn. But I see nothing short of miracles taking place all because of you.

This world is so self-centered and selfish, yet

people come forward to donate land to ISKCON so that a temple can be built. If that is not fantastic enough, they donate more land, which the ISKCON temple devotees can sell in order to raise funds for the construction of the new temple. This is nothing

Śrīla Prabhupāda
Vyāsa-pūjā 2020

short of a miracle and it all because of you Srila Prabhupada, and your causeless mercy that continues to flow.

I would like to share another incident. One of our sannyasis had an unfortunate incident where he was

robbed. Instead of there being outrage and anger, the response from another sannyasi was:

There are lots of agents of Kali. We pray for them. Spreading and propagating of Krishna consciousness is the only way to eradicate the sinful thoughts and deeds.

I could not help but wonder what the response would have been Srila Prabhupada, had it not been for you. Your sacrifices, mercy and magnanimity has taken us away from darkness and ignorance. It is because of Your Divine Grace that today amidst all the calamities, we are still able to reap the benefits of Krsna's mercy and render service to devotees far and wide.

*I humbly beg for your blessings to eternally remain
the servant of your servants,*

Dinanukampa dasi



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

OUR CURRENT WORLD SITUATION is a very troublesome one. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, everyone is in a state of constant anxiety and uncertainty. Economies worldwide were shut down and many thousands of people face the dire consequences of losing their jobs and livelihoods. From your transcendental teachings, we have learnt that this world is temporary and full of miseries - «duhkhalayam asavatham». Our 4 ultimate problems are birth, disease, old age and death. As long as we remain in this material world, we will continue to be afflicted with these 4 types of sufferings. Nobody is excluded and nobody can solve these problems, doctors, scientists, professors, etc. are all helpless. Srila Prabhupada, by your great love and compassion you have given us the solution to these insurmountable problems of life. This is your amazing greatness!

There is a nice story describing your magnificence:

«In September 1976 a circus magician visited the Krishna-Balaram Mandir in Vrndavana and showed Prabhupada and the devotees his repertoire of tricks. Hearing that Prabhupada had agreed

to see the magician, Prabhupada's friend Bhagatji hurried to the gurukula to gather all the students and teachers. Within minutes, most of the temple leaders, teachers, and gurukula boys gathered in Prabhupada's room to see the fun. Prabhupada sat pleasantly behind his desk and asked the magician what he could do. The magician placed a coin in Srila Prabhupada's hand. When the magician commanded «Go,» the coin somehow slipped out of Prabhupada's hand. «Can you make the money come?» Prabhupada joked. «No,» the magician replied. «You can only make the money go,» Srila Prabhupada said. The magician then produced boxes in which different colors suddenly appeared in different slots. He also had games with feathers. He would take a white feather, rub it, pull it with his fingers, and it would turn into many different colors. Several times he asked Srila Prabhupada to help him with the tricks. Coins appeared from Prabhupada's ears and Prabhupada laughed at the illusion, but some of the devotees felt uneasy that their spiritual master was being made the object of the mystification and tricks. Srila Prabhupada seemed to enjoy it, but after



Dinasarana Das and family
Tongaat, Durban
South Africa

a while he deliberately changed the mood. «What about the miseries of life?» Prabhupada asked the magician. «Can you make these disappear? Birth, death, disease, and old age?» «The magician replied submissively, «No, that I cannot.» At these words the magician sat down and Srila Prabhupada took the superior position. «But I can make these things disappear,» Srila Prabhupada said. «That is the real magic.» The magic show ended and Srila Prabhupada spoke his realized, transcendental wisdom to the magician and all the assembled devotees. Srila Prabhupada then gave the magician a garland and distributed sweets to everyone in the room.» Dhanurdhara Swami and Dvarakadhisa dasa, interviews. Hari Sauri dasa, diary.

This is your brilliant magic which you have kindly spread all over the world, in the hearts of many thousands of devotees, transforming miserable lives into blissful ones full of love and joy. Your magic has been very mercifully made easily available. Simply by coming in contact with your transcendental teachings via your books, lectures, disciples, etc., we receive the greatest good fortune of obtaining the solution to the ultimate problems of life. Unfortunately the people of today's modern world are not interested in God or spiritual life, as your purport below so nicely explains:

Purport to Srimad-Bhagavatam 8.22.17 «The words *ko vicaṣṭe gatim ātmano yathā* indicate that when one is puffed up by the false prestige of possessing material opulence, he certainly neglects

the goal of self-realization. This is the position of the modern world. Because of so-called scientific improvements in material opulence, people have entirely given up the path of self-realization. Practically no one is interested in God, one's relationship with God or how one should act. Modern men have altogether forgotten such questions because they are mad for material possessions. If this kind of civilization continues, the time will soon come when the Supreme Personality of Godhead will take away all the material opulences. Then people will come to their senses.»

This is exactly what is happening today, the fast-paced materialistic person is being forced to stop and ask questions. Fortunately, the world has ISKCON, your beloved institution which is a panacea for all the problems of the world. On this most glorious occasion, please allow me to beg for your help to remove all the impediments in my spiritual life. Please use me as your instrument to spread your transcendental magic which will destroy the suffering of the world. Please allow me to take shelter at your divine lotus feet. All glories to your great mercy upon the entire world!

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

*Aspiring to be the servant of the servant of your servant,
With love and appreciation,
Dinasarana Das and family*



Dinesvara Krsna Das 



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

I HAVE RECENTLY BEGUN THE JOURNEY into spiritual enlightenment, being a part of the Sri Nitai Gaura Hari Mandhir and regularly attending Temple programmes. I have only completed Chapter 1 of the

Bhagavad Gita As It Is, but I have great faith that your teachings will lead me onto a very spiritual and honourable path.


I regularly do one Ekadashi every month, that

is because I face various challenges while trying to get through a busy day and to get my rounds done while abstaining from grains. However, my connection with Sri Krsna allows me to overcome these

challenges.

*All my love, Your humble servant,
Dinesvara Krsna Dasa*



 My Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance's at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace. May your divine glories be spread throughout the entire world.

 Dinesvara Krsna Das
Lenasia South
South Africa

AS THE AGE OF KALI IS PROGRESSING and we see that the world situation is deteriorating, I am becoming more and more thankful and grateful to Your Divine Grace for bestowing your causeless mercy upon me to be part of the Krsna consciousness movement, your glorious ISKCON. Thus, giving me an opportunity to re-establish my love and relationship with the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Krishna by engaging in devotional service.

I am currently reading your biography, the 'Srila Prabhupada-lilamrta' and I am becoming more and more convinced and determined to distribute your transcendental books and Back to Godhead magazine. You went through so much to give us this most precious treasure that leads one to the transcendental reality, and we can only repay you and show our gratitude to you by systematically studying your books and distributing them to the entire world, for the ultimate benefit of all living entities.


In the Srimad-Bhagavatam, Canto 10, Chapter

13, Text 60 in the purport Your Divine grace mentions: 'The value of Krsna consciousness, however, will gradually be very much appreciated. For instance, in an article about the temple of the Hare Krishna movement in Durban, South Africa, the Durban post reported, "All the devotees here are very active in the service of Lord Krishna, and the results are obvious to see: happiness, good health, peace of mind, and the development of all good qualities." This is the nature of Vrindavan.' This is the inconceivable gift you have given to this world.

In this lifetime all that really matters is how we please you. I hope that one day I can be a true instrument and servant to Your Divine Grace and propagate your glories and teachings throughout the world.

*Your insignificant servant,
Dinesvara Krsna Das*



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

 Divya Sakti Devi Dasi
Alberton
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA, I do not know where to begin and where to end, and how to thank you for giving me Krishna Consciousness. Srila Prabhupada, you are forever my Guru, my grandfather, my mentor. Still,

most of all, my saviour, who has saved me from falling deeper into this material manifestation, and I thank you.

Srila Prabhupada, you have taught me a lot that

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& Other Devotees

is very unexplainable by the common man. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank you.

Jai Srila Prabhupada!

I want to end this offering with a quote by Radhanath Swami: “In Bhakti we express gratitude

through Seva, selfless service. We say ‘thank you’, and live by that ‘thank you.’”

*Your fallen servant,
Divya Sakti Devi Dasi*



Divya-Shakti Devi Dasi
Hillary
South Africa

 My dearest Srila Prabhupada,

I AM UNSURE WHERE TO BEGIN with my gratitude towards you.

When it was said you built a home the whole world can live in, you embodied something that this ‘lockdown’ experience has brought to reality. The very identity you have given us as devotees is what has equipped us, to become spiritual warriors to some extent, navigating through this maze of a universe during this time.

Armed with the knowledge of our four regulative principles, the literature you have given us, and the Vaishnava association from your society this mischievous grand disciple of yours, has developed a deep appreciation for your teachings during this time of the pandemic.

Pandemic for some means panic, but thanks to you Srila Prabhupada it has become a pleasure to some degree. A simple virus has caused such a shift in people’s mindset! Suddenly, the thrill of competing in a material rat race, purchasing the latest technology in the form of cars, cell phones etc. has taken a backseat. People have now started to be prioritise having a decent plate of food, spending time with their family members, and being grateful for the form of income they may possibly have. The use of cigarettes and alcohol was also strategically banned as the government realised that in a time of crisis, intoxication and addiction are of no value to human society. Consuming animal flesh has also been a point of contention and discouragement. The new normal in the world has shifted.

To your devotees, however, or your spiritual warriors rather, the concept of simple living and higher thinking has always been at the forefront of our teachings. We are always aware that this material world is simply an illusion of happiness and a place of imprisonment functioning on immorality and principles such as lust, anger and greed.

You have given us a society that superficially appears restrictive to the unlearned but is the most scientific and practical to the introspective. Your regulative principles are the most freeing to the mind and body, while inculcating values such as compassion, humility, kindness, respect for all living beings and simplicity within us.

While being ‘locked down’ physically, for many of the members of your society, and for society at large this is the time of being freed spiritually. Many more rounds have been chanted during this time, retreats and kirtan festivals have been organised world-wide, and countless devotees have been tirelessly and selflessly working to fulfil your mission of reducing world hunger through your Food for Life initiative. Furthermore, this has been a time of deep self-realisation and appreciation for your movement, and its sound philosophical teachings.

If I must reflect on the protection you have provided me through your movement in my personal life, I can confidently say that by your devotees I can feel your presence and guidance.

This is the year that I was appointed with the service of heading up our temple youth

group-something I would have never imagined myself doing in this lifetime.

Through this service I have pushed my personal boundaries and tried to gain skills to keep the young members in our society enthusiastic about practicing Krishna consciousness.

Preaching is not a simple task and being a young girl of only 22 years of age I can honestly say that this service has been very humbling. This whole experience made me ponder how did an elderly gentleman of 69 years manage to not only effectively preach but build a society which is flourishing to date.

How many personal boundaries did you have to push to achieve your goal? You suffered 3 heart attacks and had minimal financial means, yet you remained steadfast to your purpose of delivering

us fallen souls. When questioning how this was humanly possible, I realised that the answer was simple- faith!


Your unwavering faith in Krishna and dedication to your goal was the driving factor.

This is what I hope to imbibe in my personal life, having dedication and commitment towards a goal while leaving all the results to Krishna. I feel that the application of this knowledge will invoke fearlessness in fulfilling the responsibilities which will be present at the different stages of life.

I pray that I always have the good fortune of remaining under your shelter.

*Yours sincerely,
Divya-Shakti Devi Dasi*



 Dearest Srila Prabhupāda,
Please accept my humble and respectful obeisances
on this most auspicious appearance day of 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-pascatya-desatarine*

SRILA PRABHUPADA, this year 2020 has marked an unprecedented time as we have been experiencing a global pandemic. With the onslaught of the Covid-19 virus, the whole world has been brought to a standstill. The way we live our lives has changed. Many lives have been lost, businesses have closed, people have lost their jobs, leaders have been challenged and through everything, I find the much-needed solace in your books. Your words give me the answers that I seek and provides nourishment to my starving soul.

There is no going back to how it used to be and in many ways I am grateful. I have taken many things for granted and I have realized more than

ever of my own shortcomings in being your servant. You have been the beloved spiritual father

of millions of souls on this earth and I can see that your sacrifices in writing the books you have so mercifully translated and transcribed is so much needed now. You have given us so much, the knowledge of Lord Krishna and His pastimes so that we may know, understand and love Him the most.

The more I learn about bhakti, the more I want to delve deeper into its essence and the more I appreciate how fortunate we are to have opportunities to serve your devotees, to please you and Lord Krishna. Through my reading and studying of scripture, it has increased my understanding

 Divangana Devi Dasi
Edenvale
South Africa

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and enlivened my dedication and perseverance to wholeheartedly carry out your orders and serve you unreservedly.

Please empower us with preaching potency and humility so that we can share the purity of Lord Krishna's divine messages in the right consciousness as instruments to spread your mission from a

place of authenticity and unflinching faith as spiritual warriors. On this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I am filled with gratitude and love and in my self-reflection, I resolve to be a better servant.

*Your humble servant always,
Divyangana Devi Dasi*



Dvarakadisa Das and Rukmini Priya Devi Dasi
Sandton
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this auspicious anniversary of your appearance.

OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOU INCREASES when we remember your struggles to spread Krishna consciousness. You depended whole heartedly on Krishna and Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvami Maharaja. You had unflinching faith and carried the holy name across to the west. You demonstrated to us, how to follow the instructions of the spiritual master. Despite so many challenges you never lost hope. Again, giving us another valuable lesson to continue performing devotional services, even in the face of insurmountable challenges.

In your class on SB 6.2.1, you explain, "So bhagavad-dūta. The bhagavad-dūta means they are in right constitutional position. So you all become bhagavad-dūta—bhagavad-dūta, messenger of God. That

is perfection of life. Otherwise you shall be obliged to become the servant of the senses." You mention, just follow Arjuna, then you will be in direct contact with Krishna. There is no difficulty. The dictations comes through disciplic succession."

Please show mercy upon us. May we become sisya and thereby humbly and voluntarily accept the ruling of you our spiritual master.

Thank you for your compassion.

May we always take shelter at your divine lotus feet.

*Your aspiring servants,
Dvarakadisa das and Rukmini Priya devi dasi*



Dvijavara dasa and Ramapriya dasi (BCS)
Queensburgh, KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa



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

THIS YEAR as we write in glorification of Your Divine Grace, we realise how we have neglected your instructions on being self-sufficient. During the lockdown, we are only allowed to go out for essential items. We were inspired to grow more herbs and vegetables in our garden, it was very satisfying

to harvest the crops and use them in some of the preparations for offering to the Lord.

Srila Prabhupada you have mentioned in the purport to BG 5.29, «Under the spell of illusion, living entities are trying to be lords of all they survey, but actually they are dominated by the material

energy of the Lord. The Lord is the master of material nature, and the conditioned souls are under the stringent rules of material nature. Unless one understands these bare facts, it is not possible to achieve peace in the world either individually or collectively.»

So many people are unemployed during this lockdown and cannot afford the basic necessities. This situation has made us understand how temporary this material world is and how quickly everything can change. Now we really understand that we have minute independence. Your Divine Grace has always spoken about “simple living and high thinking.» We have made endeavors for higher thinking but not simple living. In these difficult times, your Food for Life program has profusely distributed prasadam to fulfill your desire to alleviate hunger.

While the world had time to heal, we had more

time to reflect on what was going on in our lives. We were fortunate to have your association via your books and your disciples who have intensified preaching during this time using different social media platforms.

Thank you for all your guidance and the wonderful arrangements you have made for us. We have also realised in this trying time, why devotee association is vital for spiritual advancement. We are looking forward to Harinam sankirtan and going back to the temple after the lockdown. During this time there is an acute need for spiritual knowledge. We are more inspired to distribute your books which provides the solution to all our problems.

Your eternal servants

Dvijavara dasa and Ramapriya dasi (BCS)



Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

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

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

THANK YOU DEAR ŚRĪLA PRABHUPĀDA for your divine grace and mercy that you bestow upon us. Thank you for bringing light to a dark world. You spread Krsna consciousness all over the Earth. Your International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) was established in South Africa by your sincere disciples in the 1980's and they preached all over the country. The devotees and the teachings from your wonderful books eventually reached me in Cape Town. I am forever grateful for that mercy. My life has meaning now that I've found the greatest treasure of Krsna consciousness.

I am grateful that there are so many

opportunities for us to become more and more Krsna conscious. By hearing the many recordings of your classes, conversations, kirtans and bhajans we find the opportunity to always remember Krsna. By reading your books we gain transcendental knowledge and immense enlightenment. By chanting the Hare Krsna maha-mantra we find relief and unending transcendental bliss. By distributing your books and sharing your teachings with others we find great joy in knowing that we are pleasing you and helping to spread your movement. By association with devotees we find shelter, inspiration and support in our Krsna consciousness. By engaging in



Dyuti-mandala Das

Cape Town

South Africa

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devotional service, we are always protected by Krsna and connected to Him.

Thank you for making all these opportunities available to us. I pray that I may always take advantage of these many opportunities and be fixed in

Krsna consciousness by your mercy and your divine grace.

*Your insignificant servant,
Dyuti-mandala Das*



Elisha Dhenanath
Johannesburg
South Africa



Hare Krishna!
Your Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR US. You've changed our lives by bringing Krishna consciousness into our daily thoughts, chanting and prayers. You've helped us through tough times and given us guidelines to grow our spiritual knowledge and taken away all fears from our lives.

We've seen so many changes since offering our children to you and asking you to take care of their well-being and spiritual upbringing. Your daily messages sent through by Prema Datri Mataji and Rathnaleka Mataji is so reassuring and gives us inspiration to focus on what is important in life and to ensure that we prioritize going back to Godhead and to avoid becoming attached to Maya.

Our way of life is now different, and we are no longer afraid of the future, trusting that you will guide the doctors in terms of chronic medication for our child and we now have no doubt that Krishna is in control of every situation. You've given us a whole new Krishna family who feed us, guide us, pray with us, teach us, cry sometimes and laugh with us through all trials and tribulations. The most important lesson that I have learnt and a saying that is close to my heart and changed the way I think about any situation is 'The Lord will preserve what I have and carry what I lack.'

We've been blessed to sometimes participate in book distribution service and more especially to have our kids engaged in this service and we have shared your love and teachings with so many people.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you and our Supreme Personality of Godhead.

You've personally helped me in my career at work, shown me how to balance my role as your devotee, a mother, a daughter, wife, sister and an employee at work. You've protected us through all challenges and made us stronger as a family. You've given us a newfound peace and we do not know how to ever repay you. Thank you for the recent awards at work and for protecting us through the current difficult times and bringing us together in prayer as a family. Kavi says thank you for the food and for the toys that you gave him, and he appreciates all that you do. Yash says thank you for the food and for our home.

Thank you for giving us His Grace Nanda Kumardasa Adhikari as our Guru Maharaj. His love and care for all the devotees is evident in the way that he executes his duties. Please continue to bless, protect and guide him in all his endeavours.

We will remain humbly grateful for all your blessings in order to bring us closer to our wonderful Lord Krishna and Mother Radharani. We will always serve, revere and bow to your divine feet as our Spiritual Master.

Jai Sri Krishna!

*Your eternal devotee and servant,
Elisha Dhenanath.*



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

AS I SIT TO REFLECT ON THIS PAST YEAR, I am full of gratitude to you. You are a beacon of light in my life and a guiding star. On this day I realize how much I owe you. It is a debt that I will be unable to repay for all of eternity.

You are so compassionate and kind to all the living entities and through your books, lectures and example, you have given us everything we need to perfect our life.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of ISKCON in Botswana. Through the years taking guidance from your instructions, the temple has maintained an outstanding level of Deity worship, conducts Food for Life and Sunday programs, is cultivating the children and more recently held Ratha Yatra. Certainly all credit is yours.

On a personal level, I am trying to study

Bhagavad-gita more seriously and trying to become a good example for my children. You always say that children learn by observing. They love to hear about Krishna's childhood pastimes. It is only due to your mercy that we are able to relish the "Krsna" book.

I am trying to give more importance to the quality of my chanting. However, I beg for your mercy, without which I would be a wandering soul, lost without purpose in this material world.

Your instructions are timeless and perfect. If only I could adhere to them. I pray to you that I may be able to be of some service to this perfect home you have created in ISKCON and to help your mission in some capacity.

*Your useless servant,
Gandharvika Devi Dasi*



Gandharvika Devi Dasi
Gaborone
Botswana Yatra



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-desat-tarine*

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

ON THIS OCCASION OF YOUR VYASA PUJA ANNIVERSARY please oblige me to express these few words of gratitude to you.

You brought me out of the dense darkness of material existence full of torture and misery into a life of happiness, bliss and fulfilment.

You left an exemplary life as a guide, for those

who are desirous of crossing over this ocean of material existence.

You offered me the privilege of scholarly literatures, in the form of the Vedic Wisdom, association of loving and loving devotees to identify with as my family members outside of my biological family.

You made me a celebrity because of the



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distinctive lifestyle of, calling on Lord Krishna's Holy Name without restriction, Krishnatarian diet style, understanding and practice of Vedic culture and opportunity to introduce others to appreciate this.

Dear Prabhupada I pray for stable health condition and more empowerment to be a worthy vessel for the propagation of your glories and that of the disciplic succession, and Lord Krishna all over

the world, and wherever I may find myself, and to encourage others.

Jai Jagath Guru Srila Prabhupada,

Patita pavana, Saviour of the world, and Saviour of my soul.

Your Servant's Servant,

Ganga Prasad Das



Gangesh Dasa
Bhaktin Vinutha
and Shoubhit
Olivedale, Johannesburg
South Africa



Hare Krishna Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance's at the dust of your lotus feet.
All Glories to Your Divine Grace.

SRILA PRABHUPADA I am very insignificant when it comes to glorifying yourself. You have bestowed your mercy always on me what more I can ask from Your Divine Grace.

The responsibilities that you have given me I never expected, and it came as a surprise. I took this responsibility as a service to you Srila Prabhupada. With the guidance and support of all the congregation members, I am able to take care of this service.

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. I pray to your Srila Prabhupada to please guide me so that I am able to serve everyone and co-operate with all the devotees which will make you happy.

Please forgive me Srila Prabhupada for any mistakes or offenses I may have consciously or unconsciously committed during my services. Please bless

me so I can serve you selflessly with dedication and to never be separated from your lotus feet and from the ISKCON movement.

Srila Prabhupada thank you for giving me such big responsibilities, so that I can render some service at your lotus feet and to their Lordships Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari. Please give me your mercy and blessing that I may always remain fixed in rendering devotional services.

Srila Prabhupada I remain in debt for your unlimited mercy in so many ways, and also for always blessing my wife and son who are dedicated and taking Krishna consciousness seriously. Thank you very much for this.

Thank you.

Hare Krishna,

Your humble servants always,

Gangesh Dasa, Bhaktin Vinutha and Shoubhit



Gangotri Devi Dasi
Paulshof
South Africa



Hare Krishna.
All Glories to Sri Sri Shyamasundar.
All Glories to New Varshana Dhama (ISKCON Sandton).

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
srimate krishna das swamin iti namine*

Śrīla Prabhupāda
Vyāsa-pūjā 2020

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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of Srila Prabhupada's Grace Srila Prabhupada for the following treasures:
Vyasa-puja 2020, I would like to thank His Divine

1. My wonderful spiritual master His Divine Grace Krishna Das Swami who has empowered me to serve Srila Prabhupada's ISKCON in an uncompromising pure spirit.
2. ISKCON Sandton which is developing so nicely under the able guidance of His Grace Nanda Kumar Das Prabhu Adhikari where I am presently happily engaged.
3. The holy name which I take great delight in chanting daily and which draws me closer to Krishna day by day.
4. Srila Prabhupada's glorious books which I read daily and which protects me from the relentless onslaught of Maya daily.
5. Most important of all I thank Srila Prabhupada for the wonderful association of devotees which keeps me attached to Krishna consciousness daily.

I remember Srila Prabhupada daily and thank Krishna from the depths of my heart for sending His pure devotee to reclaim us all.

I commit myself to your beloved ISKCON again and again in order that I may become a pure devotee and simultaneously attract as many souls as possible

to your glorious ISKCON.

His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
Prabhupada Founder Acarya of ISKCON ki Jai!

*Your insignificant granddaughter,
Gangotri Devi Dasi*



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



Gaura Lila Devi Dasi
Gauteng
South Africa

THANK YOU SRILA PRABHUPADA for giving me and my family shelter within your ISKCON house. I read about all the troubles and struggles you endured in spreading this ISKCON movement worldwide just so that you could benefit the world at large. This is the greatness of your compassion. I pray that by your mercy, that I will someday imbibe this selflessness nature so I can appreciate and respect all the Vaisnavas. It is only by the mercy of the Vaisnavas

that one can develop a taste for chanting the holy name and become favorably situated in Krishna Consciousness.

I remain always indebted to you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your most insignificant grand disciple and servant,
Gaura Lila devi dasi*

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples
& Other Devotees

Gaura premi devi dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa



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



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

I RECALL AN ESPECIALLY BLEAK PERIOD early on in my career when I was isolated from my family, friends and fellow devotees in an unfamiliar city, and with my spiritual practices nosediving thanks to a punishing workload and personal health issues. With my chanting empty and scripture impossible to digest, I found that the only literature that I had any taste for was reading the account of your manifest pastimes the Srila Prabhupada-Lilamṛta. I garnered more solace and guidance in learning from your personal example and amazing activities than anything else that I've ever encountered before or since; I'd go as far as to say that the story of your life is as much to me as the Mahabharat or Ramayan is, for how completely instructive on living practically and sincerely in Kṛṣṇa consciousness in this material world.

As I write this offering to you, that world is enveloped in fear, grief, loneliness, despair and economic ruin because of the outbreak of COVID-19, a disastrous viral infection that has swept mercilessly across the globe since December 2019. While nations scramble to contain the spread, and the citizens of the world react in all manner of ways, from extremes of complete denial to stockpiling groceries and total social isolation, this granddaughter of yours stoically attends to work in a hospital everyday... Despite lowered immunity and a diminished lung capacity from a genetic illness, I am one of those deemed essential workers- a health care practitioner- who is desperately needed to keep going out daily while

others ascribe to the COVID-19 mantra «stay at home and stay safe».

Srila Prabhupada, when I drive gingerly into the parking lot at work and put on my protective gear before facing potential infection and a lonely death- the latest case numbers and fatalities still clattering in my head from a morning briefing - I think back to my beloved Lilamṛta... It's 1943: you are bravely facing the horrors of the Second World War, and you are seeing everything through the eyes of guru, sadhu and sastra. When you consider the British-induced famine that you are in the middle of, you think of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur's words, «There is no scarcity in the world. The only scarcity is of Kṛṣṇa consciousness.» And as the Japanese bombing of Kolkata rages relentlessly over your home, you see it as Kṛṣṇa in another form, and you understand the great need for preaching spiritual knowledge in difficult times, so you conceive of and singlehandedly produce the glorious Back to Godhead magazine.

Throughout your amazing life of unmotivated and unmitigated devotional service to the Supreme Lord Kṛṣṇa, you never wavered in the face of any kind of danger. As you state in the purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 10.13.13, "For one who has taken shelter of the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa, this material world of fear becomes hardly dangerous at all." Indeed, from being named Abhay Charan at birth until you boldly displayed your poignant final pastimes, you embodied that complete fearlessness, and you wanted us to

do the same. In this world of “padam yad vipadam na tesam” (danger at every step: Srimad Bhagavatam 10.14.58), we need to be “free of attachment, fear and anger” as sages “of steady mind” (Bhagavad Gita 2.56), thus discharging our services undisturbed no matter what happens...

So, on these uneasy mornings, I have proverbially taken your hand, my extraordinary Param Guru, and that of my dearest Srila Gurudeva - your beloved spiritual son who similarly faced many precarious situations preaching in war times for your glory- and walked out in your shelter to fight a new kind of world catastrophe. But far more imperative than my own little peril, is the depressing knowledge that harinam sankirtan is not heard on the streets anymore, your beautiful temples are closed, and the devotees are impaired in carrying out their devotional services, fearing the dreadful effects of

this deadly disease. Oh Srila Prabhupada, please imbue us with faith in you to survive these challenging times and bless us that it may end soon! Please lead us by your divine example and instructions, not just in these dark days of the world, but always:

*bhavanti puruṣā loke
mad-bhaktās tvām anuvratāḥ
bhavān me khalu bhaktānām
sarveṣām pratirūpa-dhṛk*

“Those who follow your example will naturally become My pure devotees. You are the best example of My devotee, and others should follow in your footsteps.” (*Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* 7.10.21)

Your insignificant servant of the servant of the servant, Gaura premi devi dasi



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



Gaurangi devi dasi
ISKCON Phoenix
Mauritius

THE GLORIFICATION OF THE PURE DEVOTEE, spiritual master, is strongly recommended in the Vedic literatures. The pure devotee is very dear to the Lord. Lord Krishna Himself said in the Bhagavad Gita that anyone who satisfies his pure devotee by following his instructions submissively and thus worshipping him, will automatically become dear to Krishna. Therefore, the appearance day of Srila Prabhupada, a pure devotee is celebrated with much enthusiasm.

I, being a devotee of ISKCON, with no qualifications whatsoever, have not had the good fortune to serve Srila Prabhupada personally. But I am fortunate to be able to glorify him for the second time. Dear Srila Prabhupada, without you there would be no ISKCON, no beautiful temples and deities, no blissful devotees and no devotional service. you once said, ‘ISKCON is my body and BBT is the heart of this body’. Thus no one is deprived of your seva.

We are all deeply indebted to you for giving us the greatest gifts in the form of the holy names, association within ISKCON, books, philosophy, prasadam and so many others.

When Srila Prabhupada started Back to Godhead campaign he wrote « Believe me or not, I have got the clue of going «Back to Godhead»», and he wanted to share this formula. In the Bhagavad Gita it is said very clearly that whosoever may adopt the specific principle of accepting Sri Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, will be able to achieve the highest transcendental goal of life and get released from the world of miseries, with temporary existence. Going back to Godhead is the highest privilege of mankind and is the supreme perfection of human life. You are our direct saviour and link to the spiritual world.


Dear Srila Prabhupada, you are forever alive

and among us in your books. You have always guided me in my devotional service and responded to my demands as a father. You personally appeared in my dreams and talked to me. I beg you to empower me to do services that would be more pleasing to Your

Divine Grace.

*Yours in the service of the Lord
Eternal servant of the servant of...
Gaurangi devi dasi*

Gita Ganya Devi dasi
Rondebosch
South Africa

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

THE SPIRITUAL MASTER IS RECEIVING BENEDICTION from the ocean of mercy. This is something we say every day, but I don't know if we really understand the gravity of this miracle. Nor are we very good examples of trying to follow.

There is an ocean of mercy, which Krishna is simply waiting to flood upon his devotee. Waiting for ages and for eternity for this, this is what gives Him and us the greatest pleasure.

And so, with so much of your transcendental association, I am almost shrinking more and more in my capacity to try and serve you Srila Prabhupada, because you will and do always out serve me and the rare and incredible devotees of this sampradaya. You have created the entire foundation for us. And we are just like little children coming into this great castle of love to play and try with all our crippling faults to offer something to the devotees, our gurus and Krishna. Trying to invite others. To them it may look so mundane, and maybe externally it may appear so, but actually these activities are transcendental doorways to Krishna and bliss that we just scraping the surface of, because of weak faith and sincerely misdirected attachment to real mundane activity. We are so small, so nothing! So far to go.

Your voice blazes into my consciousness like a thousand forms of variety and simultaneously, one that is unique - loving beyond conception. You have met, loved and given to so many, so boundlessly and tirelessly, yet remained so impenetrably fixed and

determined. Your message was the same, no matter what time or mood or chance it took to draw souls in. That is purity.

It is said that the spiritual master is heavy, because he is fixed at the lotus feet of Krishna and cannot be moved.

You could not and will not be moved Prabhupada. What you found in Krishna is spiritual concrete, that force so strong that it moves everything else to match it. That was the quality of your devotion, that wherever you were - everything must move to match that quality, and so naturally, blissfully and magically it did.

Because you were there in New York, San Francisco, and London, and moved around this little globe, a tsunami of transcendental mercy shook thousands into pure devotional activity. How many of those devotees remain fixed and transforming thousands more today still? So many of them! That we are also trying to follow. What you have given is real and still moving and enveloping lost souls back into the eternal golden path today! It can never stop now.

You have set the stages, planted the seeds and tilled the earth so that this bhakti cult may continue to erupt tirthas, forests of divine ecstasy and shelter for generations to come.

I am so useless Prabhupada but see here are thousands of incredible disciples who are trying to move the earth for you, who are making outstanding creations and efforts and penances to represent

you, and I am always humbled by how much you have empowered them. How we can watch someone blossom into a devotee that out of nowhere becomes a pillar of inspiration and spiritual strength for others and does something to root bhakti in their hearts forever. That inspires us to make it more and more for you, and that reminds us how much our undying croaking of self-satisfaction is a hopeless, pitiful mirage and distraction from the real thing.

I wish to become so surrendered Srila Prabhupada, that I can serve my own spiritual master and realise the great fortune and opportunity which he has allowed me, and try to share it. How can I stretch over this crippling feeling of inadequacy and just be able to do something and feel confident in it? What do I have to give others, Prabhupada? I don't deserve a drop more mercy yet still, it comes flowing and I would not turn back now.

I am trying to listen Prabhupada, and to hear you in all these forms and shades of love, and to keep you in my heart. And may you please help me to invite the Vaisnavas to take a seat there, may you please help me to do all which cleanses and purifies

this apparently damaged and aching space so that the Divine Couple may come and take seat there. So, I can serve them lovingly and inspire others.

Thank you for leaving yourself in so much abundance so that we may always find something perfect with which to stay afloat. It's just incredible. An ocean of mercy.

You are beyond beautiful, beyond pure, beyond compassionate and beyond truth. You are the doorway to the Absolute Truth, a father and servant of all.

So now I can try and chant these holy names, and be with them, and try and realise that this is the means and the ends, more and more every day. That is what you have given, the highest. What can I say?

*Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna,
Hare Hare
Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare
Hare!*

*Srila Prabhupada ki jai!
Gita Ganya Devi dasi*



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
The most merciful Spiritual Master of our planet.
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

BLESSED ARE THE FORTUNATE SOULS BORN IN THIS ERA, to relish the divine mercy you showered. Thank you very kindly for leading me on the path of devotional service, a very rare gift that I will treasure forever. The most important instruction for me - chant, chant, chant and always remember the Lord and

never forget Him.

Let me always remain at your lotus feet.

Hari Hari Bol.

*Your very sincere granddaughter,
Gitanjali Devi Dasi*



 Gitanjali Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

Gitika Summers
Amanzimtoti
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to the dust of your lotus feet.

MY SIMPLE WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH to offer you what I feel in my heart. I owe everything to you Dearest Srila Prabhupada. If it wasn't for all that you did, I would still be wandering around this world aimlessly.

Thank you for giving my life a true purpose and direction. Although I commit so many offences with every breath I take, it is only with your mercy and

love that I feel like I can continue trying to live a Krishna conscious life.

Please keep me and my family under the shade of your lotus feet. Hare Krishna.

Your fallen servant of a servant of a servant
Gitika Summers



Gokulesvari Devi Dasi
Weltevreden Park
South Africa



Hare Krishna Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga. All glories to Bhakti Caitanya Swami Maharaj.

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

HARE KRISHNA, Srila Prabhupada thank you for allowing my family and I the opportunity to be a part of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's most amazing Sankirtan movement. Srila Prabhupada it is only by your mercy that I'm here and I love being in the service of the Supreme Lord Sri Sri Radha Krishna, singing and dancing in our street Sankirtan, distribution of books and prasada, any service is blissful, no matter what we do.

Srila Prabhupada your mercy has spread worldwide. I was in Mayapur during Gaura-purṇima this March and compared to my first in 1996, Mayapur is becoming a City. The Temple of the Vedic Planetarium is beautiful. Thank you Srila Prabhupada, the devotees are working together nicely in Kolkata refurbishing the place where you met Srila

Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvami Prabhupada.

Now we have a pandemic all over the world, our temples are closed but our ISKCON devotees have wonderfully designed Srimad-Bhagvatam classes and japa sessions with our most advanced spiritual maharajs and other senior devotees on the internet by using Facebook for example; this is wonderful.

Srila prabhupada please blessed me by helping me to be more attentive in chanting and to always remember Krishna and to never forget Sri Sri Radha Krishna.

Please let me be a dust particle at the dust of your lotus feet.

*Your most humble granddaughter. Das das anu das,
Gokulesvari Devi Dasi*





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

THE STRUGGLES YOU VOLUNTARILY UNDERTOOK at such an advanced age, simply to spread this Krishna Consciousness movement, leaves me speechless. At the same time, I simply marvel at your commitment and dedication and feel extremely honoured to be a part of your spiritual family.

Thank you for everything that you have done to build us ISKCON, which in turn gives us the true meaning of life and an opportunity to serve.

Your servant, Gopal Nandini Devi dasi



Gopal Nandini Devi dasi
Lenasia
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada, dandavat pranams.
All glories to Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur.
All glories to Gurudev.

I AM YOUR GRAND DISCIPLE of His Holiness Bhakti Tirtha Swami Maharaj. I am very much indebted to you for saving my life by positioning me in devotional service through ISKCON and the parampara system. Srila Prabhupada all glories to you! You have saved the whole world with your books and bona-fide disciples who are preaching and initiating

disciples into ISKCON all over the world and getting them ready for pure devotional service. Thank You Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krishna.

*Your servant,
Gopinath Das*



Gopinath Das
Takoradi
Ghana



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

WITH THE PASSING OF EACH YEAR, my appreciation and gratitude for your matchless gift to the world, is exponentially increased. You directed that we should not waste time, not flirt around with the material nature and that such pursuits are the acts of a mad man. You also cautioned that time scatters everything just as the wind scatters the cloud in the sky. That we should be very eager to chant and hear about Krishna and that the sweetest manifestation of spiritual reality is found in Vaishnava relationships.

Srila Prabhupada, your devotees hold a special

place in Krishna's heart, they are my salvation, their worship is higher than the worship of Krishna, without them our devotional service does not mature and Krishna gives all protection to the devotee, just like the cow gives milk to a new born calf. The devotees are the moving holy places. Srila Prabhupada, your devotees are your agents in this world. Their kindness and compassionate are extensions of your compassion. They are because of you, and

their proximity to your mercy, is due to their daily commitment to please you.

Just as the heart is like a crystal and it naturally



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Gauteng
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becomes coloured by whatever is around it, your devotees have all become reflectors of your evangelistic heart. Your movement continues to thrive. It is a source of solace for so many and will continue to be a shelter for many in the future. You are the centre and the pivot of daily life in ISKCON. Everything we do and practice is connected to you and therefore all success is guaranteed.

Srila Prabhupada, on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I offer my respects to your devotees, who are your living ambassadors and through them, I offer my obeisance's to you again and again.

*Your stumbling grandson,
Govardhana dasa*



Govardhana Sila das 
Cape Town
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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

PLEASE KINDLY ACCEPT MY INSIGNIFICANT, INSINCERE OBEISANCES at your lotus feet on the most auspicious occasion of your 124th Vyasa-puja celebration. All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada, and to your wonderful disciples, grand disciples and great grand disciples who are tirelessly endeavouring to spread your mission.

“Therefore, for a pious person, if there is some calamity there is no other alternative than to take shelter of the lotus feet of the Lord. Constantly remembering the lotus feet of the Lord means preparing for liberation from birth and death. Therefore, even though there are so-called calamities, they are welcome because they give us an opportunity to remember the Lord, which means liberation”. (Purport - Teachings of Queen Kunti - 8)

No doubt there will be much said about Covid-19, which has likely impacted the entire global population in some or other way, and in varying degrees. For me, it has been encouraging to note that, even though all places of worship have been

shut down completely, your devotees, dear Srila Prabhupada, have found ever-fresh and creative ways to distribute your mercy: there is no end to the number of online classes, courses, competitions, retreats and kirtans; devotees are using video calling to preach and distribute your books. Srila Prabhupada; there's an entire team of devotees working on converting your written text into audio books which can be distributed electronically.

The corona virus pandemic has negatively impacted food security worldwide, with so many more people closer to starvation. Yes, despite the inherent risks, thousands of your devotees are bravely distributing Prasadam. To date, tens of millions of plates have been distributed, with devotees going to even greater endeavours than before. In South Africa, Food for Life branches have distributed approximately 1,000,000 plates of Prasadam in less than 2 months! The sincere endeavours of all involved has drawn much appreciation for your beloved ISKCON.

Aside from this pandemic, Srila Prabhupada,

you have made Krsna Consciousness so accessible. In my favourite Srimad Bhagavatam Lila, the great devotee Vrtrasura prays:

“O my Lord, O Supreme Personality of Godhead, will I again be able to be a servant of Your eternal servants who find shelter only at Your lotus feet? O Lord of my life, may I again become their servant so that my mind may always think of Your transcendental attributes, my words always glorify those attributes, and my body always engage in the loving service of Your Lordship?” (SB 6.11.24)

My dear Srila Prabhupada, you have given us these wonderful Lilas, you have given us this wonderful ISKCON wherein we can joyfully associate with devotees and engage uninterruptedly in loving devotional service. Through these pastimes and service we are able to reignite our love for Sri Sri Radha Krsna.

In a subsequent verse, Vrtrasura prays “I always

yearn for the opportunity to render direct service unto You”, I, on the other hand, only desire to render service to my own material senses. Yet despite my numerous shortcomings, as long as I remain in the association of your devotees, within the protection of your ISKCON, and as long as I am allowed to continue to render some insignificant service despite my contaminated consciousness, there is hope for someone as fallen as me, all thanks to you dear Srila Prabhupada.

So, as always, I pray that I can become more aware and appreciative of all that you’ve done for all of us. I pray that I can finally do something which might remotely please you and my Gurudev, and that you will allow me to hang on to your dhoti.

*Your insignificant, unqualified, aspiring servant,
Govardhana Sila das*



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



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

RESPECTED ACHARYADEVA, please accept my prostrated dandavats at the dust of your lotus feet. Srila Prabhupada it is my great fortune that I stumbled upon your movement by the mercy of your compassionate devotees. Every day, I think about what I would have been doing in my life, and I am sure I would have been in deep ignorance. You showered your mercy upon this useless fool, and for that I owe you my life. As we face this Coronavirus pandemic, the purports in your books reflect what you had predicted

50 years ago about the power of material nature.

Srila Prabhupada, please give me the strength to remain focused and become an instrument in your preaching service in Kenya. Allow me to be part of your worldwide revolution, and kindly allow me to glorify your ISKCON movement until my last breath.

*Your most unworthy servant,
Govinda Prema das*



Govinda Prema dasa
Hare Krishna Training Center
Nairobi
Kenya





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

Harideva das
Vacoas
Mauritius

ONCE AGAIN, this year you are giving me the opportunity to write some words in appreciation of Your Divine Grace. Over the years I have always been pondering on why we need to write Vyasa-puja offerings. The little that I understand on the matter is that engaging the mind in thinking about what to write or say in appreciation of a person is a means of increasing our love for the person. The more we find reasons to appreciate someone, the more our loving feelings for that person grows. And in spiritual life, love is the only thing that matters. We may be expert and talented at doing so many services but if there is no loving feeling developed for the object of our service, Guru and Krishna, then that is all meaningless.

So, thank you Srila Prabhupada for teaching us to appreciate the spiritual master. And you teach appreciation by your own example. Mother Vishaka devi dasi, your dear disciple and wife of Yadubara prabhu, mentions that she felt only encouragement, enthusiasm and appreciation of her service from you. And she adds that every one of your disciples felt that protection and encouragement from you. Your deep appreciation for your disciples is indeed proof of your deep love for them. You never saw them as assets to exploit but rather as special agents sent by your own spiritual master, Srila Bhaktisidhanta Saraswati Maharaj, to help you expand the Sankirtan movement. A true leader knows how to get the best out of his people and pushing them to accomplish things they couldn't think themselves capable of. The secret is again appreciation of one's people. Your disciples felt so much valued under your leadership, they felt so much cared for and loved that they were ready to accomplish anything for you. They set out in different directions, to different countries, many times with no money, enthusiastically preached, made devotees and erected wonderful temples at the expense of great personal inconveniences all because they wanted to reciprocate the

true love you had for them. They knew you wouldn't cheat them and they trusted you.

Once, while talking with your God brothers, you said to them about Mother Malati devi, that she was ready to slit her throat for you and you would do the same for her. The context was that your God-brothers had been criticising you for keeping women in the ashram and cooking for you, a sannyasi. That was such an immense show of love and reciprocity for a female disciple's service, Srila Prabhupada, in the midst of your orthodox guests. Mother Malati almost collapsed when she heard that. What a motivation it must have been for her to push on unconditionally in Krishna consciousness and wanting to stay forever in your service. His Holiness Giriraj Maharaj relates this incident and says that when mother Malati entered that assembly with your plate of prasadam, she knelt and paid obeisances, and, still on her knees, with both her elbows on the floor she literally crawled towards you carrying the plate of prasadam. Such a display of humility. I wonder how many lifetimes I'll have to work on myself to be able to have such a humble mood in approaching my own spiritual master.


Dearest Srila Prabhupada, appreciating the spiritual master and Krishna is also incomplete if there is no appreciation of the devotees. You mentioned that your ISKCON movement is based on love and trust. Love and trust between us, your grand disciples and great grand disciples, will become manifest only if we start to appreciate each other regardless of whether they are highly intelligent or not, competent or not, think like us or not. I realise that this is your vision of ISKCON - devotees trained in the techniques of spiritual life, based on love and trust, in a united, peaceful organisation, pushing on the sankirtan movement to ever increasing limits. These are basically the first five items in the seven purposes of ISKCON.

On this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, Srila Prabhupada, I humbly bow down to you and beg for the capacity to develop genuine appreciation for the service of each and every devotee in your ISKCON. I am convinced that this is the

only formula for my progress in spiritual life.

*Trying to be the servant of your servant,
Harideva das*

Hemangi Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

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

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANYONE who has occupied such a central place in my heart and thoughts like you have, and I am overjoyed to feel that reassurance and love. It has been only by your great sacrifice that we have your teachings, your ISKCON, your devotees, the beautiful Deities, and the process of japa and kirtan, which are the only hope and solace in an illusory world of repeated birth and death.

Your divine words about the temporary, illusory and dangerous world have become more apparent during this world crisis, and it has given me the opportunity to be more introspective. As governments imposed lockdowns all over the world, people felt lost and frustrated, but by your mercy I was not so perturbed as you taught us to tolerate.

Many more opportunities became available to hear the lectures given by your senior disciples, to read your books again, and to listen to you. The association of devotees became more valuable in their absence, and our appreciation of devotees has increased.

Despite the world showing its ghastly side in a more pronounced way, I have faith in your words

that Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's teachings will spread all over the world, and therefore understand this to be part of His grand plan.

How do I even begin to express and show my gratitude... which remains so meagre in comparison to what you gave the world. I have such a long way to go - when will I even begin to love the Supreme Lordships. Those spiritual emotions I read about remain far elusive from me. All I can do is serve you and your devotees as best as I can, a benediction that I beg for, and pray that if I please you, then their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Radhanath will be pleased with me.

I love you as a granddaughter loves her benevolent grandfather, and really feel deeply moved by your benevolence, assured that it is a spiritual benediction to free me from this world. I cannot repay such a benediction but only express my deep gratitude and love and serve in my simple way.

Holding onto your lotus feet, I pray to be engaged in your service and of the Vaisnavas.

*Your granddaughter,
Hemangi Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

 Hemant Bhaga
Gauteng
South Africa

OH, MAGNIFICENT ACARYA,
Saviour of the world,
All glories, all glories, all glories onto thee.

You continually opened our eyes with the torchlight of knowledge,
So expertly utilising the Sun as your torch,
Who are those great souls that ran to you upon hearing the holy names?
Like bees to the first blossoms of spring,
All glories, all glories, all glories onto thee.

How blessed are we,
To enjoy the spiritual mellows of kirtan rasa, to relish divine Krishna prasadam,
To view the splendour of the Lordships in Temples across the globe,
So heartfully arranged by the devotees in your ISKCON,
All glories, all glories, all glories onto thee.

How blessed are we,
To have knowledge of the Supreme and the goal of life,
Precisely presented in your books, readily available to all,
So expertly translated and maintained by the devotees in your BBT,
All glories, all glories, all glories onto thee.

Thank you,
For providing us with opportunity to serve Sri Hari,
How much bliss and pride must the great sadhus feel?
Viewing the mercy of Lord Caitanya and hearing the vibrations of the brhat
mrdanga
All glories, all glories, all glories onto Your Divine Grace.

*Forever in your gratitude,
Hemant Bhaga*



Hiranmayi Devi Dasi
Edenvale
South Africa



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

THE SPIRITUAL MASTER opens our darkened eyes and fills our heart with transcendental knowledge.

There is nothing surface level about loving God, and everything on this material plane will never satisfy a person until they start looking within. Thank you for enabling us to act more responsibly in this material world by changing our external lens from within.

Srila Prabhupada, you are indeed the captain of our ship. Our lives would be utterly directionless without your mercy.

My heart contains the tiniest microscopic amount of Krishna Consciousness, and life has never been more joyful. If ever there is a moment of doubt, I reflect on my life before becoming a devotee.

The extraordinary-copious amount of love that your heart is filled with, for every living entity, is something which my mind cannot comprehend.

I am most grateful to you. Although I know reciprocation on the same level is impossible, we have taken so much from you, and we take more and more every day. Therefore, I should at least try not to be a miser and to share Krishna's love.

I pray that we may continually endeavour to read your books and always follow your teachings, word by word.

Thank you, dearest Srila Prabhupada.

*Your eternal servant,
Hiranmayi Devi Dasi*



Hridayananda dasa
Verulam
South Africa



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

Although it is stated that the Srimad Bhagavatam is meant to bring about a spiritual revolution in the impious lives of a misdirected society, it was due to you only that we received this priceless invaluable gift of Krsna Consciousness.

Without you it would not have been possible to receive the treasure house of the most precious gift.

We were in the dark well of material existence and you threw us the rope of Krsna consciousness and saved us. For this we are ever greatly indebted to you.

From just these quotes by you we can clearly see the unbelievable mercy and compassion you have for the living entities:

“If you have got some time the best thing would be to chant Hare Krishna more and more. Because

our life is very short and we have to finish our Krishna Consciousness in this life very quickly. We do not know when we shall meet our next death, our next exit from this platform. Before going out of this platform we may try to finish Krishna Consciousness. That is our main business”

(Srila Prabhupada Letter to Jayapataka, October 6, 1968)

“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”

(Srla Prabhupada letter to Devananda 23 November, 1968)

On this most auspicious day of your Sri Vya-sa Puja please bless me, so that I can become a

worthy instrument in spreading your mission, Krs-na consciousness.

*Your very insignificant beggar
Hridayananda dasa*

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



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

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU for bringing us this Krishna conscious movement. I am in wonder at your immense strength and dedication to Sri Sri Radha Krishna. I am 75 years old and cannot imagine how you were able to accomplish what you were able to. You definitely were not an ordinary human.


Reading your books brings me so much pleasure. Words cannot express my gratitude to you.

I consider myself very unfortunate not to have

meet you when you were still in this material world.

Please always shower your blessings upon me so that my Bhakti can grow, and I am able to serve all Sri Sri Radha Krishna’s devotees to the best of my ability.

*Your Humble Servant
Bhaktin Indhira*

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Kindly accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.



WE ARE INDEED VERY GRATEFUL for this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to you for showing us the way back to Godhead. Now in the twilight of our lives when the race has almost been run, we look over our shoulders and analyse how smooth or otherwise the road has been. As one who was born in the late 1930’s I was fortunate to have had pious parents so that God consciousness was very much a part of our lives. In the evenings especially, after a hard day’s work on our little farm, it was time for my father to narrate episodes from either the Ramayana

or the Mahabharata. Of course, there was no other form of entertainment.

As an adult, like all my contemporaries, I was bent on making the lives of my little family as comfortable as I could. I suppose I succeeded in doing so. However, it boiled down to sense gratification and enjoying the fruits of our labours. It seemed there was nothing more to look forward to. It seemed as if we had reached a cul-de-sac. That was until I read your biography by HH Satsvarupa dasa Goswami. It changed our lives irreversibly. I could never imagine

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anyone achieving so much in so little a time and so late in one's life, not to mention under such trying conditions. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for coming to our rescue.

Now we look at the way ahead and not without some trepidation, I must admit. Perhaps the fact that we came to Krishna consciousness so late in

our lives has something to do with that. Please look kindly on us, Srila Prabhupada so that we may make the best of the journey ahead.

Your humble servants,

Indrabhatta Dasa and Gokula Taruni Devi Dasi



Indrani Naidoo
Durban
South Africa



My most glorious Srila Prabhupada,

AS THE TIME PASSES, I am more awed by your sweetness and potency. You are so knowledgeable and intelligent yet so humble and kind. You have created the most magnificent ISKCON and books while nurturing the most munificent disciples. Srila Prabhupada your glories are endless, and I am so grateful to be part of your ISKCON. I am reading and studying your books and marvel at the supreme and perfect content. Listening to your recordings, I understand how important it is to learn about the truth and to

stand by it without deviating or doubt. You, Srila Prabhupada, have taught me about the greatness of Krishna and of His sweetness too. You have made devotional service a true way of life. For this, Srila Prabhupada, I am truly grateful and offer myself at the service of your ISKCON.

Indrani Naidoo



Jagadananda Dasa
Hwange
Zimbabwe



Dear Prabhupada,

I offer my humble obeisances to His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami. To His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami
And to Your Divine Grace, Srila Prabhupada.

THIS PAST YEAR I received the divine mercy of your dear servant Srila Kadamba Kanana Swami, who kindly accepted me as his disciple. I remember a few years ago I prayed to you fervently, that you may kindly reveal to me which of your servants I may accept as my spiritual master. You lovingly reciprocated as swift and smoothly as a lightbulb illuminates a dark room. You revealed that lion heart who would lead my journey along this path back to Godhead. I then began to take shelter at his lotus feet.

At the time of initiation, I remember him saying that the primary mission of the gurus in ISKCON

is to connect the disciple to your divine grace. Of course, I was aware of this, but when I heard it from Maharaj it really intrigued me, because I thought I had a connection to you already. I mean, I had read all your books at least once though, I was preaching and actively serving in a temple. I thought I was already connected to you. For was it not you that revealed my diksa guru to me? So I dwelled on this point for some time, and when an opportunity presented itself, I inquired from Gurumaharaj,

“How is it that the spiritual master connects the disciple to Srila Prabhupada, when Srila Prabhupada

is available to anyone? Anyone who receives a book about Krsna consciousness comes into contact with His Divine Grace, so how am I to understand this?"

Maharaj replied, "Srila Prabhupada is available to everyone, and his instructions are eternal. But there is no direct personal relationship and that is an essential part of Krsna consciousness. This is a personal movement. The personal relationship is important because it is very difficult to follow the instructions of someone you do not have a relationship with. So, this relation of diksa-guru and disciple ensures a personal relationship, and that facilitates the disciple's connection to Srila Prabhupada through instruction."

Then I could understand that the instructions Gurumaharaj had imparted to me were but an extension of your own instructions, which in themselves are an expansion of the entire Guru-parampara following from Lord Caitanya. In the Caitanya-Caritamrta Adi-lila 9.44, the Lord laments that He is merely a gardener without a kingdom or riches, but simply with fruits and flowers He wishes to bestow the greatest welfare to all living beings.

This outcry by the Lord is most pertinent to me because I dream of being a gardener or farmer, desiring a simple Krsna conscious life and offering the fruits of my labour to the Lord. I feel a strong urge to take up the call of the Lord to distribute the fruits of Love of God in the same way you did. But you not only distributed the fruits, but transplanted the entire tree of devotional service. You brought the sublime process of Bhakti Yoga to the atheist and

voidist world. You nurtured that tree and now it bears unlimited fruits in the form of your wonderful and sincere disciples and followers who themselves are dedicated to distributing that same sweet fruit to the entire world. ISKCON, you have mentioned, is one branch of Lord Caitanya's tree, and being a part of that tree, we must continue to distribute the fruits which can be compared to your sincere followers, your transcendental books and your divine instructions.

My heartfelt prayer to you is how can I become a transcendental gardener too? We read in the Caitanya-Caritamrta, Madhya-Lila 19.152, the Lord instructs that we must receive the seed of devotional service from a spiritual master, and plant it in our heart, and nurture it by hearing and chanting. This hearing and chanting, you explain, means to repeat the instructions of the spiritual master until those instructions become manifest eternally in the heart. I pray to you to kindly reveal the purport of those instructions thus far received, such that my path back to Godhead becomes illuminated by your divine instruction. I am always reminded of the Bible verse, Psalms 119:105: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

May your instructions become eternally manifest in my heart.

An aspiring servant of the servants of Your Divine Grace.

Jagadananda Dasa



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

THE WORLD IS IN TURMOIL. More people have already succumbed to Covid-19 virus than in both World War 1 and 2 combined. The death statistics continue to rise. Never in the history of the modern world have

so many doctors lost their lives within a short span of a few months. India is harangued by innumerable attacks by its neighbours. The evil face of rampant racism has again reared its ugly head. This time

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for a change, many in the United States and other parts are protesting in large numbers.

Sanatan dharma is besieged by incessant attacks within cyberspace. Sadhus are being framed and brutally murdered. Temples are being demolished. Those with the unsavoury agenda of world domination stop at nothing in their never-ending quest for power. No price is too high for these demonic forces. Mankind despite phenomenal advances is yet to find peace and harmony. The South African economy is on the brink of collapse and the unemployment rate is topping 50 %. Desperate people are crying out for help. Padam padam hi vipadam na tesam. Danger indeed lurks at every step. This world undoubtedly is a place of misery. A 3rd World War is on the horizon. Despot leaders are in control and have amassed military capabilities surpassed only by their egos.

Of course, suffering is the consequence of sin and is the reason behind all these calamities. Recently a profound realisation dawned on me. The slow and painful desecration of the Vedic culture is because the so-called custodians are not practicing the yuga dharma. Somehow, they have forgotten this most crucial point and remain steeped in rituals and dogma. Naturally the consequence of *adharmā* has befallen so many illustrious lineages. However, your ISKCON is the torchbearer of the sankirtan mission and the prime benediction for humanity at large. Many, many dedicated followers are working tirelessly to serve your instructions and propagate the message. I am eternally grateful to be given the shelter of your ISKCON. With the passage of time I am also realising that the profound messages within your books are matchless and are the greatest

blessing upon me. They allow me to receive first-hand association with you and receive your mercy.

At a time when all places of worship are closed and in 'lockdown', Food for Life in South Africa is receiving raving reviews making the front page of a major daily newspaper and making the news on prime-time television. Recognising its worth and activities, many donors are coming forward to assist and many devotees are engaged in ecstatic service.

On the morning of *Gaura-purniima* I had a dream in which I was explaining my involvement in a far-reaching spiritual project to my dearest Gurudeva. It is on record that only 50% of your business has been accomplished. The other half is now up to us. Society is in urgent need of revamp. Varnashrama has to be established and structured for society to become peaceful. Please continue to bless me and use me as an instrument as you deem fit.

Let me conclude my offering as I started. This world is an unfit place for a gentleman (or lady). Poignant reminders and ill omens are everywhere. I cannot afford not to make it back to Godhead in this lifetime. No one can. Really speaking, I have seen enough and do not wish to come back to the miserable material world again. On my own though, I have no chance because I am weak and ill disciplined. Please help me. You, dearest Srila Prabhupada are my hope.

Forever indebted and grateful.

Your insignificant grandson,

Jagadananda Pandit dasa





Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of Your lotus feet.

 Jagadvasu Das
Accra
Ghana

DEAR GRANDFATHER, I obviously lack the most appropriate words to express my profound gratitude and indebtedness to you for my life during this lifetime!

By your special mercy and compassion, you found me in my remote village in 1982. I had gone to give my

tape recorder to an electronics engineer (as he was referred to, having returned from the capital city of

Lagos) for repairs. On reaching his workshop, my eyes were caught by a book on his table. I was particularly attracted by the mystical grave picture on the front cover of the book. Of course, haven fallen in tune with the picture of the elderly saint, looking skyward with a walking stick or cane; I picked up the book and read through the title: "The Science of Self Realization". And below the title, a very long and 'strange' name: His Divine Grace Srila A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada, Founder-Acarya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. I was already infatuated with spiritual and philosophical teachings, especially Eastern philosophy, and I was just so fascinated coming across this book and even more elated with the title of "The Science of Self Realization"! But when I opened the book and saw so many words which were not actually English words, I felt it would be difficult to read or understand. I then enquired from the engineer about the book and how he came about it because I considered it an "Indian book". He explained how he had met devotees in Lagos and bought the book from them. According to the engineer, it was a new Indian Church that had come to Lagos. Though I dropped the book, your saintly picture preoccupied my mind the whole day and beyond. That was your special and kind darshan to this apparently lost soul!

In furtherance of your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, somehow or the other, I journeyed to Lagos city in 1983. My quest for spiritual enlightenment and knowledge was unabating. I studied at Centre for Spiritual Awareness and then the Guru Maharaja Mission. It was through these organisations that I heard of the "Bhagavad-gita". Guru Maharaja emphasized the need for everybody to study the great teachings of the "Bhagavad-gita". I then enquired about it and was told I could get it from the 'Hare Krishna people'. One early morning, I left for the Hare Krishna temple to buy the "Bhagavad-gita". While at the shop, I was drawn to this familiar book and an endearing picture of yours - my heart leaped with joy and I was thinking «finally I am at the place," and "at long last I am home." I immediately grabbed "The Science of Self Realization", the "Bhagavad-gita" and a few other books. I read "The Science of Self Realization" the whole night without sleeping, and was quite amazed at how you, dear Srila Prabhupada, was all-knowing as exhibited in the manner and the aptitude in which the questions were answered without any strain of difficulty!

Srila Prabhupada, by your kindness upon this useless soul, your beloved disciple HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami Maharaj accepted me and initiated me with the name Jagad Vasu Das.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, my gurudeva told me that the grandfather is more merciful and compassionate to his grandchildren. Therefore, I am assured that your mercy and compassion will see me through this journey of self-realization and back home, back to Godhead! Jai Jagad-guru Srila Prabhupada!

*Your insignificant grandson,
Jagad Vasu Das*



Jagannath Priya Das
Newlands West, Durban
South Africa



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

YET ANOTHER YEAR HAS ARRIVED, and everyone is anxious to glorify you on your most auspicious appearance day for giving wealth of Krsna Consciousness, which is the culture of love. You have been sent by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu to inundate the world with Krsna bhakti and save the conditioned souls from this ocean of material existence. You are like the captain of a strong boat who came to rescue people who are on the verge of drowning, and have rescued us from our hellish life of sinful activities, sense gratification and other abominable activities.

You gave us the holy name and when one sincerely chants and hears the holy name and fame of the Lord

in a spirit of devotion, the heart is purified and gradually one can appreciate the actual blissful nature of

Krsna Consciousness, which is the loving service to the Lord. Devotional service is so pleasing that a

pure devotee cannot desire anything except service to the Lord. Foolishness is the wealth of the impious, who place great value on their treasure and firmly remain in the darkness of ignorance. However, Srila Prabhupada you gave us light - pure transcendental knowledge. You are just like the rising sun that dissipates the darkness and opens the eyes of knowledge that dispels ignorance concocted by the material mind.

On this day, we re-evaluate our commitment to remain firmly attached to your lotus feet.

Jagannath Priya Das



Jamadagni Risi Das
Gaborone
Botswana



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

AS I EXAMINE MY LIFE, I can see your influence in it from the moment I wake up for *mangala-arati* to the time I go back into the bed. Waking up early, chanting the holy names of the Lord, taking part in Deity worship, cooking for their Lordships, offering arati to Srimati Tulsi Devi, offering Tulsi leaves to Sri Krishna Balaram, taking Their darshan daily, eating maha-prasadam, wearing dhoti, kanti mala and tilak everything I do on a daily basis is all due to your unlimited mercy on this fool. I have no way to repay you. I can just thank you again and again for allowing me to be part of your wonderful ISKCON society.

If it wasn't for you, I would have never known of Lord Jagannath and His most wonderful festival of

Ratha-yatra. It is only due to your mercy that I have been able to attend this festival in Jagannath Puri. This is all because you were kind enough to come to the West and give us this most pure and wonderful philosophy.

My three-year-old grandson summed up my feelings for you perfectly by saying that, 'You are the best devotee in the world, and the best friend to all'.

I beg for your mercy, so that I be able to continue under your shelter on the path of bhakti.

*Your fallen servant
Jamadagni risi das*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vysa Puja.

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU for writing the Krishna book. We love reading about Lord Krishna's childhood pastimes. They make us laugh.

We thank-you for translating the Bhagavat Gita. We learn so many important lessons from there. We cannot believe that you were ill on the ship to the U.S.A. and still continued your journey. Once in America, you taught so many people so many amazing lessons.

Due to your mercy we are so lucky to have a temple of Sri Sri Krishna Balaram in Botswana. We are so grateful to you.

My brother who is three says, you are the best devotee in the world, and the best friend in the world.

*Your great grandchildren
Janavi (7) and Jay Gopal (3).*



Janavi (7) and Jay Gopal (3).
Gaborone
Botswana



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

YOU HAVE LEFT BEHIND A GREAT LEGACY including temples, transcendental literature, the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust and the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON). You have left us with a great challenge of protecting, preserving and expanding this legacy. Out of compassion, you spent almost your whole life working hard, not for your own benefit, but for spiritual upliftment of the entire human society.

The above point is clearly demonstrated in your book, "The Science of Self-Realization" in which you indicate that ISKCON is the spiritual movement for the entire human society. This point is instructive because it demonstrates that this movement is not sectarian but universal. It is rare to find a person who is prepared to sacrifice his life for the benefit of others. Usually people work for personal material gain, sense enjoyment, honour and glory, but you Srila Prabhupada have demonstrated to the whole world, what a true leader is. Your achievement is

not only unparalleled, but it is extraordinary and unfathomable.

I pray to Srila Prabhupada to empower and engage me in your preaching mission so that I can do something for society following in Your footsteps. We have derived great benefit by reading your literature, you have shown us compassion by accepting us as your grand disciples, and you have also taught us by example how to execute devotional service to Krsna. You have saved me from the darkness of material existence. Through your actions and behaviour you have completely changed my outlook on life. For this I am very grateful to you. Therefore, I feel obliged to do something to show gratitude to you Srila Prabhupada. I will therefore be pleased if I can be able to make some contribution to your preaching mission, no matter how small it may be.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada

Servant of your servant, Jayadeva dasa



Jayadeva Dasa
Mafikeng
South Africa

Jayasri devi dasi
Durban
South Africa



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

I FEEL SO FORTUNATE to be blessed to be part of your ISKCON in this age of Kali which is an ocean of sinful activities.

Your spiritual master, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur told your divine grace that our sufferings in this world is due to our forgetfulness of Krsna. He instructed you to spread the message of Krishna consciousness. You embraced his words as your life and soul.

Despite enduring many challenges, you never faulted in your determination to carry out his orders. Your heart is steeped in compassion as you echoed your spiritual master's words that the greatest need in this world is Krishna consciousness.

You desire to give everyone a chance to love Krishna. Srila Prabhupada, you saw hope even in hopeless cases. On 13th August 1965 you journeyed on a cargo ship to America to spread the holy name, in spite of enduring two major heart attacks. You saw how people were suffering due to the bodily concept of life and you successfully revived their belief in the holy name of Krishna.



People's hearts were transformed by your compassion and mercy. Your sincere faith in the holy name given so generously, encourages us all to strive for perfection. By your compassion the sankirtan movement of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu has reawakened faith in chanting of the holy name. Your uncompromising lecture presentations delivered with so much loving compassion transforms the heart. Your mercy has touched millions throughout the world through your books, harinama, deity worship and appreciation of prasadam. No one should go hungry within a 10 km radius of a temple saw the birth of the Food for Life program.

You made a garland of so many devotees of so many colours to chant and dance together. Without your mercy, I have no idea where I would have been now. I thank you for blessing me to be initiated by His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami.

Please forgive me for my countless offences.

*Your servant,
Jayasri devi dasi*



Jayshree and family
Farramere
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Hare Krishna, Srila Prabhupada. I beg forgiveness for any wrong thoughts, deeds and actions. I am so grateful to you for everything. Thank you for giving us Lord Krishna.

*Your servants,
Jayshree and family*





Dear Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble obeiscances. All glories to your lotus feet.
All glories to the day of your auspicious Vyasa-puja. All glories to you.

I CAN'T EXPLAIN HOW GRATEFUL I AM for where I am today thanks to you Prabhupada. It just felt like yesterday that I've joined this precious movement that you have brought together with your hard work and dedication. You have given us Krishna and made the world devotees of the Supreme Lord. I will never be able to find a brave and bold soul like you because of what you've done for us all. You are not just a perfect example to us but a role model and our special grandfather. You've cherished the strong relationships with your devotees, you've preached to so many people across the world, you've written so many amazing books and made beautiful temples around the world. You've not only left what you created behind but a legacy, a legacy that will always remain for many, many years to come. I thank you

from the bottom of my heart, that I am fortunate enough to be a part of this priceless society associating with such caring and loving devotees, eating the most delicious prasadam and most of all chanting the holy name. I pray to you that you always continue guiding me and give me the opportunity to enhance more in my spiritual life, my chanting, engaging me in more devotional service and give me the courage to preach to others. So that this movement will grow, and those souls will be able to receive immense love from Sri Sri Radha and Krishna.

*Thank you, my dearest grandfather.
Your aspiring granddaughter,
Jenny Jansen*



Jenny Jansen
Chatsworth, Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

SOMEHOW, BY YOUR MERCY, I am still practicing Krishna consciousness despite so many challenges. The world is moving towards degradation, under the control of demonic personalities. This is not unexpected during this Kali-yuga and the 16th Chapter of Bhagavad Gita As It Is shows us the thinking behind it. Our only hope to transcend this danger is by increasing our attachment to your lotus feet.

I can recall reading a lecture you gave in 1976:

«My Guru Mahārāja used to say that ‘This material world is not fit for living for any gentleman.’ He used to say, ‘No gentleman can live here.’” So, these things are not understood by the non-devotees, how much pinching this material world is.

Lecture on SB 7.9.15 -- Mayapur, February 22, 1976:

So here the fierceful attitude, very, very fierceful, that is very pleasing to Prahāda Mahārāja. He said, *nāhaṁ bibhemy ajita te 'tibhayānakāśya*: «Your face is very fearful to the enemies, but it is very beautiful to me.» Everything. *Nāhaṁ bibhemy ajita te 'tibhayānakāśya jihvā*. Everything fierceful... In the next verse Prahāda Mahārāja will say that «This fierceful attitude of Your Lordship is not at all fearful to me, as it is fearful to me, this material existence.» That he will explain, next verse. *Trasto 'smy ahaṁ kṛpaṇa-vatsala duḥsahogra-saṁsāra-cakra-kadanād grasatāṁ praṇītaḥ*. This material world is very, very fierceful to the devotees. They are very, very much afraid of. This is the difference. Materialistic persons, they are thinking, «This world is very pleasing. We are enjoying. Eat, drink, be merry



Jivananda dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa

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and enjoy.» But the devotees, they think, «It is very, very fierce. How soon we shall get out of it?» My Guru Mahārāja used to say that «This material world is not fit for living for any gentleman.» He used to say. «No gentleman can live here.» So, these things are not understood by the non-devotees, how much pinching this material world is. Duḥkhāla... Kṛṣṇa says it is duḥkhālayam aśāśvatam [Bg. 8.15]. That is the difference between the devotee and non-devotee. The duḥkhālayam [place of miseries], they are trying to adjust how to make it sukhālayam [place of happiness]. That is not possible. So, unless one becomes distasteful of this material world, it is to

be understood that he has not yet entered in the spiritual understanding. Bhaktiḥ pareśānubhavo viraktir anyatra syāt [SB 11.2.42]. “This is the test of bhakti. If one has entered the domain of devotional service, this material world will be not at all tasteful for him.»

Please bless us all so we can somehow overcome these obstacles on our path to bhakti.

Hare Krishna.

*Your insignificant servant,
Jivananda dasa*



Kaishori devi dasi
Randburg, Gauteng
South Africa



Hare Krishna dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to your Divine Grace. All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari.

THANK YOU, SRILA PRABHUPADA, for everything that you have done for me. Thank you for my Guru Mahārāja. Thank you for the Holy Names and japa.

Thank you for your ISKCON. Thank you for your beautiful temples. Thank you for the parikrama places and sites.

Thank you for your books.

Thank you for your devotees and their kind association. Thank you for my devotee friends. Thank you for prasadam and for Mahaprasad. Thank you for my family being devotees. Thank you for everything you have given me. Thank you

for allowing me devotional service in your movement. Thank you for all the safety and protection of my family and I.

I shudder to think what my life could have been like, without your causeless Mercy. You sacrificed and struggled so much for us to have this glorious, Krishna Conscious movement.

I am forever indebted to you. I pray that I can serve you.

*Your most insignificant granddaughter,
Kaishori devi dasi*



Kajal Maharaj
Fourways
South Africa



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

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS HOW GRATEFUL I AM TO YOU. You have helped me through the most turbulent times in my life. When my mum, Shyira, passed away

in my early childhood, I recall the hearse leaving our home, and for the first time in my life, I felt lost. I thought she was gone forever. Then a few months

later, I read your purports in Bhagavad Gita chapter 2 text 20: the soul does not die, he is eternal. It gave my heart solace that she didn't really die.

Then in 2016, when my 80-year-old maternal grandmother, Shanudevi, who raised me, left her body, all sense of reasoning was gone, and my heart was filled with grief. I recall opening the Bhagavad Gita while in the plane on my way to Durban and your purport in Bhagavad Gita chapter 2 text 13: "Rather, he should rejoice for their changing bodies from old to new ones, thereby rejuvenating their energy." This gave me solace that she now has renewed energy and she no longer had to suffer in her old material body.

But everything I knew, didn't matter when your dear servant Dukhi Radha Devi Dasi (a mother figure and spiritual guide in my life) left her body three months ago under such tragic circumstances. She was known by everyone in our family as «Hare Krsna naani» because she always only spoke about you and Lord Krsna. She gave my mum and grandmother their first chanting beads and thought them how to chant. She loved you so much that she would always tell me, we must not do anything that will disappoint you, because you sacrificed so much for us. She would advise everyone indirectly mentioning a moral of a pastime of the Lord so as not to offend anyone. She portrayed your compassionate and non-judgmental qualities. Like you, she was «para dukha dukhi» didn't care about material possessions, cared more about the suffering and well-being of everyone else rather than oneself. She loved my daughter, who was very fond of her, but Radhika also loves you

dearly. When Radhi enters any temple, she spontaneously runs to put a flower into your lotus hands, and she hugs you. Please bless my Radhi so that she always has that same affection for you throughout the journey of her life. Please guide my mum and grandmother on their spiritual path. I know that your servant, Dukhi Radha Devi Dasi, is safe because she is under the shelter and protection of your lotus feet, please fulfil her desire to be a menial maidservant of Srimati Radharani.

The painful, overwhelming emotions of separation in my heart has flowed away through tears...

My deep love for you and her has now turned into devotion. I have solace knowing that I can connect with you and her in the spiritual realm by chanting the Hare Krsna Maha-mantra.

From the core of my heart, I thank you, Sri-la Prabhupada, for sheltering me throughout the storms of my life. Please forgive me for all my shortcomings as I try to imbibe the qualities of love, care and forgiveness on my spiritual journey amidst the challenges of material life.

We currently live in a society of entitlement, exploitation and ingratitude, especially for the elderly; a difficult predicament for spiritual advancement. But by reading your transcendental books and chanting the Maha-mantra as you instructed, hopefully, we can all aspire to be more like you. By your grace, hopefully, we can obtain your limitless mercy to help save others and to save ourselves from the sufferings of this material world.

Your aspiring servant, Kajal



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

All glories to you Srila Prabhupada. All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your appearance.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, when I watch videos of you, it seems that there is no limit to your love. At no point did you say, "This is enough, I gave enough!" No

matter what the result was, you continued to give.

I now sit at home during this COVID 19 pandemic, with the knowledge that chanting, reading,



Karttika Sookraj

Durban

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associating with wonderful devotees and following the four regulative principles are our salvation. You have given us everything we require to become first class devotees. You are also teaching us how we can distribute all that we have learnt.


I pray that you will not give up on me as I struggle to make progress in my spiritual path. I pray that you will continue to bless me with enthusiasm and

conviction to improve the quality of my chanting of the holy names. Although on this day I should be offering you something, I can only beg that you give me a small place somewhere in your sankirtan mission.

*Your servant of the servant of the servant,
Karttika Sookraj (14 years old)*



Karunamayī Devi Dāsī
Hillcrest
South Africa

 Dearest Srīla Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to your divine lotus feet

WE ARE FACING DIFFICULT AND TRYING TIMES AT THE MOMENT. Kali-yuga is certainly establishing itself as you predicted.

Mothers are killing their own children, people are fighting for land and power, increasingly identifying with the bodily concept of life and mental disease & anxiety is taking over many people. This Kali-yuga is even affecting your own ISKCON with these influences affecting your devotees working from within to destroy your movement. Leaders themselves are also affected by the influence of Kali-yuga and it is worrying. I am deeply saddened as I know you will definitely not be pleased with the current situation.

This corona virus pandemic I think has allowed devotees to have a lot of time to dwell on the negative and isolation form sadhu sanga fuels all these anarthas allowing the raging fire of Kali-yuga to burn stronger at this time.

Please guide and help us to save your ISKCON. Please protect our leaders from this influence of Kali-yuga and prevent our own devotees from being influenced by greed for power and fame thereby creating all these divisions within our movement.

One positive that has come from this pandemic is the huge amount of online sadhu sanga we are receiving, which I'm sure you will be very happy about. Your son- HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami has

embarked on a mammoth task of teaching the Bhakti Sastri course online to devotees from all over the world, sitting at currently more than 600 registrations. He is too humble to admit and may not say this to you but I'm sure you will be proud and pleased with his efforts to carry out your order of studying your books and preaching even amongst his personal fight against Cancer.

I'm amazed at the positives and negatives that are we are facing at the same time, with devotees becoming critical and offensive and non-devotees still hearing the holy names over social media platforms, more now than ever before. I pray with the hearing of the holy name for even a second, these mleccas will have their hearts softened and one day become devotees.

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity Srīla Prabhupada, to learn from your son and others like him from around the world.

Thank you Srīla Prabhupada for giving us your ISKCON to shelter us during these difficult times. The distance from Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Radhanath and the devotees makes us appreciate your sacrifices even more and makes me appreciate how strong your resolve was to establish Krishna consciousness in the western world. I'm so grateful to you for introducing me to this movement and in these times of absence I appreciate the association of


the devotees even more and find myself hankering to serve and associate with everyone again. I am in awe as to how you single handedly went about all of this on your own. It is all due to you being empowered directly by the Lord I'm sure.

Please protect and shelter me Srila Prabhupada

from this material influence, help me develop my bhakti-lata-bija, and guide me on how to be a good granddaughter and grand disciple.

*Your eternal fallen granddaughter,
Karunamayi Devi Dasi*



 Our dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to you, 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
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desā-tarine*

WE HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING AN UNPRECEDENTED WORLD DISASTER as I write this offering to you: both the COVID 19 illness and the measures to contain it have left us more helpless than ever, something definitely designed by material nature to teach us severe lessons in humility, patience, tolerance, and love.

But across the world, Srila Prabhupada, even in these most challenging times, devotees can take shelter of you, your teachings and your ISKCON with all its vital spiritual resources. It is the power of the perfect process that you have given us, as well as your mercy and blessings that has ensured that we

are still thriving despite the difficulties.

We are eternally indebted to you, Srila Prabhupada, for this and everything else that you have done for, and given us. You are our hero and saviour in every way. Please always keep us in your loving devotional service. May we do our best to push on your preaching movement and support the wonderful devotees who are engaged in this service to you.

*Your insignificant servants of the servants,
Karuna-sakti dasi
and Omkhar Jugunanan*



 Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, who

is very dear to Lord Krishna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

 Karuna-sakti dasi
and Omkhar Jugunanan
Durban
South Africa

 Karuna-Sindhu Avatara Das
Rondebosch, Cape Town
South Africa

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*namas te sarasvate deve
gaura-vani-pracarine
nirviseṣa-sunyavadi-
pascatya-deṣa-tarīṇe*

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.

Contact with a pure devotee is extremely rare. I do not know why I'm this blessed to have met Srila Prabhupada and the devotees. I was wandering in the dark, drowning in the ocean of self-pity, then

you my dear Srila Prabhupada came to my rescue.

Your books have touched so many lives. We feel the love you've invested in each and every word. Just as one can see themselves when the sun is shining, similarly when the rays of your books shined upon me, I was able to see everything for what it really is and who I really am. No one but you has done this.

I can never repay you for what you have done, all I can do is offer you my small, insignificant life. Please accept it. All glories to you Srila Prabhupada.

Your servant

Karuna-Sindhu Avatara Das

Bhaktin Kashmira Goolab
Cape Town
South Africa



Hare Kṛṣṇa Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura.

All glories to your divine self on this most auspicious day of your appearance.

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī- pracārīṇe
nirvīṣeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deṣa-tārīṇe*

SRILA PRABHUPADA, as you are aware many countries have been under lockdown due to the Coronavirus outbreak. Despite this grave situation, due to your watchful, protective eye over your ISKCON, devotees have found alternate ways of being engaged in Krishna consciousness, and having constant association. Facebook and Zoom (amongst other social media platforms) have kept the kirtans and classes on going. It has been amazing to witness such faith and devotion due to your presence.

Srila Prabhupada I have heard that it is better to surround yourself with devotees; thereby distancing oneself from those who are not like-minded. Since we are in the material world Prabhupada, this is not easy to do as we are often in environments where the consciousness gets contaminated. An even closer example of this is that when I visit my parents. Even

though there is some level of worship, the situation is bleak. Srila Prabhupada you were so strong minded and determined to fulfill the instructions of your spiritual master which propelled you to leave your business, your home and your family. Unfortunately, none of us have that faith and determination to leave behind those things that bind us to the material world and do what is favourable for our Krishna consciousness. Srila Prabhupada I pray to you and to Kṛṣṇa to please guide my parents and make them realise that there is more to life than partaking in the rat race.

Srila Prabhupada early this year HG Srutakirti Prabhu visited the temple and we had the pleasure of hearing about the sweet pastimes he shared with you. I especially enjoyed hearing about the times he massaged you and imagined that it would have been

a blissful service to perform. I looked through the contents of a book he has written and came across a moment titled „you will be intelligent when you're eighty,“ which were the words you said to him when he knocked over a bottle of mustard seed oil when massaging you. After some time, you laughingly said to him, „That is an old phase we would say when we were young boys when someone did something foolish.“ With my father turning 70 next year and unfortunately being someone who has made many foolish decisions, your humorous phrase brings temporary solace that for some intelligence will only come at eighty!

Srila Prabhupada I am the daughter of that fool and so I am too a fool. Fortunately, by your mercy I have come to your ISKCON. Please can you always keep me under your shelter so that no matter what the material situation is, I may also be able to find a solution during difficulty, as your ISKCON has during this pandemic.

Srila Prabhupada I was listening to an online class given by HG Dinatarini Devi Dasi about HG Yamuna Devi Dasi. From what I recall she said that Yamuna Devi Dasi was very meticulous in her service to you. One day she had cleaned your room and when she was done, you asked whether she had cleaned because you opened a stapler and saw dust. This was nicely explained by HG Dinatarini Devi Dasi that the reason why you pointed this out was because you wanted to raise her to a greater level in her service. Srila Prabhupada we all need that. We all need to be able to perform devotional service on a level that is favourable to you and to Krsna.

Please continue to guide your disciples so that through them we don't remain fools in this material world.

*Begging for your mercy,
Bhaktin Kashmira Goolab*



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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, you are undoubtedly the greatest teacher that the world has ever seen. You are the one teacher for anything, for everything, for all times and for everyone - boldly teaching by example (an acarya), kindly leaving the world: voluminous books; dedicated and merciful disciples; facilities and processes; numerous Temples for Deity worship and devotee association; ISKCON the spiritual

movement to transcend materialism and to re-unite with the Supreme Personality of Godhead Sri Krsna.

Listed below are just some of the unlimited gifts that you magnanimously showered upon the living entities of the mortal world to rise to the eternal world of Vaikuntha:

- Hygiene: the daily processes of cleaning the gross material body, cleaning the subtle material body and re-establishing the purity of the conditioned spiritual soul.
- Communication: Profound / prolific use of the English language, the understanding and application of the Sanskrit language. Writing, speaking and actions - emphasising the practicing of what we preach.



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Springs
South Africa

- The greatest Science: The science of self-realisation. Simple living and higher thinking - the art of living. The transcendental sound vibration. The Vedic System - simplified.
- Relationships: Godhead, all living entities and myself - interactions and constitutional positions. Living the stages of life.
- Geography: The mapping of the vast universe we currently live in, the entire material creation and the unlimited spiritual world.
- Mathematics. Differentiation of the finite and the infinite. The time factors and phases.
- Economics: Absolute proprietorship, effective and efficient use of all resources, occupations according to natural characteristics.
- Leadership and Management: Extremely compassionate and tolerant yet simultaneously as stern as can be, equality, intelligent and knowledgeable in every aspect and in all respects. Bold, determination, enthusiasm, dedication, respectful, graceful, honesty - the heart of true leaders leading by example. Walk the talk. No pain no gain. Working smart. Relevant application of rigid / uncompromising principles according to time, place and circumstances - Srila Prabhupada, these are exemplary qualities you lived and left for the world to follow.

Srila Prabhupada, you are so lovable, so humorous, so approachable, so reliable and so protectable - you are eternally full of knowledge and bliss. Fun to be with, want to be with.

All glories, all glories to you Srila Prabhupada.

*The insignificant servant of your merciful servants,
Kasi Misra Das (disciple of His Holiness Partha
Sarathi Das Goswami Maharaja)*

14th June 2020



Kavita Ranjit
Cape Town
South Africa



Hare Krishna
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you 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*

DEAR PRABHUPADA, happy Vyasa-puja.

2020 has been an interesting year, this pandemic has changed a lot of people's lives.

Through this I sometimes wish that I had your strength. What you overcame to bring Krishna Consciousness to us is unbelievable and would have been impossible for an ordinary person.


This past year my bhakti has grown in leaps and bounds, but I have an extremely long way to go. Because I want to hold on and try to control things,

I have also realized that when I let go and surrender unto Krishna, Krishna comes and shows me the path. But I am so steeped in maya that the next issue that arises I again try to control and hold on.

Please Srila Prabhupada shower your blessings upon me so that I may become a better devotee, and my bhakti can grow every day.

*Your humble servant,
Bhaktin Kavita Ranjit*



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

*nr-deham adyam su-labham su-durlabham
plavam su-kalpam guru-karnadharam
mayanukulena nabhasvateritam
puman bhavabdhim na taret sa atma-ha*

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

Purport: The human body, which is obtained after passing through many inferior forms, is created in such a way that it can award the highest perfection of life. A human being is supposed to serve the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and the bona fide spiritual master is the appropriate guide for such service. The causeless mercy of Lord Krsna is compared to favorable winds that help the boat of the body to ply smoothly on the course back home, back to Godhead. Lord Krsna gives His personal

instructions in Vedic literature, speaks through the bona fide spiritual master, and encourages, warns and protects His sincere devotee from within the devotee's heart. Such merciful guidance of the Lord moves a sincere soul quickly on the path back to Godhead. But one who cannot understand that the human body is a suitable boat for crossing the ocean of material existence will see no need to accept a captain in the form of the spiritual master and will not at all appreciate the favorable winds of the Lord's mercy. He has no chance of achieving the goal of human life. Acting against his own self-interest, he gradually becomes the killer of his own soul. SB 11.20.17

As a child, I enjoyed watching adventure movies. They always intrigued me and kept me on edge. I particularly liked a film series called Pirates of the Caribbean. It is based on the adventures of pirates. Typically, there is a treasure that the pirates hear about then venture to find the treasure. It fascinated me how they would sail through the difficult seas

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and risk their lives to find this treasure. A part of me growing up wanted to always experience an adventure like they did in the series. Little did I know that I would one day find a captain that would lead me to the greatest of greatest treasure and that treasure is the chanting of the holy name and the Vedic scriptures, and that spiritual master is you Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for being the best captain to sail the boat of Krishna consciousness through the nescience of Maya. I am so grateful to have connected with you. I really have no clue where I would have been today if it wasn't for you. Thank you Srila Prabhupada. Associating with your devotees, reading your books, chanting the holy name, following the instructions of my Guru and honouring prasadam is the best treasures a fallen soul like

myself could find.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, may I request you to please give me your blessings to understand and put into practice that the human body is a suitable boat for crossing the ocean of material existence, and the need to accept a captain in the form of the spiritual master. Also, may I request you to please help me strengthen my faith and appreciate the favourable winds of the Lords mercy. Please also bless me that I may stay under the shelter of your pure devotees, engaged in your service, remain the servant of the servant (*dasa-dasanudasah*), and that I may be able to always remember Krishna and never forget him.

*Your most undeserving servant,
Keli Lalita Devi Dasi*



Kesi Ghata Das
Syama rati Devi Dasi
and Raghunath
Durban
South Africa



Dear beloved Srila Prabhupada,

WHERE DO WE BEGIN to show our gratitude to you...?

Let's firstly begin with the panic over this pandemic... and all the rippling dilemmas hereof, and now racial discrimination... the world is in chaos. Your books have already stated this future and you provided the remedy and peace formula for all these miseries. Only those that obtained the shelter of your ISKCON can maintain their sobriety. Your books and your disciples are daily helping us through social media. You Jagat Guru has already "build a house for the whole to live in peacefully".

HG Smita Krsna Prabhu recently asked little Raghunath to say a few words during this lockdown and he quoted "Rakhe krsna mare ke, mare krsna rakhe ke – 'If Krsna wants to kill you, who can save you? Nobody can save you. And if Krsna wants to protect you, who can kill you?' Srila Prabhupada he

was able to understand this dilemma through influence of your teachings.

Despite not being able to visit our beloved Sri Sri Radha Radhanatha Temple, by your mercy devotees are at least able to chant, dance, read and feast at home. All religions and living beings can now see that a higher force is in charge. People are forced to halt from their chaotic routines, constant spending and acquiring wealth.


The positive sign through this all is that Mother Earth, Ganga devi, and *Yamuna* devi are now being cleansed. Your devotees were praised for distribution of prasadam to the vastly needy amidst this world threatening pandemic.

Thank you for taking the time to come to South Africa and planting this bhakti-latā-bīja that we are all currently benefiting from now. We beg that

you pray for our Gurus, Temples and for all of us to be brave through this calamity. Begging to always remain engaged in your mission.

*Your eternally grateful grandchildren,
Kesi-ghata Dasa, Syama Rati Devi Dasi and
Raghunatha*



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

TODAY, I would like to extend my gratitude to A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada for being there for us and giving us this wonderful and beautiful International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

Thank you, Guru Maharaj, for always leading us in every step we take. Thank you for setting the foundation of deity worship, for teaching us that simple living, but higher thinking is key. Thank you for making us aware and showing us that everything belongs to Krishna.

Thank you for giving us knowledge through all your beautiful books. Thank you for guiding us on our spiritual journey. Thank you for making the principles easy and simple to follow. Thank you for encouraging us to chant our rounds and to do deity service.

I am grateful for all your teachings and morals.

May your soul be liberated knowing you are with Sri Radha and Krishna. May Lord Krishna shower his richest blessings upon you always. May you always have the mercy of Sri Sri Nitai Gaura.


I place my humble obeisances at your feet and humbly ask you to have mercy upon me. I bow my head down at your lotus feet and ask you always to protect and guide me. Thank you isn't enough to express our gratitude towards you.

Srila Prabhupada Ki Jai! Jai Shree Radha Madhava! Jai Shree Narashima Dev! Jai Shree Nitai Gauranga! Nitai Gaura Haribol!

*Your servants,
Kevaam Naransammy
and Yarushka Naransammy*

 Kevaam Naransammy
and Yarushka Naransammy
Alberton
South Africa



 My Dearest Srila Prabhupada, I offer my respectful obeisances unto Your Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, who is very dear to Lord Sri Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet. Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet. All glories to Lord Jagannatha, Baladeva and Subhadra Maharani. All glories to Your Divine Grace on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

"HE BUILT A HOUSE IN WHICH THE WHOLE WORLD CAN LIVE" undoubtedly captures your efforts to unite everyone under the banner of Krishna consciousness.

My dear Srila Prabhupada I was born in your movement and by your genuine love and compassion

for me, through your books and lectures I have realised my good fortune and that is to stay in your ISKCON movement. Where I am completely protected and safe from the onslaughts of Kali-yuga.

Dear Srila Prabhupada when I look at the other processes that are offered in the name of spirituality,

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I am often saddened by the misfortune of people who did not take to this glorious process.

Thank you dear Srila Prabhupada for affording me this opportunity to perform a spec of service in your glorious movement. I pray for your mercy and

blessings, please help me to continue serving your movement.

*Your granddaughter,
Kirti Dasi*

Kishore Jagdeep
Chatsworth
South Africa


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



THANK YOU for bringing Krishna consciousness into our home and lives and enlightening us with the sweet scriptures, which is eternally blissful.

*Your well-wishing servant forever. Haribol!
Kishore Jagdeep*

Kisori Gopika Devi Dasi
Phoenix Temple
Mauritius

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your Divine self



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

WHEN I FIRST ENTERED A HARE KRISHNA TEMPLE, I wondered why do Hare Krishna people have a statue of an old man sitting cross-legged in front of the deities? At that point, I did not realise that it was by your mercy that I had entered the temple and that you are ever-present in your deity form in every temple across the world.

It is amazing how your teachings and your books have endured the test of time and how new devotees who have never met you, develop a strong bond with you. I realized that this is due to your unflinching devotion and loyalty towards your spiritual master, the teachings of all great souls in our disciplic succession and towards Krishna. You never desired disciples for your own glorification or tampered with the Vedas to gain followers. Whenever a milestone was achieved; with tears in your eyes, you

would attribute it to your spiritual master's mercy; you said it was Krishna's magic.

You could have peacefully spent your final days in Vrindavan but your spiritual master's instructions were engraved in your heart and mind. By boarding the Jaladuta with only Rs 40, you demonstrated fearlessness, determination and faith in your spiritual master and the Supreme Personality of Godhead. As I read about your first days in the Bowery and your meetings with your first disciples; I realised the extent of your sacrifice and endurance and how you embodied patience, tolerance, compassion and love for all.

Srila Prabhupada, I will remain forever grateful to you; devoid of your mercy; I would have been leading a miserable materialistic life. Devoid of your mercy, there would have been no temples providing


us shelter, no ecstatic kirtans and dancing with devotees, no Srimad Bhagavatam or Bhagavad Gita providing us solace and guidance in our troubled lives, no association of devotees to uplift us; there would have been no sense of purpose to this life. As you constantly mention, this world is a place of misery but you have so mercifully given us ways to protect ourselves and navigate the violent waters of this ocean of misery. In Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 2, you mention “only a pure devotee of the Lord can show one the right way of progressive life”. That

pure devotee is you and through your books, teachings and through devotees across the world, the love and compassion that you embodied is flowing constantly like a river. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I beg and pray for your mercy so that I always remain in your movement and serve your movement in whatever capacity I can.

*Your aspiring servant,
Kisori Gopika Devi Dasi*



 I offer my respectful obeisances to his grace Srila Prabhupada.


WE THANK YOU for your positive contribution to humanity and the world at large. Krishna consciousness is the greatest blessing you have bestowed upon us as devotees. We continue to be absorbed in the nectar of love and devotion through the mercy of

Lord Krishna.

*Hare Krishna.
Kribashni Reddy*

 Kribashni Reddy
Durban
South Africa



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

THERE'S NEVER ENOUGH WORDS TO DESCRIBE YOUR GLORIES, but I pray that whatever comes forth are words from the deep recesses of my heart.

We are currently going through the most difficult of times, dealing with a pandemic known as the Covid-19 coronavirus. All our Temples are on 'lockdown', with very little or no physical association. It is really devastating for my sadhana, but your books are my only solace. Your books have always been my saving grace. Many times, you emphasised this world is temporary and dangerous. You do it because you know we have short term memory.

Thank you for continuously reminding me of my short comings.

So, for my offering on this year's Vyasa-puja, I would like to appreciate your constant reminders. My dull-headed and stubbornness needs this. I am so grateful for your perseverance with this hopeless case.

My amnesia is slowly dissipating...

Thank you.

*Your ever-indebted servant of the servant,
Kripamoya das*

 Kripamoya das
Durban
South Africa

Krishna Katha Das
Vacoas
Mauritius



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Hare Krishna.
Please accept my humble obeisance's at your lotus feet.

THE FIRST TIME I READ YOUR BOOKS on the internet, I said to myself, „It's so logical. What a great man, he is that person!“ Well, you have made this philosophy available to all of us in such a simple, logical and authoritative manner that any sincere person who read your books will immediately become purified and show great appreciation for this great transcendental literary work.

As you said, „Philosophy is important but more important is its application.“

By the mercy of Guru and Gauranga, I have been connected to the Sampradaya and it is my duty to first of all read, understand and apply these teachings in my life and secondly preach the message without any adulteration and self-motivation.



In this context, I am humbly requesting you to please help me to never deviate from your teachings and to simply repeat your words. In this way I would not be an unqualified recipient in the chain of guru and disciple, but a protector of the teachings coming down in disciplic succession.

Please use me as instrument to push forward this sublime movement and create a spiritual revolution wherever I go.

Happy Vyasa-puja 2020. All glories to you and your sincere followers.

Your servant,
Krishna Katha Das

Krishna Sakha Das
Lalmatie
Mauritius



My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.

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

ON THE AUSPICIOUS OCCASION OF YOUR VYASA-PUJA, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to you. You are the dearest son of His Divine Grace Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur since you took his order as your life's mission.

You took the trouble to cross the Atlantic Ocean at such an advanced age and that also in a cargo ship, only to preach Krishna Consciousness. As Gauranga Mahaprabhu's Senapati bhakta, you have been successful. As a result, many fortunate souls like me

have learnt how to cross over the ocean of material nescience, which is full of miseries, and also how to return home - back to Godhead.

From your *Lilamrta* by His Holiness Satsvarupa Maharaj, I recall how you single-handedly started writing articles for *Back to Godhead* magazine, went to press for publication and then you distributed them personally. Once you even fainted while distributing those magazines due to excessive heat in Delhi.



Srila Prabhupada, your life is an excellent source of inspiration for all of us. You said that if we want to please you, we should distribute your books. So as a humble service, I am distributing *Back to Godhead* magazines for your pleasure.


Srila Prabhupada, always keep me under the

shade of your lotus feet.

All Glories to ISKCON, which is your body, BBT your heart and BTG your soul.

The servant of your servants,
Krishna Sakha Das



 Hare Krsna,
Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisance. All glories unto you.

DEAREST SRILA PRABHUPADA, THANK YOU for allowing this fool to enter your abode. By your mercy, you allowed your son to give me shelter at his lotus feet.

Currently, the entire world is engulfed in this pandemic. Everyone is either panicking or on the verge of panicking. However, thanks to you allowing me to enter your abode, my family and I seem to have a mature approach in that we are using this time to reflect on our spiritual lives rather than focussing on this pandemic. The Supreme controller will do as He sees fit. We can only take all safety precautions and focus on our spiritual life. Once again, this is only thanks to you for showing us the way.

You sacrificed so much just to give us an opportunity of going back home. You gave us so much through your books and your lectures that saying thanks is not enough.

However, I need more than the average devotee because I am so fallen. Please bless me, with your mercy, so that I can render service to the congregation members; to my spiritual master; unto you and


to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari. Please bless me that I can execute the instructions of my spiritual master.

Together with another devotee from my area, we are trying to progress our Namahatta. Please bless our Namahatta, and the devotees and give them all your mercy so that they can become very nice Krsna Conscious devotees. They are basically good people but need that little bit of your mercy to make them good devotees. Some are tittering on the border of taking initiation, and by your mercy, they will be able to take that next step.

Srila Prabhupada, I remain indebted to you for the rest of my material lives. I hope to one day serve your lotus feet in Goloka Vrindavan because this will qualify me to serve the Lotus Feet of Sri Krsna. Once again, please be merciful to this fool and guide me back home.

Your servant forever,
Krishnacandra Das



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

ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER CRISIS on a Global scale - it is merely another distraction. There are so

many distractions from unnecessary conversations, unnecessary stimulation of the senses and

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unnecessary pursuits. If there's anything the current state of society inflicted widespread restrictions has taught me, is that this is a blessing and not even in disguise.

Disease and death are moments away but now there's a heightened sensitivity and this is beneficial and conducive to the practice of bhakti.

Perspective is rare and unappreciated- however this time of fear brings clarity into the plan of Krishna and the power of Krishna and the futility of materialization.

All of the above can only be understood by appreciating the teachings of Your Divine Grace.

Without your guiding principles, direction, and timeless words we would be lost to the dystopian fear that has gripped the planet. By carefully reading and listening to your teachings one has the good fortune to wield a torch of knowledge, to help us navigate through the madness and hold onto the hope that emanates from your true followers and your legacy.

May we always remain in the shelter of your soothing society.

Your servants, Prema-vanya devi dasi, Bhakta Gambhira-Caitanya and Krishna-Candra das

Krishnachandra
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

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 Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanya deva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

I am truly grateful for the causeless mercy you've showered upon me. I sometimes think how is this possible? How has this wretched, fallen soul been able to get your divine shelter and mercy?

I've been wandering aimlessly in this material world for who knows how long. I have been given this second chance only by your causeless mercy. You have mercifully revealed this wonderful process of Krsna consciousness to me and without it I cannot

imagine what my life would be like.

You state in your purport to SB 10.1.69 "Glorifying the Lord and glorifying the Lord's devotees are the same. Or, rather, glorifying the devotee is more important than glorifying the Lord directly. Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura explains this fact: *chāplai vaiḷlains thi, nistāra pāyeche kebā*. One cannot be liberated from material contamination without sincerely serving a devotee of Krsna". So, I am humbly praying to you to always keep me engaged in serving and glorifying the vaishnavas so that I may one day become your true servant.

On this most auspicious day I would like to express my humble appreciation towards you. You have spread this wonderful process of Krsna consciousness all over the world. You have given so much to us and you continue to keep on giving. You have left us with your instructions, books, teachings

and most importantly your wonderful legacy. It continues to burn brightly and inspire many devotees to push forward your movement.

I pray to get the dust from your lotus feet, and I hope to make some small contribution to your

movement by serving the vaishnavas and the holy Dham. I bow down to your lotus feet.

Your eternal servant,

Krishnachandra



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to Your Divine Grace! All glories to your all-auspicious Vyasa-puja day!

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IT IS YOUR LOVE THAT EMBOLDENS AND EMPOWERS. It is your love that keeps me steady and bound. It is your love that provides me an unshakable shelter amidst my doubt of the existence of any shelter at all.

The purity of your love has taught me to trust Your Divine Grace unconditionally and to have unwavering faith in every word you say. I often wonder how this extent of trust is possible for me, since personal and universal experience has ascertained that unconditional, unreserved trust is unwise and, often times, dangerous. How could I be capable of such a degree of trust?

I am capable of trusting you in this way, so unreservedly, Srila Prabhupada, because you revealed yourself fully, and in doing so, gloriously exhibited your pure heart, inundated with an inconceivable depth. At every moment, you disclosed your powerful fixture on your Guru Maharaja and on Krishna. I keep learning more and more about your personality, and with every bit that I learn, I only feel safer and safer in my surrender to you. I feel more and more

protected by you. I feel more deeply determined that I want to be with you forever, and ever-increasingly excited that this is factually how the absolute reality works. I can be with you forever! I can serve you forever and be the servant of your loyal, indescribably profound servants – my spiritual masters – forever.

Thank you for bestowing upon us the perfect meaning of love and the ideal illustration of how this love is to be put into action. Thank you so much for allowing your potent mercy to flow in the lives of some of my friends and my professor with whom I have been sharing your books. I pray to you with all my heart that you may please use me to help others find their place in your and Lord Chaitanya's service, so that they may discover unimaginable joy and may increase your and Lord Chaitanya's pleasure by their service.

Your small servant,

Krishnarupa Sewsunker



Krishnarupa Sewsunker

Durban

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Krsangi Radhe dasi 🌍
Amanzimtoti
South Africa



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

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I SIT TO WRITE WITH GREAT TREPIDATION as I am so in awe of your magnanimous character. As the years go by, I become even more aware of your great character and of your divine power to create a society that has spread its footprint across the globe.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, the year 2020 has not been anything that we had hope for. The world suffers and recovers from a great pandemic and temples have been closed, preaching and sanga have taken a shift to online platforms. It is so difficult not to take personal darshan of the deities and have association. Festivals and programs have to be adapted to virtual territory. What is so amazing during this time is that the entire ISKCON community has still been able to keep intact - to still enjoy association, hearing and chanting together.

Srila Prabhupada back in the days when there was limited technology and you used the mighty pen and sturdy typewrite to write and communicate. You managed to compile a library of articles, books and magazines and design, construct and build temples and keep your disciples inspired all at the same time. Nowadays just thinking of all of that seems to be daunting - yet over time - we have managed to enjoy easier communication methods, simplified building methods and have so many structures to support the ISKCON projects.

In South Africa, I have been focusing on developing a support structure for Vaishnavi's who are able to connect through a safe and inspired space. The Vaishnavi Ministry has become a key focus area within my service ambit, and I am trying to please you by keeping the women within the society engaged, inspired and also feeling protected. To date

we have hosted several online discussions on various topics and have set-up women's forum groups to support each centre.

As the world is not only plagued with a virus that hits the ground hard, we are also facing so many other challenges. The formula that you have shared throughout the world stands testimony that our healing rests in our chanting. We understand that as servants of the Supreme Personality of Godhead and as servants of our guru, we let go of the false ego that is attached to the material body. With this understanding we are able to be free of the attachment of relationships that cause sadness and focus on the real meaning of life. We focus on what is important, understanding our constitutional position and then striving to achieve perfection in our lives.

Today and every day I wish to offer you're my complete gratitude Srila Prabhupada, for allowing us to be a part of this wonderful ISKCON. Thank you for selflessly (through hardship and austerity) spreading the word of Krishna consciousness, so that we are able to benefit and live blissful and happy lives in service.

During this pandemic we are able to experience a glimpse of austerity and uncertainty. We are able to process the flinching spirit of life which places the entire Vedic scripture into perspective. Our gratitude Srila Prabhupada extends to you for keeping us safe, allowing us shelter through wisdom and knowledge and reviving our eternal relationship with guru and Gauranga.

*Your aspiring servant,
Krsangi Radhe dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance.
All glories to you Srila Prabhupada on this very auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja 2020.

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

MY LIFE HAS BEEN QUITE STORMY since my mother left my brother and I in February 2010, I pray that you will always protect me like you have all this time.

By the mercy of Srimati Radharani and Lord Krsna, along with the guidance of your teachings and the support of my father, I have grown into a strong and independent young woman. I have learnt that strength isn't about how much you can handle before you break, rather it is about how much you can endure after you've been broken.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for being there when we were alone, for helping me remain strong and to keep on moving forward despite the obstacles, and thank you for giving me the best blessing I could ever have wished for. Mother Earth has gifted us wonderful wildflowers that are there to remind us that life doesn't always have to grow according to our plan's, and it will still turn out to be quite

beautiful. You have always been there for me and held me high for 20 years, and I know that you will always do so; you've made me see the light within the darkness. You have taught me that we should always be kind, because everyone we meet is fighting a battle that no one knows anything about.

I pray that you will help me find the confidence to believe in myself to be who I truly need to be, to peruse my personal calling and to have no fear. I pray that I may be fearless like you my dear Srila Prabhupada. Your life isn't yours if you constantly care about what others think; train your mind to see the good in every situation because when you focus on the good then the good gets better.

*Thank you Srila Prabhupada.
Your humble servant,
Krsna Karuna Devi Dasi*



Krsna Karuna Devi Dasi
Tableview, Cape Town
South Africa



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

THANK YOU for appearing in this most demeaned planet amidst this most degraded age. Your mercy through the introduction to Lord Caitanya is the only hope for the millions of conditioned souls in going back home, back to Godhead.

You could have stayed in Vrindavan and blissfully executed your devotional service to your

beloved Sri Sri Radha Syamasundara, but rather, you traveled to the western world having implicit faith in your Guru Maharaj. This exemplifies your statement, "Preaching is the essence." Your disciples and grand disciples continue to follow in your footsteps by organizing major preaching programs throughout the world.



Krsna Kesava Dasa
and Madhavi Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

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Due to our foolishness, we are constantly haunted by desires not configured for spiritual advancement. This mental state can only be rectified when one surrenders to your divine instructions. One of your most important instructions is, to distribute your books. It's also evident that in addition to distributing your books, we also have to read, study and understand them. "They think that these books are for distributing only, but I have written them so that all the devotees can read it also."

- Prabhupada Toshani.

Srila Prabhupada, on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, we pray that you cast your most compassionate glance enabling us to do what's pleasing to you so that it becomes a compass in our perilous journey through this material world.

*Your servants eternally,
Krsna Kesava Dasa and Madhavi Devi Dasi*

Krsnaloka Dasi 
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

IN HONORING AND EXPRESSING MY FULL GRATITUDE to His Divine A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, our Founder Acharya and Spiritual Master, I offer my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.

You have given us the holy name of Krsna and taught me the love of Godhead. I am deeply indebted to you and will sincerely serve ISKCON. You have given us the ripened fruit - the Srimad-Bhagvatam and Bhagvad-gita which is full of knowledge. You have travelled throughout the world preaching the

love of Radha and Krsna at an age where most would retire. Words cannot describe the admiration that I have for your service. You have taught me the importance of devotional service in our everyday lives by dovetailing it with Krsna consciousness. I express my deepest gratitude for opening my eyes which was previously blinded by the darkness of ignorance.

*Your humble servant
Krsnaloka Dasi*

Krsnapriya Naidoo 
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

I WANT TO THANK YOU for everything that you have given us. You gave something that is priceless. You gave us the Maha-mantra, you gave us shelter and you gave us Krsna. Thank you for everything.

*Your Servant,
Krsnapriya Naidoo*



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

AS USUAL IT IS AN HONOUR AND PRIVILEGE TO OFFER OUR GRATITUDE and express our love and loyalty to your divine grace.

You incorporated the International Society for Krishna Consciousness in year 1966. While reading your books over the years, I was figuring out the broader meaning of «Krishna Consciousness» that is Krishna Bhavna -amrita-sanga. To revive the inherent character of love for Krishna in the association devotees.

In (CC. Antya-lila 16.1)

*vande sri-krsna-caitanyam krsna-bhavam-
rtam hiyah
asvadyasvadayam bhaktan prema-diksam
asiksayat*

Translation: *Let me offer my respectful obeisances unto Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, who personally tasted the nectar of ecstatic love for Krsna and then instructed His devotees how to taste it. Thus He*

enlightened them about ecstatic love of Krsna to initiate them into transcendental knowledge.

Trying to understand the deep feeling and pain you have undergone through to established ISKCON to execute the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, we feel indebted and at the same time fortunate enough to assist you in the humble way to distribute this transcendental knowledge through your books.

As you always say in your lectures «unless there is love between we cannot execute

devotional service, to taste that nectar (Nama amrita). We pray to your divine grace on this auspicious day to always keep us in ISKCON under your guidelines and serve your mission through book distribution.

Thank you very much.

*Your humble servants,
At Bhaktivedanta Library Services,
Kunjabihari das and Ananga Manjari devi dasi*



Kunjabihari das
and Ananga Manjari devi dasi
Quatre-Bornes
Mauritius



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All Glories to your holy appearance day Srila Prabhupada.

I AM ASKING MY GRANDSON RADHANATH to type this letter for me as my offering.

My life thus far has been a very painful one. Not many people know the various sufferings I have endured from my childhood into marriage also with my physically challenged Son -Rakesh and lastly over the past 10 years helping with my grandchildren.

I was hoping to write a story about the various things I went through as a woman, but time is

running out. My health is declining, and I can't to do the services I wished to.

Maybe I will be judged but you know I am happy to serve. Now the Covid-19 virus means that I cannot go to temple. My life would be empty had it not been for your ISKCON. Chanting makes me happy.

Thank you for being there always and thank you for keeping my son Rasaraj strong so that he can care for his children Krsna Karuna and Radhanath. He does his best for everybody, but his problems don't



Aundhoora Ishwarlall Manohar
Tableview, Cape Town
South Africa

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seem to end. He is my first-born child - premature and as his mother I know his pain also. But your mercy keeps him and all of us going.

Hare Krishna
Aundhoora Ishwarlall Manohar



Lalita Gopal Devi Dasi
New Jaganath Puri Temple, Durban
South Africa



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada, Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Their Lordships Sri Sri Jaganatha, Baladev and Subhadra Maharani.
All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, this most lost and fallen soul has finally found her purpose in life through your ISKCON movement. The amount of bliss I have received from being a part of Krishna consciousness is insurmountable. Srila Prabhupada as you are aware of our current situation in this material world, we are all separated from our temples and work areas. For some it's been a misery, but for me, it has allowed me to get up to date with my japa, which took a toll when Vaishnavi was born. I have even managed to increase my rounds through the mercy of Guru and Gauranga.

Our Home worship has become so consistent and wonderfully rendered. Srila Prabhupada, I really want to thank you for my dear Gurudev, His Holiness

Bhakti Caitanya Swami Maharaj. He has allowed us to keep our sanity in this insane world. His online japa sessions and discourses seem more intimate even though there is no physical appearance. All of this is you Srila Prabhupada that has made it possible. You are truly the Savior of this material world. Srila Prabhupada I bow down to over and over again for allowing this soul to be a part of you and your movement. Please bless me so that whatever I do, I do for pleasure of Guru and Gauranga. I love you Srila Prabhupada and I am ever so grateful to you my Savior.

*Your most undeserving servant,
Lalita Gopal Devi Dasi*



Lokanath das
Prema Sarova dasi
Madhava Caitanya
Gauteng
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswathi Thakur.

AS WE GO THROUGH LIFE we keep getting reminded of how your mercy has changed our lives and how your mercy and influence is affecting our lives in a most wonderful way.

With the current global pandemic we are appreciating how Krsna consciousness is the only real shelter in life.

Through your sincere and serious servants, who are giving us shelter with online classes about Krsna's pastimes, the process of devotional service and chanting, as well as practical guidance and

association via these channels, we have been feeling your mercy more than even before the lock down and pandemic started. This has given us immense hope and renewed faith in the fact that you, your society, your followers, your mission and your process are not fallible soldiers but rather these transcendental facilities and assets are worthy of our eternal surrender.

We are very grateful to you for the priceless gifts you have given us and we pray to you on this most auspicious day of your appearance that we may

develop deeper appreciation for what you have given us and that we may endeavour with great determination to drink deeply and to our full satisfaction from the endless nectar that you have made available to us in the form of the chanting of the holy name and hearing from realized souls. We pray that we may render humble service to you and your mission and to your followers and in some way do

something pleasing to you. This is the perfection of our life.

Praying to come closer to you in separation.

*Your servants,
Lokanath das, Prema Sarova dasi,
Madhava Caitanya*



 My humble obeisances to His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada,


 **Luresha Pillay**
Durban
South Africa

I EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE in reading your divine spiritual texts. Thank you for sharing these divine words of wisdom with me. I endeavor to serve you and fulfill my duties towards reaching an

enlightened level of Krsna consciousness.

*Haribol.
Luresha Pillay*



 Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my sincere and humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga.

 **Lusibalwethu Sesanti**
Stellenbosch
South Africa

I HAVE BEEN SITTING IN FRONT OF MY COMPUTER SCREEN for the last couple of weeks, trying to figure out what to tell you. Trying to put what is in my heart into words. I have found it difficult to do so and find it difficult still.

themselves in the distress caused by the intolerance and mistreatment of your devotees based on the colour of their skin, social standing, gender identification and who they love.

You see, my dear spiritual grandfather, I am meant to take Harinama initiation very soon after I will have written this letter to you. I should only be feeling bliss at the prospect of this most wonderful occasion of officially being a part of your home.

Srila Prabhupada, your children are hurting and they are hurting badly, but I have faith. I have faith in this practice of Bhakti that you have dedicated your life to. I have faith in you as our spiritual master. I have faith that Krishna will protect us all.

Instead, I find myself at somewhat of crossroads. While I am to be receiving this benediction, there are others who feel they cannot or will not, having left this movement. Some have left despite being initiated. You once said that internal tensions would be what would break this home that you have built. I fear that these tensions have revealed

Please help us, Srila Prabhupada. Illuminate the eyes of those who discriminate and give them the eyes to see the spirit soul within the body. Give them the potency to relish in the gift that is diversity. They are fallible and imperfect, as we all are.

Please soothe the hearts of those who have suffered. Whether they are still with us or not, or have found solace elsewhere, and especially if they have

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not. Please be our mediator to Krishna and ask Him that He enter our hearts so that we may heal and fight against injustice and become true devotional warriors. I have none of the potency that Srimati Draupadi or Prahlaḍ Maharaj had, to invoke Krishna's mercy, but I can only hope that Krishna will save us all from this calamity, by your kind care and love for us. We only want to be able to bring others to this home that you have built. Please be my strength as I use this African female body to preach where others may not be able to.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, my only wish is to be an instrument of Krishna's peace. Please bless me. I cannot change this world alone. I need every single one of your devotee warriors with me. We cannot do it divided. Divided, *maya* will conquer.

I should be writing of your glories! I should only be praising you in this letter, for the incredible service you have given to humanity. But if I cannot beg you, if I cannot be sincere, honest and vulnerable before you who has saved me, what hope have I left?

For all that you have done, whether we see it or not, know that I am thankful. Know that words will never be enough to show you how thankful I am. I can only hope that my life from here on, in your

service, will at least begin to scratch the surface of that gratitude.

Srila Prabhupada, you are a light in my life. The strength where I fail to cultivate it, and my only hope. Thank you for the eternal gift that is ISKCON - your body. I pray that we may all rise to the occasion and reach the platform in which we can treat it with the sincere care it deserves. We are because you are. Thank you for sending me my beloved spiritual master and your son, whose mercy on me is like a soothing balm to the heart. Thank you for cultivating a spiritual home in this place of material misery, in which I can find shelter. Please bless me that I may be of service in broadening that shelter where it has yet to reach.

If there is one thing I may ask of you, I beg not for myself, but for your devotees who want nothing more than to serve you and our beloved Sri Sri Radha and Krishna, please help us, help them, help me clear the obstacles that we face. Please help us yield the outcome as per your desire, and that of the Divine Couple.

*Your worthless servant who will continue trying,
Bhaktin Lusibalwethu Sesanti*



Madhusneha Dāsī 
Lone Hill
South Africa



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

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasyajñānāñjana-śalākayā
caḡsur unmlitaṁ yenatasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

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
I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.

They say that a father is kind to his children, kinder to his grandchildren
and the kindest to his great grandchildren. I am fortunate to be your great grand-
daughter.

You have taken care of me in ways I will never be deserving of.

You have taught me lessons in the kindest ways.
You have shown me what it means to love in the most unconditional ways.
You have protected me.
You have given my life meaning.
You have given me everything I never knew I loved.
You have given me home.
My words are so inadequate, and so is my contribution to our relationship.
I am always taking but have nothing significant to offer to you.
I promise to keep trying, but until that day please don't let go of me.
Thank you for being my touch light.

*Your Great Granddaughter,
Madhusneha Dāsi*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada
Please accept our humble obeisance.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

THANK YOU for providing us with the means, the facilities, the opportunities and the knowledge to perform devotional service to Lord Krishna and his wonderful devotees.

Please forgive us for our ignorance and foolishness for not taking full advantage of the platform that you have provided for us to go back home back to Godhead. Therefore, dearest Srila Prabhupada we humbly beg and pray for your blessings, so we become more eager and determined to reach Goloka

Vrindavan.

May we always be blessed with the association of Lord Krishna's wonderful devotees and may we always be blessed with devotional service and most of all may we always be blessed with the enthusiasm to perform devotional service.

*Your most fallen servants
Maha Prasad das, Madhurya Bhakti Dasi,
Kamisha, Shenreka and Abhay Charan*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to your Vyasa-puja.
The title of my 2020 offering: "what a lot I got."

CURRENTLY, I AM LIVING IN THE NORTH COAST and working at Nkosi High School. It is not easy being away from ISKCON in so many ways. But these are choices which I made on my own and due to the vice of Maya's agents.

It has been ten long years since I last saw my son, Radhanath, and daughter, Krsna Karuna.

Please remember all the services I have done for you before and shower me a glance of mercy.

It has been ten long years since I last served or



Maha Prasad das
Madhurya Bhakti Dasi
Kamisha, Shenreka
and Abhay Charan
La Mercy
Durban



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North Coast, Durban
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touched my deities, Nitai Gaurasundara, and your murti form. I sometimes wonder how Rasaraj is taking care of my children, my deities and your murti form.


I have made a new life now, but it is difficult

to forget how I used to serve within your ISKCON at one time.

*Your servant,
Mahabhav Devi Dasi*



Mahaprasad Govinda Das
and Mani Mani Manjari Devi Dasi
Addis Ababa
Ethiopia

 Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of Your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you on this most auspicious day of Your Divine Grace's appearance.

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

I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila 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.

Taking this opportunity, on your glorious appearance day and the celebration of your auspicious 2020 Vyasa-puja, I humbly offer my sincere gratitude for the unlimited kindness and mercy you have showered upon my humble self, my family and the entire world.

Your glories are limitless making it impossible to adequately glorify you either in speech or in writing. Although I am incapable to fully realize and describe any of your glorious qualities, by Your Divine Grace and the Lord's kindness, I am sure "a lame man can scale a mountain and the dumb can speak eloquently."

In this humble homage, I sincerely want to offer my heartfelt gratitude for blessing us with your unparalleled and inimitable transcendental books.

It is said that "When you give someone a book,

you don't just give them a set of papers, ink and glue. You however give them the chance to change their entire life." In the same way, there is no doubt that the lives of every one of us who are humbly trying to follow in your footsteps, have been totally transformed due to your transcendental books.

You have often emphasized the importance of your book publication and distribution. You have instructed us that by always reading your books and chanting the holy names, our lives will become fully transformed and remain perfect.

You also said "Although I am practically on the path of death, I still cannot forget about my publications. I wish that if I live or die you should take care of my publications very seriously."

At BBT Africa, we pray for your unlimited blessings to be showered upon us in order to continue publishing, distributing and translating your transcendental books to the various languages, and print and distribute them throughout the continent of Africa in abundance. I am always encouraged by your divine words, where you say "As long as you are reading my books, the sun is unable to take your life away. So, if you constantly read, then where is the opportunity of the sun taking your life? That means you are becoming immortal".

When you first began the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, you wrote about the seven purposes of the society. One of them was “To systematically propagate spiritual knowledge to society at large and to educate all people in the techniques of spiritual life in order to check the imbalances of values in life and to achieve real unity and peace in the world.”

Indeed, in order to check the imbalances of values in today’s world, ALL PEOPLE need to be educated in the techniques of spiritual life. It is evident that due to the lack of this spiritual education in all the schools colleges and universities, we now have an imbalanced society with unqualified leaders materially and spiritually resulting an atheistic and chaotic society.

In your letter of 18 December 1970, you mentioned that these literatures are so unique in the entire world that we should introduce them to all the learned circles. You said we need to keep trying to place these books in auspicious places such as libraries, universities, professional clubs etc. In that way someday the world will realize and appreciate these transcendental literatures!

Taking these instructions, we sincerely seek your blessings to continue re-publishing your books, translating them to various languages and distributing them in every town and village so that the misdirected civilization can be checked, and the instructions contained in these transcendental literatures are applied transforming the lives of each individual.

The other purpose you kindly defined for our society is “With a view towards achieving the aforementioned purposes, to publish and distribute periodicals, magazines, books and other writings.”

Srila Prabhupada, along with your Guru Maharaja, His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur Maharaj, you have always emphasised the importance of publishing and distributing these books in order to inspire peace and unity that

is based on the absolute truth as contained in the “Bhagavad-gita” and the “Srimad Bhagavatam”. Your books have the answers to all the problems that the world is facing today. This real solution is found within the pages of your books.

Srila Prabhupada, you once said “An intelligent person will ask three questions:

1. Why am I here?
2. What is the goal of life?
3. What happens at the time of death?”

Your books contain an in-depth response to all these intelligent questions. Hence, it is our great fortune to be engaged in your mission and try our level best to assist you with the publication and distribution of these books. Any open-hearted reader is guaranteed an immense spiritual realization and benefit simply by reading, understanding and practicing your instructions from these books.

You said there is nothing new to be said. Whatever you had to say, it is already covered in your books. Now we just need to try and understand the message and continue with our spiritual endeavours. You said whether you are present or not it does not really matter. Because you are always present within your books.

Amidst the establishment and managing the international society, you have made the publishing of these books, as your life’s mission. This was evident because you arrived in New York for this mission with only \$7.00 but with a trunk, filled with the “Bhagavad-gita” and “Srimad Bhagavatam” books.

We pray to remain connected with you always through this publication, translation and distribution of your books and will eagerly wait for your transcendental glance to touch our hearts in order to remain in this service throughout our lives.

*Your servants,
Mahaprasad Govinda Das and
Mani Manjari Devi Dasi
June 2020*



Maharaj family
Durban
South Africa



Hare Krishna Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga.
All glories to you and your wonderful ISKCON.

THE CURRENT PANDEMIC HAS CAUSED GREAT DISTRESS, worldwide. The lack of devotee association has also had a huge bearing on us. Not being able to receive darshan of Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Radhanath has left us in great distress. Yet amongst all of this Srila Prabhupada, we have realised that despite the global pandemic and amidst racial prejudice, it is your ISKCON that still manages to unite everyone, due to the causeless mercy of Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Krishna and you, Srila Prabhupada. Everything occurs now on a social media platform. This

has helped us all in keeping in touch with our Krishna conscious aspect.

We would not have been here without your mercy Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to be able to perform devotional service. Happy Vyasa-puja Srila Prabhupada.

Your insignificant servants

*Suminthra, Ashila, Veren, Raghukula Tilaka Das,
Ashish and Sadhika.*



Mahesh Naidoo
Cape Town
South Africa



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

THIS YEAR 2020, is the year of the pandemic - Covid19. It has affected everyone throughout the world. Many of us are in quarantine, unable to see anyone or go anywhere. This situation has forced everyone, especially people living alone, like myself, to look internally. In the material world, practically no one is able to be alone. Many people cannot handle the isolation and go to extreme lengths not to be by themselves.

In this situation, when I looked internally, I took note of four important factors. First, it is very easy to see how unclean my heart is. These anarthas are very much evident. It can be so difficult to admit that I am so fallen. Pride, ego, lust and so much more are all within my heart. It is very disheartening to admit to you, and myself, that these are qualities that I have. After admitting that, yes, I have these anarthas, the next thing I did was think about how can I get rid of these. You Srila Prabhupada, in all your magnanimity have given all of us fallen souls the solution - Harinama Sankirtana. While, it is not possible to go on the streets chanting or to distribute

books, we can still read your wonderful instructions in your wonderful books. Your vani is what keeps so many of us going daily. The minimum of 16 rounds of chanting that you prescribed for us has been our saving grace in these troubling times. Thank you Srila Prabhupada, even though you are not physically here, you are still giving us the solutions to problems we are facing today.

I expected during this lockdown that I would feel very much alone. However, the third thing I realised, is that I don't feel lonely at all. Every day when I do my Japa, or read your books, it reminds me that I am not alone. You, your wonderful son, and Krishna is always there. Without you, I would never have met my spiritual master, nor would I know anything about Krishna. It is therefore, all thanks to you that I am not experiencing any loneliness in this period. This realisation, was the catalyst for the fourth realisation I had. It is something we all know and say, but it never really hit me. I realised Prabhupada, that you were never alone. When you went to

the west on the “Jaladuta” in 1965, when you were by yourself in America - you were actually never alone. Krishna and the whole parampara were with you. I feel so blessed that I am able to associate with you as someone who genuinely has Krishna in their heart.

I would also like to tell you that I have started reading your “Srimad Bhagavatam” this year. It is indeed the most wonderful literature. Thank you for giving it to all of us. You have given us something in which we can access Krishna, lifetime after lifetime. I have been very much meditating on the pastime of Vatsasura, in particular the following verse (ŚB 6.11.24):

*aham hare tava pādaika-mūla-
dāsānudāso bhavitāsmi bhūyaḥ
manaḥ smaretāsu-pater guṇāms te
gr̥ṇīta vāk karma karotu kāyaḥ*

In this way I pray, that I may be able to become a servant of your servant, as you Srila Prabhupada, find shelter only at the lotus feet of Krishna.

Thank you for helping this insignificant, fallen soul on the corner of the African continent.

*Always aspiring to be your servant,
Mahesh Naidoo*



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you.
All glories to Kadamba Kanana Swami.



Maithili Devi Dasi
Chatsworth, Durban
South Africa

THE SOUND VIBRATION OF THE SACRED MANTRA: *Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama. Hare Hare* which has just 16 words.... This sound vibration heals our hearts when touched by the lips of any Vaisnava. These are the words that can free us from our perplexed position of our comfort zone of this material world.

Years ago, before taking initiation when I was not a very sincere devotee of the Hare Krishna movement, I used to chant this mantra. I had no knowledge of what and why I was chanting this mantra. I just took it for granted, little did I realise that chanting 16 words would bring so much joy to my heart,

and a stepping stone to my spiritual journey.

The endeavour of chanting this 16 words was enough to awaken our Krishna Consciousness. The transcendental effect of the sound vibration becomes spontaneously inspired to share the love of God to others; however, to share this sweet nectar, this love, we must first taste the love for ourselves. Srila Prabhupada, this is really a gem that you have given us. I hope and pray that I can treasure this piece diamond, this sound vibration.

*Your servant,
Maithili Devi Dasi*



Hare Krishna.
My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisances at your lotus feet.



Mala Poonsammy
Benoni
South Africa

DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA, words cannot truly justify my feelings, so I will try to express myself as best I

can. I offer you my sincere gratitude and appreciation for your kind blessings. It is only by your special

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples
& Other Devotees

mercy that I can maintain my Krishna consciousness through difficult circumstances. I pray that you please continue to bless me in Krishna consciousness and keep me at your lotus feet eternally.
I Love you dear Srila Prabhupada.

Dandavat Pranams. Thank you.

*Your humble servant,
Mala Poonsammy*



Bhakta Maran Pillay and family
Durban
South Africa



Hare Krishna Dear Srila Prabhupada.

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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, I am feeling embarrassed and unqualified to send you a Vyasapuja offering. I just want to thank you for all You have done for me and my family all through the years.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving us shelter in your ISKCON family amongst the kindest devotees. Thank you for Their merciful Lordships whose darshan takes away the troubles of our heart.

Thank you for my Krsna conscious family especially my little children who are growing up knowing spiritual life in this difficult material world.

Thank you for giving me a chance to serve the vaisnavas during the festivals, *Ratha-yātrā* and love feasts. It is an honour to serve your vaisnavas.

Most especially, thank you for currently allowing me to be a part of the Food for Life family who are serving the very neediest during this most difficult time of Covid. Your compassion is being shown now to the thousands that are benefiting from this project, and I am so grateful to be a part of it.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for everything. Please forgive me for my known and unknown offenses. I'm trying my best.

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

*Your grateful but foolish servant,
Bhakta Maran Pillay and family*



Marie Viljoen
Randburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to the Vaishnava sampradaya. All glories to Your Divine Grace's disciples, our wonderful spiritual masters and leaders.

MY DEAR LORD, Srila Prabhupada, thank you for coming to save us and bringing your disciples, our great spiritual masters with you.

I thank Your Divine Grace that you had mercy on me.

Please help me not to waste this life. Please help me to serve the spiritual master and the devotees.

Please Srila Prabhupada, please don't give up on me, even though I am often in the depths of despondency and ignorance.

*Your very lowly and grateful servant,
Marie Viljoen*





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

 Mukun Kalan Makan
Brits
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*

BEING BROUGHT UP IN A TRADITIONAL GUJARATI FAMILY, I was instilled with heartwarming values of love, faith, honesty, loyalty, compassion, respect, commitment, perseverance and service to others. This made it very easy for me to get attracted to ISKCON and to be able to call it my spiritual family. Through your selfless love and devotion in carrying out your spiritual master’s instruction, you spread the Krsna conscious movement in the West and created this wonderful family and home in which the whole world can live.

One thing that I lacked while growing up was a grandfather figure from whom I could seek wise counsel, guidance, support and even comfort especially at times when big decisions or choices needed to be made. It just felt like my family circle was incomplete.

Then came the time when I first got hold of your book, “Krsna, The Supreme Personality of Godhead,” which not only brought me closer to Lord Krsna by reading and hearing about His transcendental pastimes, but also enabled me to get your personal association, like a grandfather reading a story to a grandson, sharing and explaining the pastimes, giving advice on the goal and purpose of this human life and instructing us to chant the Hare Krishna maha mantra, the most powerful mantra in all the universe. This strengthened my devotional service to Shri Radha Krsna.

However, I never really focused on seeking out

your shelter, Srila Prabhupada. Yes, you were right there guiding and instructing me through your wonderful, spiritually illuminating books, but I have been such a foolish grandson and never fully surrender in heart unto your lotus feet. Hence, with this, my first offering, I would like to show you that I have finally come to my senses and surrender and seek shelter of your divine lotus feet. Oh, jagat guru Srila Prabhupada, please forgive me and bless me with your causeless mercy.

I am regularly chanting and reading your books and pray to have your blessings and protection, dear grandfather, to make spiritual advancement, serve your ISKCON and please you.

*śrī-guru karuṇā-sindhu, adhama janāra
bandhu, lokanāth lokera jīvana
hā hā prabhu koro doyā, deho more
pada-chāyā, ebe jaśa ghuṣuk tribhuvana*

O spiritual master, ocean of mercy, and friend of the fallen souls, you are the teacher of everyone and the life of all the people. O master! Be merciful upon me, and give me the shade of your lotus feet. May your glories now be proclaimed throughout the three worlds.

*Aspiring to be the servant of your servants,
Your foolish grandson,
Mukun Kalan Makan*



Mukunda Dasa and
Lalita kunda Devi Dasi
Vrindavan
India



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR HUMBLE OBEISANCES at the holy dust of your lotus feet which you so lovingly sprinkled in this universe as you watered the

bhakti-lata-bija of so many fortunate souls as they personally received your divine darshan. All glories to your divine loving grace.

Srila Prabhupada you are an empowered soul extraordinaire!

Thank you for giving us your spiritual warrior to personally guide us through this material maze.

It hurts to imagine how our lives would be without his loving guidance.

Thank you for accepting us as your grand disciples. You have saved us from the onslaughts of this miserable life.

Thank you for giving us the holy name which is sweeter than honey.

Thank you for giving us your wonderful association via your instructions.

We would have been stuck in the whirlwind of fake identity otherwise.

Thank you for your wonderful books.

They are truly time bombs.

Thank you for coming to South Africa.

Where would we have been otherwise?

Thank you for allowing us residence in Vrindavana dhama.

We humbly beg to be always engaged in some service to your devotees.

Thank you for all the sacrifices you made amidst your old age and ailing health.

You have saved so many souls.

We humbly beg for eternal shelter in your house of devotees.

Srila Prabhupada we love you very much.

Your unworthy grand disciples

Mukunda Dasa and Lalita kunda Devi Dasi



Mukunda Das
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to you and all glories to Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

THE TURN OF A NEW YEAR, 2020, has brought with it a strange yet unexpected phenomenon for the human race. A seemingly insignificant virus, completely invisible to the naked eye, has brought anxiety to the entire world. It has thwarted the plans of even

the most „powerful“ beings on this planet without much effort—a time when humans are subjected to their „cages“ while the animals roam free. The laws of nature have succeeded once again as they have done for millenniums - when will we surrender our

insignificant power to the will of the lord.

This crisis has brought a change in the way that devotees now associate with one another through the medium of the internet, which is somewhat or seemingly like an „impersonal approach“.

In a positive light, though, this will now allow us to consider and appreciate the value of personal association wholeheartedly. After all, this movement was built on the strength of personal association. I am hoping that once „life gets back to normal“ we develop more appreciation for personal association, brotherhood and co-operation on a much more profound level.

Currently, devotees are tirelessly serving under the

ISKCON banner despite the difficulties and restrictions, simply to spread the mercy, with their hearts being dedicated to you and the mission of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

On this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, falling at your feet, I offer my obeisances to you again and again. May your glories be continuously spread throughout the three worlds, eternally. I beg you, Srila Prabhupada, if you so desire, allow me to always remain in the shade of your lotus feet.

*With love,
Your aspiring servant,
Mukunda Das*



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

EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU IS AMAZING. When we read the *Lilamrta*: the nectar of your life's activities from your childhood to you becoming the Founder-Acarya, our Srila Prabhupada, everything is unbelievably amazing.

Anyone who comes in contact with you also becomes amazing. To your direct disciples who are fully surrendered to you and all the devotees in this movement, all are amazing.

My life has become amazing, only by somehow coming in contact with the devotees.

I pray at your lotus feet that I can always appreciate what you have given all of us - entrance into the spiritual world, Vrindavan, our eternal home.

Please bless us with the determination that we will

always cooperate with one another, simply for your pleasure. Pleasing you, by serving your representatives, means pleasing Krsna.

I pray I can remain fixed in my practice of Krsna Consciousness and continue this amazing practise - devotional service.

Thank you for your amazing ISKCON. You truly have built a house in which the world can live together, peaceful.

All glories unto you.

I am praying for your mercy always.

*An insignificant soul,
Mukunda Datta das*



Mukunda Datta das
Johannesburg
South Africa

Murari Gupta das
Cape Town
South Africa



My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of Your lotus feet. All glories to those most merciful lotus feet that travelled the world to spread the divine nectar of the Lord's holy names.

MANY YEARS AGO, I came across your wonderful book, “The Science of Self-Realization”, and through that, I first associated with your devotees and even moved into the Brahmachari ashram. It seems that I enjoyed pain and suffering as I left your house after only a short time and wandered again for many years striving to find peace and happiness.

Recently, I was encouraged by my ‘blood’ brothers to share the music albums that influenced my life. As I did this, a little jaunt down memory lane, and I was reminded of how much pain and suffering material life is full of, how much I have endured as I walked the life of trying to be the controller of my own destiny. “This material world is miserable, regardless of one’s standard of life. Of this there is no doubt,” – SB 7.9.18 purport.

I have heard it said that spiritual life is difficult, but

material life is impossible. You wrote “One might say that becoming advanced in spiritual life also involves tapasya, voluntary acceptance of some inconvenience. However, such inconvenience is not as dangerous as material attempts to mitigate all miseries.” – ŚB 7.9.18 purport.

Yes, material life is impossible, but I have so much to be grateful for. I am so thankful to you for your books, your teachings, and the movement ISKCON, for which you are the Founder Acarya and pre-eminent siksa Guru. Life is still not always easy, but I eventually made it back to your house and the association of the devotees.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

*Your unworthy servant,
Murari Gupta das*





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



Nadiya Devi Dasi
Lenasia
South Africa

TODAY I came across Sivarama Maharaja's video on Srivasa angam, the place of Lord Caitanyas nocturnal kirtans. Listening with rapt attention, a sense of pride invariably mixed with gratitude surfaced. A fleeting thought emerged... Imagine a world without kirtan! I brushed the thought away... Unimaginable! Just as incredulous as the thought of no sadhu-sanga, no prasadam, no nectar, no mercy, no temples.... How bleak and unfortunate.

You came aboard the Jaladutta, with just a few rupees in your pocket, you added colour and meaning in the lives of people around the world. Just like an acclaimed artist you skillfully introduced a spectrum of festivities, kirtans, sadhu-sanga and all that is enlivening to the soul, revolutionizing our existence.

How could we ever express our gratitude? Is it even possible?

With the looming crisis of Covid-19, the world recoils in fear. Somehow as devotees we've been sheltered with a philosophy that is rich in sublime truths and yet so practical. Even a lockdown could not prevent the continued stream of nectar and mercy filtering through the internet. Hope prevails. Your sons and daughters carry your legacy, and each with their unique brush strokes continue on the canvas of mercy.... your mercy!

Thank you Prabhupada, I marvel in the wake of your compassion. Where would we be without association, kirtans, festivals, nectar and mercy? ... it's a path I won't have to tread, because you found me and saved me.

*Eternally grateful,
Nadiya Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.



Namalila Devi Dasi
Shallcross
South Africa

PRABHUPADA THANK YOU for giving us Krishna consciousness and spreading the mission of Lord Caitanya to the world. You have opened my eyes with the torchlight of knowledge which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance. You went through so much of suffering just to save us and you succeeded in your mission. Prabhupada your books were a real inspiration in my life to take up Krishna consciousness

I am so grateful and indebted to you for changing my life. Please pray for me to make progress in my spiritual life.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for everything you have done for us.

*Your servant,
Namalila Devi Dasi*



Namacarya dasa
North Riding
South Africa



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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your appearance on this planet, I want to thank you sincerely for coming to this wretched place.

Currently our World is infected with a deadly virus and the majority of the people including the Governments have no clue on how to protect their citizens.

However, the devotees are taking the time to listen to classes and chant japa. In my history of Krishna consciousness, I never had a more better time than this. Fortunately, I have been listening to my Guru Maharaja and other senior devotees continuously for more than 70 days and continuing, to listen to seminars and chanting japa. It has definitely improved my relationship with Krishna and our parampara. Presently more than 400 devotees have enrolled to do the Nectar of Devotion class towards the Bhakti Sastri degree and I am helping as one of the mentors.

Whilst the rest of the World is worried about

pandemic the devotees are enjoying good sadhu sanga, by using the latest technology in the service to Krishna.

People are scared because they have no one to take shelter of. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for your ISKCON, where devotees and for anyone who wants to, can take shelter. Many non-devotees are joining the japa session and are chanting but also some of them who are very jealous try to ridicule our chanting.

Srila Prabhupada you mentioned that ISKCON will break from within how true your words have become I am praying to you to save this glorious house of yours more now than ever before.

Begging to remain eternally as a particle of dust in Your Divine Lotus Feet.

*Your unworthy grandson
Namacarya dasa*



Namanta devi dasi
Rondebosch
Cape Town



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Greatest of personalities, Great-grandfather.

THIS IS WHAT HAS STRUCK ME - after so long, half here and mostly nowhere, a lowly being, low conscious, shallow hearted and unable to make any substantial connection to this movement, this process, this divine truth, to the Lord and His dear devotees, to you. The mercy of my spiritual master reached out, and pulled me in. Now, though I sit here still unable to offer anything of value, any intelligent prayer, any worthy service, I sit secure at your feet. Though there's little to say of our relationship or of anything I can do for you, I know one thing. I am

my spiritual master's daughter. And that makes you my great-grandfather. You, the greatest of personalities I have ever known. And that will be worth everything.

Thank you for accepting me. And by my spiritual master's same mercy, I am growing, gradually. So if there is something you can see, some way that you can use me, please do. I wait for a word from you.

*Sincerely,
Namanta devi dasi*



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

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

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS how grateful I am to have the association and support of your beloved devotees. As I learn more and more about Krishna consciousness through your books, I am beginning to understand the message they contain, and I am encouraged to do more service.

This year has been a difficult one. This pandemic the world is experiencing has highlighted so many aspects of my day to day life that I normally take for granted like receiving darshan from the Deities, the association of your devotees and rendering service. However, this pandemic has also highlighted how the human race has abused this planet and hopefully people will start making changes in their daily lives. It has also highlighted that this world needs your books now more than ever.

During this lockdown I took the opportunity to study your Bhagavat Gita As It Is, chapter by chapter,

verse by verse which was presented and explained by some of your most exalted devotees. This experience was mind opening to me. I now have a better foundation on which to build my Krishna conscious life. It has also reinforced my beliefs and I am convinced that I am on the right path.

I realize there is so much more I need to learn, but with every book I read, every class I listen to, every discussion I have with your devotees, and with your mercy, I hopefully will get a little closer. I humbly pray to you to shower your mercy onto my family and I so that we can continue learning and continue serving the Vaishnavas.

I am forever indebted to you,
Your servant,
Nama-srestha dasa



Nama-srestha dasa
Edenvale
South Africa



Hare Krsna Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet. All glories to you on your divine appearance day.
All glories to my gurudev His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya swami.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, it's the year 2020, when technology has reach a height whereby using a single device, one can connect throughout the world at a mere touch of a button, yet when the deadly Covid-19 Coronavirus pandemic threatened the world forcing a worldwide 'lockdown', none of this greatness could help curb the virus. Reverting to old fashion

methods of stay home and be clean and no intoxication, people became confused and bewildered and are reacting in different ways. It's startling to see people without intoxication and the usual sense gratification become bitter that they would even go to great lengths to get a fix even it means being arrested.



Nandanandini devi dasi
Cape Town
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples
& Other Devotees

Srila Prabhupada, at first, we, devotees were also taken back. We were informed that ISKCON centres around the world were also closing their doors. What did this mean - no temple service, no temple programs, and no devotee association? The second biggest crashing news came when we were notified the Durban Rathya yatra, the second biggest in the world was cancelled. It was a hard pill to swallow.


Srila Prabhupada, as we settled into this 'lockdown', acceptance of the situation starts to set in. I was thinking Srila Prabhupada if you did not come and rescue us from this madness, we would also be caught up in this dark dangerous web. The first verse from the Sri Sri Gurb-astaka by Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura - confirming this - "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." The gift you gave us not only set us free from the cycle of birth and death and but to survive such calamities. Knowing our fallen nature, you also taught us the nine process of devotional service so we attach ourselves to the lotus feet of Radha and Krsna. You simply said follow my instructions and you would go back to Godhead.

Srila Prabhupada, your greatness still captivates my heart. I pray to always glorify and appreciate you and to never leave the shelter of your divine lotus feet.

*Praying for praying for your mercy,
Your most fallen granddaughter,
Nandanandini devi dasi*



Narahari das and family. 
Unit 11 Namahatta, Durban
South Africa

 Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances and millions of dandavats at your lotus feet.
All glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga. All glories to Your Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

"OUT OF MANY THOUSANDS AMONG MEN, one may endeavor for perfection, and of those who have achieved perfection, hardly one knows Me in truth," – "Bhagavad-gita" 7:3. By the grace and the will of the Lord, you - dearest Srila Prabhupada - due to your selfless dedication and compassion for the whole of humanity are the chosen one to seek out and deliver us fallen degraded souls from our deplorable diseased conditioned life. You have single-handedly given us the secret of all secret anecdotes and cures – the Maha-mantra – the holy names of the Lord for this diseased conditioned life in this age of Kali-yuga.

Surprisingly, the whole world is under siege by a „new silent but deadly pandemic – COVID-19“, which is overwhelming the best of health care systems worldwide and spreading untimely death and

wreaking havoc in many a family life in unfamiliar lockdown situations. Alas, now more than ever, prayer is the only silent anecdote to rid this virulent pandemic. Thus Harinam Sankirtan, Food for Life, Maha Prasadam, as well as devotee care programmes have been a part of your masterplan to help us fallen degraded souls worldwide. You were the empowered one, full of compassion for us fallen souls and had the vision to meticulously map out our destiny to an easy journey back home - back to Godhead. We are very grateful for your selfless endeavours albeit trying times, which has prepared us for the present horrific pandemic at our very doorstep. The whole of humanity salutes you for guiding and mentoring us through your voluminous scriptures. Millions and millions of dandavats at Your Lotus Feet for opening our eyes with the

torch of knowledge and rescuing us fallen souls. We thank and salute you again, and again, for allowing

us shade and shelter at your divine Lotus Feet and for being our spiritual well-wisher.

Always remaining the servant of the servant of the servant at your lotus feet,

Narahari das and family



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our most humble obeisance on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja celebration.



Narayana dasa
Curepipe
Mauritius

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU for having given us ISKCON, a house in which the whole world can live. Right now, the whole world is facing a terrible crisis, a pandemic in the form of a deadly virus which is killing a lot of people every day. The whole world is locked down. In our island there was a curfew for more than two months. We were forced to abide by revolutionary sanitary norms. Moreover, neither could we go to the temple nor could we perform our prescribed devotional service. In this regard, we were compelled to practice our sadhana at home.

Personally, I realised that we always complain we do not have enough time for practicing our spiritual life. As you mentioned in one of your articles in your BTG magazine, „no time , is a chronic disease of the modern age. Therefore, I have realised that we should not waste our time. As the saying goes time and tide wait for nobody. This pandemic

reminds me of Krsna in Bhagavada-gita, He says “Time I am, the great destroyer of the worlds,”. My greatest solace is reading and carefully studying your books. Of course, we got the opportunity to follow many online lectures. My point is that we were so engrossed in our responsibilities in this material so much so that we were ignoring our basic sadhana and other spiritual activities. For me, I felt as if we were close to death. It is high time for us to realise that anytime we can leave our body.

On this most blessed day of your Vyasa-puja please shower your mercy unto this poor rascal so that I can always serve Guru and Gauranga. Jaya Srila Prabhupada.

*Your insignificant servant,
Narayana dasa*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to your divine grace!



Nashvin Gangaram
Durban
South Africa

BY YOUR MERCY, I was fortunate to have many amazing transcendental experiences this past year. I was present in Vrndavana for your disappearance anniversary. I also attended the Gaura Purnima festival in Mayapur for the first time, including the ISKCON

Leadership Sanga, Kirtan-mela, Navadvipa Mandala Parikrama and Santipura Festival. Thank you for all these unforgettable experiences. I hope that they are deeply imbibed in my heart and that they manifest externally in my character and behaviour.

For the first time, I have written a poem to you, particularly inspiring this year:
summarizing some of your teachings that I found

Dear Srila Prabhupada,
It is in the coronial times that we now find ourselves living
But is this some special mercy that Krsna is giving?

How would you respond to the death statistics that are often sent
Would you perhaps reply that the death rate is always a hundred percent?

In your purport to Bhagavatam 1.8.25
The following message inspires us to thrive:
A devotee welcomes a calamitous situation
An opportunity to remember the Lord means liberation
The lotus feet of the Lord is where the devotees bow
Achieving liberation as easily as jumping over the hoof-prints of a cow
They are meant for the Lord's abode; in this world only as a stranger
They have nothing to do with a place where in every step there is danger

In a lecture on 16 December 1968
You give us the following to contemplate:
When there are miseries, devotees takes personal responsibility
And when there is happiness, they credit Krsna's facility
Materialists, however, are not like this
They blame God when something is amiss

In your purport to Bhagavatam 7.5.23-24
The following shook me to the core:
If one simply thinks himself Krsna's eternal servant, no more or less
By just this feeling he can attain full success

Srila Prabhupada, even these teachings are dwarfed by your amazing qualities
In a lecture on 19 December 1970 we see your humility:
When your disciples glorified you, their amazing teacher,
You replied that you were the lowest of all creatures
They considered that you must be higher than a paramahansa
You said you were simply trying to serve your spiritual master

Please continue bestowing your favour upon me even though I do not deserve it.

*An aspiring servant of your loyal followers,
Nashvin Gangaram*



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



Neeraj Maharaj
Durban
South Africa

WE ARE INDEED MOST FORTUNATE Srila Prabhupada that by your grace and mercy you have made us instruments in your transcendental book distribution.

We pray that by your will and mercy you give us the opportunity, strength and enthusiasm to carry on this service so we can please you in some small way.

Kindly help us become pure to make spiritual advancement.

We cannot thank you or honor you enough.

Your servant
Neeraj Maharaj



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Grace.
All glories to your ISKCON movement and your devotees who make your mission one with their lives.



Nikunja Vilasini dasi (GRS)
Durban
South Africa

IN A TIME when the world is grappling with several crises, we turn to your words, to the wisdom in your books, and to your devotees who live by them. Recently I heard an interview with one of your dear disciples, Mother Krsnanandini, about your unfathomable love and compassion, which transformed her life and the lives of her family. Although she is in the last stages of cancer and is in hospice care, no one would say she is ill, for her joyful demeanour and deep Krishna consciousness shroud her bodily suffering.

She tells of how her mother, an African American who was a victim of racist America in the 1960s, was a devout Christian woman and serious spiritual seeker. She sought out other religions and practiced the different faiths with her eight children. So, when she came across your Back to Godhead magazine in the early 1970s, that was it. She sold her material possessions and donated the money to the ISKCON temple in Cleveland, helped with the storefront temple that had just opened there, started chanting 16 rounds and reading your books, and surrendered her life to you. Krsnanandini had been studying in

Chicago, so her mother took her the Bhagavad-gita As It Is and told her to read it. After reading it, Krsnanandini was convinced that Krishna was God and you were her guru. She joined her family again in Cleveland and found that her mother had shaved her brothers' heads and had given her siblings spiritual names. The devotees, however, criticized Krsnanandini's mother for this because she was not initiated. But unknown to them her mother had already written to you, Srila Prabhupada, and was developing a relationship with you, and you wrote back to her addressing her by the spiritual name she had given herself.

The racial tension was rampant everywhere, and after going through several trials, Krsnanandini's mother and her family decided to leave Cleveland. But they had no place to go and no one to turn to; there were only a few temples in the US, and you were in India. There was no way to contact you, so they packed their station wagon with the entire family and a few belongings and headed on the highway with no idea of where they were going. Krsnanandini's mother prayed, "Krishna, which way should

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we go?” After several days on the road, the family eventually ended up at the Dallas temple, and what a sight they were to the temple president who received them at the door: a group of exhausted but enthusiastic people with many children. Krsnanandini’s mother pleaded with him that they stay and serve the temple, but not knowing them and consulting the Cleveland temple, he refused and finally allowed them to stay for only one day. He said that he was allowing them to stay because you, Srila Prabhupada, would be arriving the next day!

Krsnanandini and her family could not believe their good fortune. Because of their sincerity, Krishna had directed them literally to your lotus feet. It was to be the installation of Sri Sri Radha Kalachandji, and when you arrived and heard about Krsnanandini’s mother, you asked to meet her. After your meeting, she heard from your servant that you were going to give initiations the next day, so she requested that she be initiated. She was surprised when you asked, “How many?” So Krsnanandini’s mother requested that the whole family be initiated; she even called her husband, who had also been practicing Krishna consciousness, to come join them. So the next day, on Radhastami and on the installation of Sri Sri Radha Kalachandji, you initiated Krsnanandini, her mother Bhumata devi dasi, her stepfather, her mother’s brother, and two of her older brothers.

Many years later, Krsnanandini heard from the senior devotees who had been present at her initiation that the GBC and many of your senior disciples had rejected their request for initiation; they even strongly advised you not to initiate them. And then you told them: “Wherever I see a spark of Krishna consciousness, I must fan it!”

Now Krsnanandini is writing a book of her story called “Fanning the Spark: The story of the girl, her gurus, and the gifts they gave the world.”

Srila Prabhupada, the spark you’ve fanned has now become a resplendent fire. Krsnanandini dasi, along with her husband and ten children, have become a source of inspiration for many

people in the devotee community and secular world. Krsnanandini is a Vaisnava minister, a certified family life educator, president of the Grihastha Vision Team, co-educator of the Dasi-Ziyad Family Institute, and author of several books. She has strong interfaith relations with people of various religious paths and traditions, embracing the vision you had of interfaith preaching and relationships. She and her husband are rare examples of a successful interfaith marriage and together help devotees and others grow in their personal and spiritual lives. By their example, we see that when service to God is the center, we can lead harmonious lives.

Your vision was broad, Srila Prabhupada. You could ignite and detect a spark of Krishna consciousness and fan that spark into something no one could’ve imagined. We need to be liberal like you and freely give to others the timeless knowledge you had risked your life to give us. The world is fraught with natural catastrophes and disease because of man’s exploitation of nature; we are amidst a global pandemic, from which thousands have been dying. Wars and racial conflict, in even somewhat “advanced” countries, are having catastrophic effects. The time-tested knowledge you gifted us from the Bhagavad-gita, Srimad-Bhagavatam, and other Vaisnava texts is the panacea for this troubled world.

In the preface to the Srimad-Bhagavatam you write: “Human society, at the present moment, is not in the darkness of oblivion. It has made rapid progress in the fields of material comforts, education, and economic development throughout the entire world. But there is a pinprick somewhere in the social body at large, and therefore there are large-scale quarrels, even over less important issues. There is need of a clue as to how humanity can become one in peace, friendship, and prosperity with a common cause. Srimad-Bhagavatam will fill this need, for it is a cultural presentation for the respiritualization of the entire human society. . . .”

Your gift of the Srimad-Bhagavatam is priceless. You did not sleep, making it a priority to translate

and comment on this jewel of Vedic literatures. Just as you had undergone severe challenges and austere-ities to come to the West and ignite Krishna consciousness in sleeping souls, you deprived yourself of basic needs just to light up the world with divine wisdom. You wanted to give us knowledge and taste of the spiritual sky where we eternally belong. You knew that if we imbibe the teachings of the Bhagavatam and associate with the person Bhagavata we would be happy. Such is your compassion, Srila Prabhupada. Reading and studying Srimad-Bhagavatam is giving me real life and joy! How could I ever repay you?

Thank you for your infinite love and compassion. Such compassion embraced everyone, irrespective of race, ethnicity, gender, social status, or

spiritual qualification. You united diverse people on the spiritual platform, showing that you've created the real United Nations in a time when people are infatuated with self-centeredness and bodily designations.

Please continue to help us distribute your mercy. Help us to be broad-minded like you, Srila Prabhupada. Let us fan the spark of every sincere soul just as you did; give us the strength and tenacity to spread your message against all odds, for the world is crying for such hope.

Make me an instrument of your grace.

Your grateful servant,

Nikunja Vilasini dasi (GRS)



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I AM ALWAYS AT A LOSS of what to say to glorify you, as words never seem enough. But there is always something to be grateful for.

Thank you for always guiding me and assisting me whenever I have needed you. You have done this in a way that is practical and is not so abstract, because you know that I need things to be that way. I am always in awe at how you always left everyone that came into contact with you with a positive experience. That is a quality I would like to have one day.

Thank you for seeing everyone for who they

truly are and making sure that they also knew this at the core of their heart. I am especially grateful for the care you showed the children in the movement and wanting everyone to give the same level of care, because you knew that the experiences they had growing up, would shape who they would become. Thank you for being an example of what everyone's well-wisher should be like.

An aspiring well-wisher,

Nilacala devi dasi



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to you the savior of the world.

WE USUALLY DO NOT FEEL WORTHY of trying to glorify a magnanimous soul like yourself but today on

your Vyasa-puja we owe it to you to at least show some gratitude. This gratitude comes, for if it wasn't



Nilacala devi dasi

Cape Town

South Africa



Nilesh, Devaki Priya Devi Dasi

and Raseshvari Dasi

Cape Town

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for you Srila Prabhupada sacrificing your life and comfort and spreading Krishna consciousness to the West, we would still be stooped in this material ignorance. We are certainly still a long way from our goal but at least we know there is a better way by understanding and that would not be possible without your sacrifice.

Without your sacrifice I wouldn't have a spiritual master or even understand that I needed a spiritual master. The one thing above all else that we've come across in our readings by your disciples is that no matter how elevated a soul you are, the love and care you showed toward everyone who came in contact with you is so touching. There are so many instances where you accepted your disciple's culture, and then gently introduced Vedic culture and sastra when necessary. You always accepted them completely, until they trusted you enough, to accept what you were saying.

In this current time people are still fighting racism even though we are in the 21st century and yet people claim there's so much advancement in the human race. Not to mention classism, that's a whole other topic of discussion but no not you Srila Prabhupada. You accepted your disciples with all their flaws and talents. You saw the potential in them and encouraged them to be the best versions

of themselves. You took care of them like they were your own children. You were extremely empathetic, yet fatherly when needed and they all felt loved and protected by you even though you could be extremely 'heavy' sometimes.


This is what this world is missing. Souls who genuinely care about the next person and their welfare. You have created a group of disciples who are tirelessly trying to propagate your teachings but still it's not enough and therefore I am thankful for all your hours of translating for your love still shines through in your books.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for creating ISKCON. A society we can proudly raise our daughter in. No matter what the surface politics, it's the unified love for Krishna and the vaisnavas that she sees. It's the love she feels for you even though her parents haven't met you in person but loves and respects, what you created for the benefit of all mankind. So today, when you are even more merciful, please bless our family to do something useful for your ISKCON. Please bless us to raise our daughter in a way that would make you proud.

*Your insignificant servants,
Nilesh, Devaki Priya Devi Dasi and
Raseshvari Dasi*



Nina Gobrie 
Pietermaritzburg, Durban
South Africa

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

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR GUIDANCE and protection to our universe and myself. Please help us heal our land from the COVID-19 infection.

My families thank you for all the unconditional love you have shown us. I hope that you can open the

gates to the spiritual world for all the living entities that are suffering in this world.

*Your servant,
Nina Gobrie*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

 Bhaktin Nirvana Bissoon
Pretoria East
South Africa

*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*

THE VYASA-PUJA in honour of His Divine Grace Om Viṣṇupada Paramahansa Parivrajakacarya Aṣṭōtara-sata Sri Srimad A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada is a splendid opportunity to remember the glories of the Lords most confidential servant in this world.

When His Divine Grace A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada entered the port of New York on Sep 17, 1965, aged 69. . . few Americans took notice, but he was not merely another immigrant. He was on a mission to introduce the ancient teachings of Vedic India in mainstream America. Before Srila Prabhupada passed away on Nov 14, 1977, age 81, His Mission proved successful. He had founded the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKON) and saw it grow into a worldwide confederation of more than 100 temples, ashrams, gurukuls, farm communities and cultural centers, making a cultural revolution.

Lord Caitanya predicted that His Commander - in-Chief would appear to accomplish His mission. Srila Prabhupada was that same Commander-in-Chief, the senapati-bhakta, who appeared to fulfill this prophecy.

*janma karma ca me divyam
evam yo vetti tattvatah
tyaktva deham punar janma
naiti mam eti so 'rjuna*

“One who knows the transcendental nature of My appearance and activities does not, upon leaving the body, take his birth again in this material world, but attains My eternal abode, O Arjuna.”

All Glories to His Grace Srila Prabhupada.

All Glories to mum, Ratnavali Devi Dasi, 64yrs old, who was laid to rest 28 Aug 2019, we love and miss you dearly mum. Brahman initiated by His Holiness Partha Sarathi Das Goswami, mummy, a stalwart devotee, whose unflinching faith in Krsna consciousness, remembered and uttered “Krsna” on her last breath, leaving this material world. It is heartsore to lose our mum, a gem as her name reveals (Ratnavali), for she displayed a character of devoted wife to dad, Brahmāduṭṭ Singh, a loving selfless mum to Nitya Radhika, Naresh and myself Nirvana, fun-loving Nani to her 5 grandchildren. She has achieved what we all desire, to remember Krsna at the time of death and attain Krsna Loka and never come again to material birth, Hare Krsna! As confirmed in Bhagavad Gita chapter 8 verse 6:

“Whatever state of being one remembers when he quits his body, O son of Kuntī, that state he will attain without fail.”

Due to the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, we are all blessed with our journey in Krsna consciousness. We can clearly see Krsna’s hand and how He orchestrates the beginning to end of our lives.

The pure devotee of Lord Krsna is on the same spiritual platform as the Lord Himself and thus surely by knowing in truth the transcendental birth and activities of Srila Prabhupada, the Lords eternally liberated associate, we will not come again to birth in the material world. To go back home, back to Srila Prabhupada, means to go back home, back to Godhead.

Thank you dear Srila Prabhupada for inspiring and empowering us to chant the Lords holy names

in loving ecstasy, for providing us with all that is required to achieve the highest perfection of life in Krsna consciousness.

*Your servant,
Bhaktin Nirvana Bissoon*



Nisha Jugnath
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to you.

I AM SO GRATEFUL TO YOU for giving me the opportunity to know who Krsna is and what ISKON is all about. The knowledge you've blessed me with is a lifetime of blessings. Thank you for allowing me to understand that I'm able to build a relationship with

Krsna- be it as a friend, a lover, a parent.... away that I'm most comfortable with. This past two months I found great joy in reading your books that I'm addicted to. I desperately seek your mercy as I'm trying to progress spiritually. Srila Prabhupada Ki Jaya!

Nisha Jugnath



Nitya Seva Devi Dasi
and Rasa Sundari Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances on this auspicious occasion of your appearance day.
All glories to your Divine Grace.

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS the deepest gratitude we feel for being a recipient of your causeless mercy. You have given us a home to safely learn and grow in, you have given us a family to share our joys and sorrows with, but most importantly you have so kindly given us endless love, mercy and knowledge about our Lord whom we would have never known without your compassion.

Thank you for leading us by example, you accepted the service your spiritual master gave to you with full faith and conviction and went through so many difficulties without giving up. We pray to for the strength to follow your instructions and the instructions of your devotees unflinchingly.

Your mood is filled with so much of compassion

and love and we constantly feel it through your disciples, your books and your temples. Your lectures and instructions have always been a treasured source of shelter, protecting us from the dark veil of ignorance. Thank you for protecting us.

We pray to develop unflinching faith in your orders so that we may properly serve your lotus feet. We pray for your mercy to chant the holy name with love so that no matter what happens we will never give it up.

Please allow us to always take shelter of your lotus feet.

*Your humble servants,
Nitya Seva Devi Dasi and Rasa Sundari Devi Dasi*





Dearest Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble obeisances and my attempt at glorifying you.

COASTAL TOWNS GLOBALLY HAVE LIFE SAVERS at beaches to save people from drowning in the surf. YOU are the greatest life saver, saving thousands of people daily, from drowning in the ocean of material suffering, all over the world.

Through your personal presence and sacrifices, you saved many great personalities. Through your boat called ISKCON, you continue to rescue so many of us from a life time of tribulations, through your books, you give us profound knowledge, wisdom, realizations and freedom from mental bewilderment, through your spiritual homes (temples) you give us shelter and sanctity, through the maha mantra you give us peace and bliss, through your devotees you give us priceless association and compassion and through prasad you won your way into our hearts,

changed our consciousness, and taught us about real love and devotion.

I am eternally indebted unto you for your causeless and ceaseless mercy, and I hope that you will continue to bless me so that I can always be engaged in your service, distributing your books, spreading the Holy names of the Lord and being an instrument in your service. I pray that I can always remain a servant in the world's greatest mission, ISKCON.

Sending eternal love and endless gratitude to you always Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for being my life saver.

An aspirant in service to the servants of your servants,

Noleen Durgapersadh



Noleen Durgapersadh

Durban

South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

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

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

A SIMPLE THANK YOU WILL NOT SUFFICE for the amount of gratitude we feel towards you.

You are our saviour Srila Prabhupada.

Today on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, we pray for your mercy.

And we humbly beg you for forgiveness for all our mistakes and faults.

We pray that you always keep us engaged in your service.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for being our foundation.

We are eternally indebted to you and ISKCON.

Kindly grant us the shelter of your lotus feet.

Your most insignificant servants,

Padmanabha Das and Padmavati Dasi



Padmanabha Das

and Padmavati Dasi

Lenasia South, Johannesburg,

Gauteng

South Africa

Parama Karuna Das
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to you Srila Prabhupada.

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

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE and for giving us the Hare Krishna movement. Please allow me to continue in this movement, as we are happy to be a part of it and serve you and Krishna. Thank

you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your humble servant,
Parama Karuna das*

Paramatma Dasa (BCais)
Durban
South Africa



My Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at Your lotus feet.
All glories to you and the disciplic succession.

THANK YOU FOR SACRIFICING SO MUCH for us fallen souls so that we can get a glimpse of the spiritual world. Your Krsna Conscious teachings have helped me to understand the importance of devotional service. You have always put Krsna at the centre of all your activities and a true inspiration to follow by example.

to your talks and this inspires me even more and reinvigorates my spiritual practices.

Thank you for all that you have done for us Srila Prabhupada. We are certainly, indebted to you.

*Your servant and ever well-wisher,
Paramatma Das (BCais)*

Whenever I feel despair in spiritual life, I listen

Paramisvara Das
and Paramisvari Devi Dasi
King Williams Town, Eastern Cape
South Africa



Hare Krishna Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances as we bow down to the dust at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace, who has so compassionately descended on this earth to show all us fallen souls the way back home, back to Godhead.

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

AS WE CONTINUE in our Krishna consciousness, we are constantly encountering new challenges, new

dangers, more difficulties and so on. Some of these, we face individually, and some as an entire human

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race. It is only then that we realize that you have already warned us of these dangers and have also given us the solutions to all these challenges in our existence in this material world. If it were not for you and your ISKCON movement, we would have been totally oblivious of the dangers and the solutions due to our ignorance.

Knowing fully, how the spiritual world and the material world is designed, you outlined the descriptions of both worlds in your books. You have showed us the infinite sweetness of the spiritual world and the unending bitterness of the material world. The solution you have given us is so simple and yet we still have difficulties in adhering to your instructions. You have said constantly that chanting the Hare Krishna maha-mantra is the solution to all problems in this material world. It is not that we can fix the problems of this material world, but rather to leave the problems of the material world and go far away from it. For us to go away from it, we need only to chant Krishna's holy name sincerely. It is as simple as that.

Your books are just one of your many great works, and they offer constant referrals for all of

us, irrespective of our position, whether we are just a neophyte devotee or a long standing and very advanced devotee. You have carefully mapped out everything in your books.

We thank you so much for all this. As long as we all follow your instructions very carefully and obediently, we and all those who are yet to come will enjoy this great palace called ISKCON.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, thank you so much for everything that you have done for us. All your hard work and sleepless nights will not go in vain. Your dear sons that you personally trained are taking care of that.

We want to wish you a very, very happy Vya-sa-Puja Srila Prabhupada. We bow down again and again to your lotus feet and pray that you will always keep us at the shade of those beautiful divine lotus feet.

Hare Krishna.

*You very insignificant and
lowly servants of your servant
Paramisvara Das and Paramisvari Devi Dasi.*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

I AM ETERNALLY GRATEFUL, due to your vision to feed the hungry so many years ago I am able to cleanse and purify my soul, I am so grateful to be an instrument of your love. The joy of seeing people and

especially the little kids enjoying the prasad fills my heart with so much love and happiness.

Parshan Hansraj



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your Lotus feet.
All glories to you.

 Parshan Hansraj
Durban
South Africa

 Patita Pavana Nitai Dasa
Durban
South Africa

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

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

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

Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O Spiritual master, kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanya deva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

I have been appreciating and feeling so grateful for what you have given the world. I am extremely fortunate to come across your expert guidance, through your transcendental books. Your books are the spiritual world. I read the science of self-realization

I really admired looking at your picture on the cover of the book. I was around the age of 9 years, and thought this person knows a lot. Your face lifted slightly up and looked upon the material world, observing the condition souls.

After some years at the age of 17, I picked the book and started reading. I could feel you were speaking to me. Your books are so personal. One can immediately associate with you and Krsna. I gradually became convinced.

From back in 2008 till now, I am so proud to say, that I belong to ISKCON or Srila Prabhupada. This glorious, magnanimous, and transcendental movement of Lord Caitanya.

It's all through your mercy and what you have

created (ISKCON), that I am able to still practice. Life without ISKCON is useless.

Through reading your books I became attached to harinam and book distribution, knowing you are very fond of books and studying them.

By your mercy I loved distributing books and it's fun sharing Krsna consciousness to others. I pray that I can still continue and distribute the science of self-realization, etc, gradually bring the souls back to Your Divine Grace

I am currently studying the Nectar of Devotion with a wonderful devotee. It's nectar.

We are getting expert guidance and taught by your sincere and humble son ,HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

I promise to be a good follower and not disappoint you.


Praying to improve my practice and make you happy.

All glories to you Srila Prabhupada.

Your servant

Patita Pavana Nitai Dasa

Pooja Morar 
Lenasia
South Africa

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



LIFE WOULD INDEED BE MEANINGLESS and purposeless without Krishna Consciousness, and due to your


mercy and compassion alone, you have distributed this priceless knowledge freely to give the most fallen of people, such as myself, a chance at redemption.

I pray that by your mercy I may always remain under the shelter of ISKCON and in the association of devotees, following your instructions and spreading

your mercy and glories, for everything that could be said or done will always remain insignificant compared to the amount of gratitude I owe you.

*Your insignificant aspiring servant,
Pooja Morar*



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

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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, MY DEAR MASTER, you always said “if you love me, distribute my books”. My love for you is unconditional and eternal, and this love is the reason why I am passionate about book distribution. Every time I went on this outstanding and merciful mission, you were with me, even though at times I didn’t think or feel that anyone would accept or take your priceless gems, you stepped in and made sure that the service was accomplished, and once the first book left my hand, by your arrangement, the service for the day was successful and tantamount to the mission of Lord Caitanya, in spreading the holy name in every town and village. Thank you for saving me, for the beautiful words of comfort in the books that you wrote, for the wisdom, for spiritual knowledge, for transcendental empowerment and for always letting me know that I am not alone. You once came to me, me an insignificant instrument, in my dream and I saw your vision wherein you told me, that I am not alone, that you will always be with me. You said do not be afraid, just as the Supreme Lord said to Arjuna in Bhagavad Gita, 18.66

*sarva-dharman parityajya
mam ekam saranam vraja
aham tvam sarva-papebhyo
moksayisyami ma sucaḥ*

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

I feel your presence, your conviction, your strength, your protection, your love, your deliverance and your mercy in everything that I do.

In twelve short years, you circled the world fourteen times; started temples, ashrams, schools, and farms on six continents; wrote more than seventy books; and literally introduced millions of people to the chanting of the Hare Krishna mantra.

I will forever be beholden to you.

Words are powerless to express my gratitude. I want to thank you, but I don’t know where to begin. So, I just want to say that there are so many things that I would not have been able to do without you.

*Your insignificant and aspiring servant,
Prabha Durgapersadh*



 Prabha Durgapersadh
Durban
South Africa

Pranayini Radhika Dasi 
Verulam, KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace, to your powerful love, mercy and Krishna consciousness.

THE CONDITIONED SOULS have forgotten Krishna since time immemorial and life after life, are caught up in so many varieties of suffering in the material world. We are among them. By your being approachable-you captured our hearts, satisfied our intelligence, engaged our mind, helped us conquer the senses and

gave us new life. We cannot imagine the extent of your greatness. We bow down to you. Thank you for your unlimited mercy.

*Your insignificant servant,
Pranayini Radhika Dasi.*



Preisha and Suran Singh 
Chatsworth, Durban
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Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances,
All glories at the dust of your lotus feet.

WE HAVE BEEN LOST AND WANDERING SOULS, just living our lives day to day in this material world. Life was a mere passing of time until we came to Krishna consciousness. Dear Srila Prabhupada, you have worked tirelessly, sleeping the bare minimum, just to translate books on Krishna consciousness so that it could be distributed in every town and village. You preached to the hippies, making them into „happies“ and thereby transforming their lives.

It was because of you, dear Prabhupada, that people have come to understand true happiness and how to cope with daily struggles. There are ISKCON Temples all over the world because of Your Divine Grace, and we also get to relish priceless association with devotees and sumptuous prasadam.

For us, personally, we have found much more meaning in our lives, understanding true happiness and how to depend on Krishna during our good and bad times. Many have found solace in your teachings all over the world, amidst the chaos going on around us.

You are our true saviour Srila Prabhupada and we will forever remain indebted to you for the love you have shown to us.

We beg for your mercy to help us preach and distribute as many of these transcendental books to as many fallen souls out there.

*Your servants,
Preisha and Suran Singh*



Prema Datri Devi Dasi 
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU for your constant companionship, love and support, you give me the courage to tackle any task, and knowing that you will always carry me and my family through whatever

the circumstances may be.

I have complete faith and trust in your transcendental words and actions. Whenever I am in a predicament and I turn to you for support you are

always willing to direct me, and you know exactly what the solution is.

By engaging us in your services, especially book distribution has enlightened us on why you have used your time and energy to give us this opportunity to change our lives and actions and to become more aware of your message and to try to give it to everyone we come into contact with.

We are trying to make you smile at every opportunity we get, thank you Srila Prabhupada for allowing us to serve you.

When we meet with these different souls, we become even more indebted to you because it makes us realise how fortunate we are for receiving your

mercy.


Thank you for everything you give to me and my family and I promise to serve you and our Lord Krishna always. Also thank you for allowing us to have devotee association.

Please may we take shelter at your lotus feet, to always remember you Srila Prabhupada, follow all your rules and regulations and to give you and the holy name to everyone we come into contact with.

Endless Thank You ...

*Your servant,
Prema Datri devi dasi*




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

THANK YOU FOR GIVING US KRISHNA, although I have no qualification. You have made the holy name available to us and given us Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavat Gita As It Is. Thank you for all the wonderful centers, the deities, the devotees and prasadam.

Please forgive me for all my offences and always keep me in ISKCON.

*Your servant
Premarani Devi Dasi*



 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace. Happy Vyasa-puja, Srila Prabhupada.

WE ARE CURRENTLY in the 4th Industrial revolution, surrounded by technological advancements. For some, technology can be the greatest hinderance and distraction of their life's purpose. However, Srila Prabhupada, through your principles and instructions, you have made Krishna consciousness relevant to any age civilisation may face. Whether it is Bhagavad-gita classes on Facebook or Vrindavan parikramas on Zoom. This really shows how Krishna consciousness has no limits or boundaries of how

it can be presented and developed.

Last year, I had the good fortune of being in Vrindavan around your disappearance day. We got to spend some time chanting japa at your quarters in the Sri Sri Radha Damodar temple. One of the thoughts that crossed my mind was the sacrifice you made by leaving Sri Vrindavan Dham to deliver this message of Krishna consciousness to the World.

Srila Prabhupada, you also took such care in translating the bhakti scriptures so that we can

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understand Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission and apply His teachings to our lives. With this, you have equipped us with everything we need to go back home, back to Godhead.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for having compassion towards us fallen souls.

Please guide me, Srila Prabhupada, on how I may develop a deeper Krishna consciousness and


to offer assistance to my spiritual master in his service to you.

I am so appreciative of your disciples and followers, as they are keeping your mood and mission alive. I pray someday I will as well.

*Your fallen servant,
Priya Kishori devi dasi*



Priya Malini dasi 🌸
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South Africa

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

IN YOUR PURPORT in Srimad Bhagavatam you have mentioned that “Krsna Prema, Krsna consciousness is the highest gift which can be bestowed on anyone whom we presume to love” (SB, canto 3, ch23, txt 8).

Thank you for giving us this highest gift of Krsna consciousness. Your endurance of many trials and tribulations in giving us this gift is indicative of the depth of love that you have for us.

Your love can clearly be felt when one reads


your nectarean books, listens to your lectures, visits your temples, engages with the devotees and with anything that is connected with you. Thank you for also giving us your love Srila Prabhupada.

With much gratitude and appreciation, I thank you once again for your gift and your love.

*Your grand servant
Priya Malini dasi*



Priyanka Virasamy 🌸
Johannesburg
South Africa

 My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Sri Nityananda and Sri Gauranga.
All glories to you.

I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO FULLY EXPRESS the depth of my gratitude to you for the incredible sacrifices You have made for us. I could never fully understand your deep devotional mood until I started reading your nectarean books, which has helped me realise just how sincere and pure your intentions were for us conditioned souls. Thank you for giving up so much of yourself just to ensure that we could taste the sweetness of the Lord's holy names. Thank you for all the hardships and sleepless nights you had to endure so that we could indulge in the glorious pastimes you so beautifully narrate in your books.

Although I am completely undeserving of this beautiful jewel of devotional service that you have so kindly entrusted me with, I am ever grateful and will safeguard it at the center of my heart. My dearest Srila Prabhupada, I beg for you to please always keep me engaged in serving your devotees. Please allow me the magnanimous privilege of eternally being the servant of your servants.

*Your spiritual daughter and servant,
Priyanka Virasamy*



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



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“BUT THOSE WHO WORSHIP ME, giving up all their activities unto Me and being devoted to Me without deviation, engaged in devotional service and always meditating upon Me, having fixed their minds upon Me, O son of Pṛthā – for them I am the swift deliverer from the ocean of birth and death.” Bg. 12.6-7

Lord Kṛṣṇa declares here that He is the deliverer of those devotees who are fixed in Him. The fixed nature and the detailed process leading to it are captured in the vast Gosvami literatures, more specifically, Bhakti-rasāmṛta-sindhu and Hari-bhakti-vilāsa. This cultivation was widely followed and practiced in the Indian subcontinent in the many ashrams and maths prior to the emergence of your ISKCON. Srila Prabhupada, Your Divine Grace took on the mammoth task of translating these literatures and presenting them to the Western world, under the influence and direction of the all merciful Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, affording the whole world the opportunity of attaining that “fixed nature” and perfection. Thus, Your Divine Grace is singly due all credit for delivering the entire Western world.

One Calcutta boy was commissioned on the rooftop of a building in Ultadanga Road, Calcutta, to spread a worldwide mission. This huge and unimaginable task on the shoulders of your “small” frame seemed daunting from the first time you heard it.

The seed to the mission was sown in your pure consciousness, and every day from then on Your Divine Grace would think and plan, “how to do, how to do?” Practically, your life thereafter was to fulfill this request, desire and prophecy.

Srila Prabhupada, after a lifetime in preparation, Your Divine Grace, in advanced age, crossed the unforgiving seas and arrived almost penniless on the western shores to deliver the West from the ocean of nescience. It was a struggle saving the foreign land with its new challenges every day. Every obstacle, every difficulty, every hardship and every adversity was a lesson to be taught, and to be learnt by us, your followers, on how to overcome such challenges by Krishna’s grace. In this practical way, Your Divine Grace bestowed to all the accessibility of divine grace. This dependence on mercy is the cornerstone of one’s advancement and success in the pursuit of absolute bliss and transcendence.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for the huge sacrifices you made just for us to advance and benefit spiritually. We remain eternally indebted to Your Divine Grace for this sublime mercy and kindness upon us.

*Your eternally indebted, but grateful servant,
Pundarika Vidyānidhi Das*



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



Purnendu Krishna Das
Chandramukhi Radhe Devi Dasi
and Gaura Gopal
Midrand
South Africa

THANK YOU for your hand of favor in every aspect of our lives. Thank you for continuing to transform

our hearts and consciousness, carefully moulding us into instruments of your divine will and grace.

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& Other Devotees

Thank you for being the perfect teacher and helping us make sense of every situation at every step, you are always there gently prodding us on, to follow in your footsteps and to do something significant for your mission. Its only by your mercy that we have been given this great responsibility to help other souls in their journey back home, back to godhead.

Oh, dear Srila Prabhupada, dear most servant of Lord Krishna, who lived by sastra and taught the principles of Bhagavata-dharma. You taught by example on how we are to approach the Supreme Lord and the gravity of sincerity for us to realize that we are dealing with Lord Krishna at all times. You are always in an exalted spiritual position in Krishna consciousness and can never be checked by any one at any time. Your ISKCON remains a beacon of hope and the only cure in a conditioned world struggling with the effects of the threefold miseries.

Through the disciplic succession you have established our real purpose and helped us understand our real position so there can never be an identity crisis for genuine seekers and practitioners. You are so magnanimous that you overlook so many offenses and so-called disqualifications and continue to shower your mercy to help us make advancement in Krishna consciousness. You are our ever well-wisher in a world full of duplicity.

It may seem the path we tread is fraught with danger at every step, but you nullify every obstacle and ally our fears giving us renewed hope. Thank

you for strengthening and reaffirming our faith in the process whenever we are tested. Thank you for your protection, shelter and causeless mercy. Thank you for helping us recognize the disease and providing the real cure so we are always situated in the right position, which brings the greatest happiness and peace.

Thank you for always blessing us with greater facility to better serve your mission at every level. By accepting your lotus feet as our only asset, we are able to know the true essence of pure devotional service. Real peace and happiness in this world can only be achieved by taking shelter of your lotus feet.


Thank you Srila Prabhupada for our wonderful child Gaura Gopal. We pray he grows to know, love and appreciate you, your ISKCON and all your loyal followers in Krishna consciousness. We pray he may become fixed in full Krishna consciousness in ISKCON and serve you with every facility in full faith. Please forgive us for our offenses and bless us with the strength to carry forward this wonderful sankirtana movement inaugurated by Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Praying that we remain at your lotus feet.

*Your Insignificant servants,
Purnendu Krishna Das,
Chandramukhi Radhe Devi Dasi
and Gaura Gopal*



Pyari Mohan das 
Olivedale
South Africa

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

THE OCCURRENCE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC has led to so many realizations of how the Lord's plan overrides everything that happens in society. Who would have thought that daily life would be curtailed to such an extent with no travel being allowed, no sports taking place and no work for most people. At

the same time, people are not being allowed to gamble, intoxicate, and illicit activities are restricted. It is simply the divine arrangement of the Lord for one to go deeper into spirituality especially through the chanting of the holy name.

In the "Kali-santarana Upanishad", it is stated:

“Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama Rama Hare Hare. iti sodasakam namnam kali-kalmasa-nasam natah parataropayah sarva-vedesu drsyate.” Translated, this means that after searching through all the Vedic literature, one cannot find a method of religion more sublime for this age than the chanting of Hare Krishna.

I pray that society at large can give up materialistic tendencies and the subtle tendencies for name,

fame, glorification and use this divine arrangement to simply focus on the chanting of the holy names of the Lord.

Please give shelter to those sincere practitioners who take up this process in these times of crisis.

Hare Krishna.

Your servant,

Pyari Mohan das



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Hare Krsna, please accept our 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-pascatyadesa-tarine*

THIS IS OUR HUMBLE ATTEMPT in glorifying you. You changed our lives in a very big way and this is the reason, we are still in your magnanimous, transcendental movement of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

We been through a lot in our lives and we had terrible experiences, probably due to our past misdeeds. I don't wish these upon anymore. We been literally to hell and back, that is no exaggeration.

My wife and I were saved during the darkest hour and intense struggles. By your mercy we took shelter of the holy names, Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare. If we had stopped chanting the holy names of the Lord, we would not have been saved and would have been put into complete darkness.

Although we are unqualified the holy names are so merciful towards us. Such is the potency of the holy names. It is due to Your Divine Grace that we have become fortunate to receive the holy names in the form of your sublime and merciful books. We have a second chance in this life due to your compassion. We are eternally grateful to and appreciate of you, Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for taking care of us, sacrificing and giving us the unparalleled gift of Krsna consciousness.

Endeavouring to follow your instructions.

Your servant,

Radha Bhakti Devi Dasi and Toshana Krsna Das



Radha Bhakti Devi Dasi

and Toshana Krsna Das

Durban

South Africa

Radha Damodara Dasa
Bhaktin Ashika
and Radhika Sewsunker
Durban
South Africa



Beloved Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances at the dust of your merciful lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on the occasion of your Sri Vyasa-puja 2020.

*nama om visnu padaya krsna prethaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta svamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvivesa sunyavadi pascatyā desa tarine*

QUOTING SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 10.14.58:

*samāśritā ye pada-pallava-plavaṁ
mahat-padaṁ puṇya-yaśo murāreḥ
bhavāmbudhir vatsa-padaṁ paraṁ padaṁ
padaṁ padaṁ yad vipadāṁ na teṣāṁ*

“For those who have accepted the boat of the lotus feet of the Lord, who is the shelter of the cosmic manifestation and is famous as Murāri, the enemy of the Mura demon, the ocean of the material world is like the water contained in a calf’s hoof-print. Their goal is paraṁ padaṁ, Vaikuṅṭha, the place where there are no material miseries, not the place where there is danger at every step.”

Naturally your greatness will become more and more manifest, Srila Prabhupada, both as this Kaliyuga age worsens and as Sri Krishna crowns you with more and more success. You are so dear to Krishna and Krishna will unfold your glory to the world in ways we cannot imagine. One of the driving factors is the constant and growing failure of the materialistic way of life. People all over the world are beginning to ask the questions that modern civilization tried very hard to conceal. But as the layers of deceit are ripped open by a life that is clearly a struggle for most, people are sensing that this cannot be real life, that there must be more, and through your munificent teachings they are gradually coming closer to Krishna.

We find ourselves at present amidst a pandemic that holds very deep and grave lessons. You have repeatedly taught us that this material world is “padaṁ padaṁ yad vipadāṁ”, a place where there

is danger at every step. We have read and heard this instruction without proper assimilation of its meaning. Now, it is visible graphically in front of us. You have taught us that true humility means depending only on Krishna and not on any of our material resources. Now, society can see how these resources can vanish right before one. It is a great benediction and lesson.

Even though we have joined your Society for Krishna consciousness, we have taken this view of the world theoretically and the focus on earning money maximally takes us away from true spiritual engagement. Now it is vividly clear that without Krishna, nothing has real value, and is only temporary. We must surrender to Krishna and serve Him wholeheartedly. You have emphasized “the goal is paraṁ padaṁ, Vaikuṅṭha, the place where there are no material miseries” and “na teṣāṁ”, the danger is not for those “who have accepted the boat of the lotus feet of the Lord”.

During the morning walk of May 04, 1974 in Bombay you further explained practically how one can overcome anxieties and miseries of the world. “Parīkṣit Mahārāja said, when he was sitting on the bank of the Ganges, prepared for meeting death within seven days, all the great personalities, sages, saints, kings, they came to see him. So he said that „My dear brāhmaṇas, here is Ganges, and you are also present here. So take me as your surrendered soul. I am surrendered to you. So at the present moment let that takṣaka, the snake-bird, or anything may come and bite. I don’t care for it. Please go on with the kṛṣṇa-kathā. Go on with your kṛṣṇa-kathā.“ Yes.” And you further illustrated how


powerful it is, “You don’t care for danger. You go on chanting. That’s all. Padaṁ padaṁ yad vipadāṁ. This is a place where padaṁ padaṁ vipadāṁ: every step there is danger. How much dangerous position you’ll save? Better go on chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa, that’s all.” You have given both lessons Srila Prabhupada — that materially, mankind can do nothing to really mitigate the dangerous position and that the solution lies in surrender to Krishna. We must simply go on chanting. Spiritual activity is the potent action

and it is joyful to perform.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for your concise and perfect knowledge. Due to your deep and compassionate concern for all people, the world is seeing a change and the soothing rays of Lord Chaitanya’s mercy is being felt by the populace.

*Your insignificant servants,
Radha Damodara Dasa, Bhaktin Ashika and
Radhika Sewsunker*



 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
I bow down at your lotus feet with most respect and love.
Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet for all eternity.

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

DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA, by your mercy, we would like to take this opportunity to glorify you on your most divine appearance day. Dear Srila Prabhupada, your final instruction to follow Krishna Consciousness had changed the lives of so many fallen souls like us and allowed us to advance in spiritual life. We want to thank you for your countless mercy and also for giving us the power of the Maha-mantra:

Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare


*Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama
Hare Hare*

Please shower your loving mercy upon us so that we can try to spread your mission of Krishna Consciousness in this world.

*Your servant,
Radha Darshani Devi Dasi*

 Radha Darshani Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

“MY DEAR ŚRUTADEVA, you may therefore accept all these great saintly persons, brāhmaṇas and sages as My bona fide representatives. By worshiping them faithfully, you will be worshiping Me more

diligently. I consider worship of My devotees to be better than direct worship of Me. If someone attempts to worship Me directly without worshiping My devotees, I do not accept such worship, even

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though it may be presented with great opulence.” - (Krishna Book, chapter 86)

Such or . . . pure devotees of the Lord are as glorious as the Lord; they are, in fact, recommended by the Lord as more worshipable than He Himself. Worship of the devotee is more potent than worship of the Lord. It is therefore the duty of the transcendental students to hear of pure devotees, as explained by similar devotees of the Lord, because one cannot explain about the Lord or His devotee unless one happens to be a pure devotee himself. - (SB 3.13.4 Purport)

What makes me happy is hearing about your glories and glorifying you. You are the most magnanimous and most merciful representative of our sweet Lord Sri Krishna, you are the greatest preacher because you brought Krishna consciousness to the entire world, and Lord Sri Krishna has brought you to this world. The more your glories are spread throughout the world, I know Lord Sri Krishna is pleased.

You opened our eyes to the beauty of the Absolute Truth, Lord Sri Krishna, you opened our ears

to the infinite mercy and unlimited ocean of bliss contained in the maha-mantra, and you opened our minds to the transcendental knowledge of Bhagavad-gita, Srimad-Bhagavatam and Caitanya-Caritamṛta; I am most grateful for all these wonderful gifts you have given us.

You are truly our ever well-wisher, the spiritual master of the entire world. You are an ocean of mercy and compassion, you have invested your very self into the books you translated and wrote, and you said we should read and distribute your books and that will surely please you.


It is due to your immense mercy that I have an international devotee family, and your disciples are the best association in this world. Being with them makes it so easy to remember Krishna.

Kindly bless me, although I am not qualified. My only desire is to serve you to my utmost capacity and remain under the shelter of your lotus feet where I know I will always be safe.

*Your granddaughter and servant,
Radha dasi*



Radha Dyuti dasi (PSDG) 
Durban
South Africa

 My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances again and again at your lotus feet.
All glories to you on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

WHEN I THINK OF YOU, the feeling that most arises is that of gratitude but unfortunately sometimes how we feel does not adequately translate into the appropriate actions. I pray to be able to act in such a way that pleases you and is worthy of your favour.

We presently find ourselves in times of uncertainty and fear, but what you have given us is the ultimate preparation for such circumstances. We have your life-giving instructions, your illustrious disciples, your transcendental books and ever so important, the Holy Names. The association that

we unknowingly hanker for is all but a live stream away. I pray every day to develop a taste for such gifts somehow.

I often think about how much you have done for this undeserving soul. Why am I so blind to the mercy, and why can't I appreciate what is right before me? I am praying for the ability to see with a newfound vision. If only my mind will allow the wondrous pastimes and remembrances to unfold untinged, but due to my lack of Krishna consciousness, my mind continues to distastefully reign. In

reality, I have a very far way to go and much, much to learn and it is only by the mercy of Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga that I can ultimately take these vital steps towards you.

*Your undeserving servant,
Radha-dyuti dasi (PSDG)*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada
Please accept our most humble obeisances.
All glories unto your divine lotus feet.

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

BEING IN THIS MATERIAL WORLD if one does not recognize his good fortune of getting this material body, then that is just most unfortunate, but what to speak of coming into contact with Your Divine Grace's books, then one must be the most fortunate as explained in SB 5.19.28:

*yady atra nah svarga-sukhavasesitam
sv-istasya suktasya krtasya sobhanam
tenajanabhe smrtimajjanma nah syad
varse harir yad-bhajatam sam tanoti*

Translation: We are now living in the heavenly planets, undoubtedly as a result of our having performed ritualistic ceremonies, pious activities and yajnas and having studied the Vedas. However, our lives here will one day be finished. We pray that at that time, if any merit remains from our pious activities, we may again take birth in Bharata-varsa as human

beings able to remember the lotus feet of the Lord. The Lord is so kind that He personally comes to the land of Bharata-varsa and expands the good fortune of its people.

Having come into contact with your books through the mercy of your followers, we have grown from ignorant fools to fortunate beings learning of our true nature and our eternal relationship with the Supreme Lord Krsna, we can only hope that one day through your mercy we will also be as fortunate to become sincere followers and always remain under your shelter and the shelter of your sincere followers.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for inaugurating this movement for the benefit of all the fallen souls.

Thank you for your mercy.

Your eternal servants of your servants.

Radha Mohan das and Syama Mohini devi dasi



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

THIS YEAR I will be 16 years old, and I would like to thank you for keeping me in Krsna Consciousness.

All the hard work that you have put into this movement has really paid off. Krsna's name is flying



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everywhere around the world, but sadly the world is in lockdown. It seems that you had already warned the people, but they did not listen. Your words about animal killing go unheeded.

Now the devotees have to stay at home. In 2019, I had to relocate to Durban because father had to avoid retrenchment, but it allowed me to meet new devotees and new Deities plus take part in plays and drama. Previously, we were travelling between Durban and Cape Town every holiday, but now we are stuck in Durban due to the COVID-19 lockdown.

I am trying to chant more rounds and also become good at playing flute/violin/harmonium and singing but is difficult amongst all the competitiveness. Please help me to become a simple and humble kirtan player.

I also think that Krsna Consciousness is losing some foothold because people are becoming greedy, and devotees are also dying. I wish you could come back so the movement can grow again like it was.

Since Father's Day has passed, I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for saving my father, Rasaraj das, so many times because he is sacrificing his whole life just to take care of me, my sister, our pets, my granny and Baboo.

Life in Durban is not easy. Just last week, my dad and I had an experience of attempted hijacking, but he fought them off and drove away.

*Your spiritual great-grandson devotee,
Radha Radhanath Manohar*

Radha Raman Das
Durban
South Africa



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

I HAVE BEEN READING about the six Goswamis of Vrindavan and how they built all these amazing Temples and how they were the perfect examples in whatever they did. You said you are accompanying the Srimad-Bhagvatam to the West, despite your age, health, no money, no plan but following the instructions of your spiritual master and depending on Lord Krishna. Also being the perfect example in every quality and most of all sharing this greatest treasure.

All I have is a thank you and I will be forever grateful to you from the bottom of my heart for sending my Guru Maharaj to me. With your blessings and guidance, I can somehow serve him and by that way help you in your service to your guru maharaja.

I pray I always remain at your lotus feet.

*Your servant
Radha Raman Das*

Radha Sharana das
Cape Town
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-desatarine*

Srila Prabhupada
Vyasa-puja 2020

IN YOUR PURPORT to verse 10 of Srimad Bhagavatam, Canto two, Chapter ten, you say:

“When, however, the mudhas give submissive and aural reception to the messages of the Lord as in the Srimad Bhagavad-gita or in the Srimad-Bhagavatam through the channel of disciplic succession, such mudhas also become devotees of the Lord by the grace of His pure devotees. And for this reason only, either in the Bhagavad-gita or in the Srimad-Bhagavatam, the pastimes of the Lord in the material world are delineated for the benefit of those men with a poor fund of knowledge.”

You painstakingly took so much of your

precious time to ensure that mudhas like myself are given a chance to become a devotee of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Simply by your causeless mercy, are we able to render some menial service, and by that same mercy, somehow gain the favour of Krsna, your beloved Lord.

Srila Prabhupada I beg at your lotus feet to please bless me, so that I can do something that will one day please you.

*Your insignificant servant,
Radha Sharana das*



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

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS enough gratitude for your services rendered to this world.

All we can do is, continue to pray to Krsna and thank Him for sending His dearest son, at a time, this

world needed most. Hare Krsna!

*Your grand disciples,
Radha Vallabha das and Guna Manjari devi dasi*



Our dearest Srila Prabhupada, Please accept our most humble obeisances!
All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada, on the occasion of your Vyasa-puja!
All glories to our spiritual masters! Hare Krsna!

SRILA PRABHUPADA, as we write this Vyasa-puja message, we are gripped with a virus that is raging across the globe. At this moment, almost 400 000 people have died from the coronavirus and governments of the world have taken extreme decisions to lock down its citizens to prevent the spread of the disease. In South Africa, we have been on lockdown for almost 73 days thus far; this means isolation in our homes with minimal movement outside.

Srila Prabhupada, two moments come to mind which you have shared with us through your books and lectures. The first was about a plague in Calcutta

when you were only four years old and part of the action taken to get rid of the pandemic. You had shared with us that there was a big plague in Kolkata. So one babaji went from door to door, house to house, and he had all the people - Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Parsi- chant Hare Krsna. After that, the plague was driven out.

You will be pleased to know, Srila Prabhupada, that your army of disciples did what you asked them to do during a pandemic. They used the world-wide-web applications available to present discourses and kirtans, which were accessible to the entire globe.

 Radha Vallabha das
and Guna Manjari devi dasi
Pinetown
South Africa

 Radhagopinath das
and Radhaprema devi dasi
Durban
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples
& Other Devotees

Through the various applications like Zoom, Skype and Whatsapp, your sons whom you trained so well planned ongoing programmes which got us closer and closer to the prophetic words of Mahaprabhu: “In every town and village, the chanting of My name will be heard.” (CC Madhya-Lila 25.264 purport). On Nirjal Ekadasi some 1000 participants from different locations across the globe joined the daily Zoom Japa session organized by His Holiness Lokanath Swami.

During the closure of the temples, the maharajas who were locked down in the different temples delivered discourses and sang kirtan virtually. Many temples followed the daily programme, and we had access via technology to be part of these. They all encouraged us to convert our homes into temples and to spiritualize rather than socialize, assuring us that the remembrance of the Lord’s names is an inoculation against the disease, just as you had suggested Srila Prabhupada.

The second moment was when in a lecture (1976), Srila Prabhupada, you correctly predicted, “so you are suffering. You are maintaining so many slaughterhouse, and when it will be mature, there will be war, the wholesale murder. Finished. One atom bomb---finished. You’ll have to suffer. Don’t think that „Innocent animals, they cannot protest. Let us kill and eat.“ No. You’ll be also punished.” (Srimad-Bhagavatam 6.1.32).

So it is not surprising that the origin of this disease is from an animal in a wet market, and we are clearly suffering. Srila Prabhupada, you have given us insight into why such epidemics take place and that chanting the Lord’s name is the only mechanism to keep us safe. More of us have become imbued with the sessions and never experienced a dull moment as we navigated our lives around the live or recorded sessions, whether in the morning or at night, super filled with Krsna’s Karuna, putting aside the fears of Maya’s Corona.

Srila Prabhupada, your senior disciples, have kept us tightly bound to Krsna through the technological applications, and we have been able to spiritualize our homes and invite the Lord into lives with unbelievable reality and clarity. As your devotees, we are fortunate that we continue to be protected by your mercy and the magnificent institution that you have left behind to shelter us.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your mercy and love. On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, we venerate your endeavours, salute the many, many achievements to get us struggling souls back to Godhead.

*Your most humble servants at Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple,
Radhagopinath das
and Radhaprem devi dasi*



Radhakund Devi Dasi
ISKCON Sandton
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you, dear Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari.

IN MAY 2020, my father suffered heart failure. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown, we were unable to travel from Johannesburg to Durban to be with him and my mother. Due to the lockdown, no visitors were allowed to visit the hospital either. I prayed fervently to Krishna and Nrsimhadeva to please keep my father’s consciousness clear so that he could still

remember Krishna during this challenging time. I knew that he did not have his chanting beads nor a picture of Krishna with him when he was suddenly rushed to hospital. I prayed to you Srila Prabhupada to please be merciful to him in his most vulnerable state so that he could still remember Krishna.

I realised that with this worldwide pandemic

there were thousands of people who were also being rushed to hospital. I felt really pained to even think how the patients' loved ones would be experiencing so much anguish in not being able to visit their loved ones; nor even be able to hold their loved one's hand while they left their body alone in a sterile isolated ward in a hospital.

My father was discharged from hospital and allowed to continue treatment at home. My husband Damodar, daughter Radhika Kripa and I tried to get travel permits to drive to Durban so that we could assist my parents physically, emotionally and spiritually. However, we were unable to get travel permits. My father's condition started deteriorating rapidly. On 31st May, your dear son HH Giriraj Maharaja emailed me that he was praying that I would be able to get the travel permits and be able to get there in time to at least be able to speak to my father so that we could have closure; and also be able to assist my father to leave his body while remembering Krishna. Srila Prabhupada, I felt reassured with your beloved son HH Giriraj Maharaja's words. The very next morning we actually received the travel permits and drove to Durban.

We even managed to speak to my father for a few moments over the next 2 days whenever he was in a more conscious state. I realised the potency of a pure devotee, HH Giriraj Maharaja's prayers.

Prabhupada, I wanted to be at my father's side when he was leaving his body to assist him spiritually. However, as my father lay in bed dying before our eyes, he was giving me so many realisations and strengthening my Krishna consciousness.

Prabhupada, I realised how much mercy you were giving my father. Just before the heart failure, my father was reading your biography- Prabhupada, Messenger of Godhead. And now, as he lay in bed too weak to chant and slipping in and out of semi consciousness, he would mutter "My spiritual master... Your ever well-wisher..."

When we sang kirtan my father would try to raise his arms as if to say "Haribol!" When he was too weak, he would whisper Jai or even try to tap his

feet or hand a little bit during kirtan.

Prabhupada, I feel so indebted to you for the immense mercy you have shown my father right up to the time he departed from this world. I thank you for keeping me strong whilst trying to help my father while he was leaving his body.

Prabhupada, thank you for revealing Mayapur dham to us. My father loved Mayapur dham and kept a picture Lord Nrsimhadeva at his bedside. Thank you for allowing me to witness the potency of prayers to Lord Nrsimhadeva. I saw when we sang Nrsimhadeva pranama, my father said Jai, even though he had otherwise stopped talking. Prabhupada, I knew that through your magnanimous mercy you remembered whatever service my father had done and you were assisting my father spiritually.

Prabhupada, thank you very much for your beloved son, HH Giriraj Maharaja. I felt the potency of his sincere and compassionate prayers for my father and me, even though he was physically so far away in another country. He assisted me so much through this most traumatic experience of watching my father leave his body and to assist my father to leave his body while remembering Krishna. His daughter Varshabhanavi dasi prepared me emotionally and spiritually and advised me in detail on a daily basis on how to prepare my father to leave his body in the most Krishna conscious manner possible. Prabhupada, thank you to all the Vaishnavas for their prayers and emotional support.

Prabhupada, I feel an incredible amount of sadness with the separation of my most beloved father. However, I feel so grateful to you for allowing my father to call out the Lord's holy names even though he was in so much pain whilst leaving his body.

Thank you dear Prabhupada, for all the incredible mercy given to me and my father by your dear most sons and the wonderful Vaishnavas.

I humbly beg you to please hold my father's hand through his new journey.

May we always remain at the shelter of your lotus feet.


In Sri Isopanisad you have taught and explained


about the greatest danger of falling back in this miserable cycle of birth, death, old age and disease. Srila Prabhupada, please give me your causeless mercy so that I may always be mindful of this great danger and thereby mould my life always in Krishna consciousness.

His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada ki jai!
Vaishnava kripa ki jai!

*Your eternally grateful and indebted
granddaughter,
Radhakund devi dasi*



Radhamohan Das 
Phoenix
Mauritius

 Hare Krishna
Please accept my most humble obeisances.
All Glories to Srila Gurudeva

SRILA PRABHUPADA IS JAGAT GURU and has taught us all by example devotional service unto the Supreme Personality of Godhead Lord Krishna. We are very much grateful for his compassion on us fallen souls. If we would not have received this mercy, we are not sure where would have ended up in this life. I'm happy to receive a chance to say on this auspicious Vyasa-puja celebration, that we thank ISKCON and its members for the great work that's being carried

out tirelessly and keeping your movement going on for years to come. Srila Prabhupada was very humble and always kind to his disciples and such a great devotee and empowered by Lord Caitanya to lead this movement.

*Thank you
Radhamohan Das*



Radharani devi dasi 
Cape Town
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THERE IS ONLY ONE GOOD THING about being in the material world, that is you have made attaining love of God so easily accessible to the most fallen souls. You have guided, sheltered and protected me in all aspects of my life from the day I came into contact with Krishna consciousness. This is due only through your causeless mercy which you bestowed on me. Thank you for this priceless gift and know that I am eternally indebted to you.

You have given me amazing opportunities of services, opportunities to serve your dear most servants, those you cultivated personally while you were present, those that continue spreading your glories throughout the world and spreading Lord

Caitanya Mahaprabhu's holy name and you have given me the opportunity to worship your beloved Lordships. For this I am forever indebted to you.

I have no qualifications my dear Srila Prabhupada, but because of your sweet mercy and kindness you have allowed me to offer some service to your movement and to your lotus feet. I beg and pray that you may allow me to continue serving in my small way so that I can help in whatever way I can to please you.

*Your servant of the servant
Radharani Devi Dasi*



My dearest Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari.

All glories, all glories to you, my dearest grandfather.



Radha-rasa-sudha-nidhi devi dasi

Centurion

South Africa

ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER OFFERING displaying my inability to properly thank you for everything you have done for us. For me. You know that I am simply a struggling and bumbling fool. I do not treat my spiritual life with the urgency that you wanted us to all have. I have become complacent and stagnant in my progress towards your beloved Krsna. I have taken you, and everything you sacrificed for us, for granted. How you still allow me to remain around in devotional service baffles me, but here I am, still a fool, yet still in Krsna Consciousness. I can understand how I am most definitely a mercy case, and through your causeless mercy, I am still here. This just speaks to the fact that you are ever compassionate and loving to all living entities, no matter how small.

What can I ever do to repay my debt to you dear grandfather? You left the land of Krsna's pastimes to come deliver us at an age where people would be trying to wrap up their lives to go and reside there. You traveled extensively, despite your age and disregarding whether it would be comfortable or not for you. You barely slept, wishing that you didn't have to even rest, so that you could translate and explain the books that can deliver us all. You tirelessly fought for us, even when faced with the greatest of hurdles, you never stopped trying. You nourished and cultivated so many wonderful souls, who now nourish and cultivate us. You always had full faith in Krsna and your Guru Maharaja, and in that, you never felt alone. You loved equally, unbiased and full of empathy for every suffering soul. No amount of words could be used to

describe such a person.

I look at myself, ashamed and beaten. I have let this material world cover me up and kidnap me. I have given it control over my emotions, my intelligence and my life, and I allow it to be so. I think that my problems, my pains and heartbreaks are so large and insurmountable, yet I am simply, and grain of sand being tossed around in the cruel waves of this material sea. A puppet being given my due. However, I am weak and helpless to fight this alone, dear grandfather. Please, let me come to my senses, and grab what was so graciously given to me with both hands, and may it inundate my entire being. Please kindly consider showering me with that causeless mercy once again, for it may be my only saviour.


Please guide me, dearest saviour. Let me be grateful for what Krsna has in store for me, regardless of whether I feel it good or bad, and give me the intelligence to understand these things with a sombre mind. I know that my great fortune is undeserved, because I have you and my Gurudeva on my side. Please kindly don't abandon and leave me, for I am too weak and scared. But by your mercy, I can become better. Please let us keep your ISKCON true to what you wanted it to be. A home for everyone. A shelter for everyone. A life-saving ship in the torrential ocean of misery. A family.

I love you. So very much.

Your eternal servant and granddaughter,

Radha-rasa-sudha-nidhi devi dasi



Radhe and Subhadra Manichand 
Isipingo
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances to Your Divine Grace on your Vyasa-puja day.

WE THANK YOU FROM THE DEPTH OF OUR HEARTS for translating Krsna conscious books. Reading these books has definitely added meaning to our lives. We also thank you for bringing Krsna consciousness

into our lives. The temple is not an ordinary building, it is home. Please protect us from maya and keep us under your shelter.

O Srila Prabhupada
The savior of our souls,
heart purer than gold.

Our protector from maya
has given us our most valuable gift,
an open door to the spiritual world.

You, who suffered two heart attacks,
yet stayed strong
and still guides us when we are wrong.

On the day of your Vyasa-puja
we ask only for your humble obeisances
as we sing your name.

Happy Vyasa-puja!
Srila Prabhupada Ki Jai!

*Your granddaughters
Radhe and Subhadra Manichand*



Radhe Radhe Dasi 
Verulam
South Africa



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

LORD KRISHNA says that everyone has the right to go home, back to Godhead and the role of the Krishna consciousness movement is to show them how to. In the current situation that the world's population is faced with, now is the time to take this more

seriously. During the worldwide ,lockdowns' experienced by the global population recently, we all had ample time to reflect on the purpose of life, time to become more introspective and time to allow a connection between our soul and the Supersoul.

Śrīla Prabhupāda
Vyāsa-pūjā 2020

All the concepts you mentioned in your lectures... sustainable living, caring for the environment, health awareness, simple living... It's now become apparent how relevant all these concepts are to our present lives. The idea that in Kali-yuga, Deity worship cannot be maintained can now be understood, since there will be shortages of so many items that we currently take for granted.

When we remember the teachings of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, we learn that we can at least learn to serve the Vaishnavas, have compassion and chant the holy name. When we commit to the abovementioned methods, we attract the mercy of the Lord.

Without mercy, we are lost in our lives. By trying to serve Vaishnavas, chanting the holy name and showing compassion for the Lord's creations, we progress in our spiritual paths. For too long, the majority of society has ignored the concept of divine intervention in our daily lives, too much time has been spent on unimportant issues. In a time when the world has been brought to a standstill by

an invisible entity, many people have now realised that we need to focus on the real purpose of life, aside from the chaos and distractions of modern life.

In an era when technology puts the world at your fingertips, we have been blessed to take advantage of this to connect with other devotees worldwide. So, sadhu sangha became possible via technology, since physical movement was restricted.

It has taken this worldwide catastrophe to make people understand how similar we all are... When the playing fields were levelled. We understand how blessed we are to have ISKCON in our lives... For this we are eternally grateful. On this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, may we always remember that no matter whatever life's journey may be, and whatever situation we may be faced with, please may we hold onto your lotus feet, and may our attachment to Lord Krishna increase.

*With eternal gratitude from your servant of the servant of the servant,
Radhe Radhe dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, I am so grateful that I am born in a Hare Krsna family and home. My dearest Srila Prabhupada, I am most grateful to you for bringing Krsna Consciousness into the world. I have so much respect for you Srila Prabhupada and I just want to say thank you for everything that you have done. You have changed my life. Srila Prabhupada, please can

you ask Sri Krsna and Srimati Radharani to protect us all in this world right now, especially my family and to please keep us all safe and healthy.

*Your Beloved Servant
Radhe (12 years old)*



Hare Krsna, our dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to you, all glories to the dust from your lotus feet.
All glories to your ISKCON. All glories to your disciples that continue to preach your glories.



Radhe Surujparsad
Johannesburg
South Africa



Radhe Shyam dasa, Radhanath dasi
Bhaktin Shikaara and Bhaktin Darshana
Midrand
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples
& Other Devotees

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

WE WANT TO CONVEY SO MANY MESSAGES to you on our special day of mercy, your Vyasa-puja. Dear Srila Prabhupada you have opened our eyes, given us joy and showed us the way to save ourselves. You continue to do this as we delve deeper into understanding you, your past times and purports. Your mercy is never ending and ripens more as we take steps towards living and realizing your instructions.

As your fame spreads around the world, we are grateful to be associated to you and your ISKCON. Without the association of your devotees in your house our lives will be dry, materialistic and speculative. We have accepted this realization and consider this our greatest gift received. We can't risk your reputation and know that we have to be mindful of our actions at all times. Our love for you is reflected by our sincerity to follow your instructions and protect your legacy. Oh, dearest Srila Prabhupada, we may have the theory of all of this and even the conviction to carry this out; but our greatest fear is not meeting this goal. We know that you are transcendental and full of mercy. Your love for everyone and determination to save the fallen souls is unquestionable. Thus, we know we will be forgiven for our

short comings. We cannot however feel this is okay to repeat mistakes and not correct our short comings. We promise to you that we will continuously assess ourselves and implement corrective steps.

We will dig deeper to understand what pleases you and will reform accordingly. We will strive to co-operate and tolerate more of our brothers and sisters in your home. Your home is open for everyone and we will be mindful of not being a barrier to anyone from entering whether consciously or mistakenly.

Your glories are strengthened and distributed by your most sincere disciples and devotees. You have left such an indelible mark on them that all they can give to everyone is your mercy. We thank you for these disciplic devotees and now look to serving them knowing full well that they have your blessings.

*Your forever indebted servants,
Radhe Shyam dasa, Radhanath dasi,
Bhaktin Shikaara and Bhaktin Darshana*

Radhika Sewsunker
Durban
South Africa



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


ALL BECAUSE OF YOUR MERCY we get to live the Krishna conscious life we do today. We cannot express the gratitude and respect we have towards you. When the world is in the ocean of illusion and pain, devotees preach and help the world to get out of the

ocean of illusion. This is all your amazing doing. Krishna consciousness has spread to all corners of the world. 2020 has been a terrible year so far for the world due to the pandemic. Everyone is in need of the knowledge of the Supreme Personality

of Godhead. Thank you again. I cannot even imagine my life and the world without Krishna consciousness. The world would have been a terrible place without your teachings of Krishna.

Your humble servant
Radhika Sewsunker (12 years old)



 Hare Krsna Srila Prabhupada,
I humbly bow down at your lotus feet.
All glories to Lord Krsna and to you.

 Rahul Prag
Western Cape
South Africa

THANK YOU for starting the ISKCON movement, it has changed my life completely.

From the kirtans to the prasadam to the aartis and bhajans, they are all so beautiful and purifying.

Thank you for bringing Krsna into my life. I would be nothing without Him, and therefore I would be nothing without you because you opened my eyes to what really matters in this existence and that is service to the Lord. In many ways, be it Food for Life, Temple Duties or just serving the servants of the Lord. I find joy in serving His devotees. For you have taught me that it pleases Him. And I just want

to spend the rest of my existence serving and pleasing Him while I transcend this cycle of Samsara.


I thank you for showing me that there is more to this existence than just eat, sleep, mate and repeat.

Prabhupada, you showed me the truth. Something I will always be grateful for.

May Lord Krsna keep you forever under his lotus feet. Thank you for everything.

Your Servant,
Rahul Prag



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

 Rajasekhara dasa (KKS)
Midrand, Johannesburg
South Africa

AS THE FOUNDER ACHARYA OF ISKCON, you very systematically and successfully established the “Hare Krishna Movement” globally, creating an opportunity for those who have turned away from Krishna to again remember Him. Those fortunate souls who took up this opportunity in the early days were most blessed to have your personal association. How magical it must have been to have your personal darshan, talk to you, listen to your live classes, dance in your kirtans, learn to cook from you and even honour prasadam cooked by you! The list could go on. Yes, we learn that vani is more important than vapu,

but surely having vapu is still desirable?

While the devotees in the early days were indeed most fortunate to have your personal association, at the same time one must acknowledge the many sacrifices made and hardships experienced. The devotees in the early days were predominantly temple devotees, mainly young men and women who had given up comforts of material life, successful careers, and family relations for a simple and often austere temple life.

But are those that join the movement in present times bereft of your association or mercy? Certainly

not. It is by the hard work of those early devotees, who not only built a solid foundation of the ISKCON we see today, but who also became transparent via-mediums of your mercy and continued your legacy.

Today, we can associate with you through the many volumes of books you tirelessly translated for our benefit.

We are also able to associate with you through HH Satsvarupa Dasa Goswami Maharaja's "Srila Prabhupada Lilamrta" and the "Srila Prabhupada Memories" videos, where your disciples speak about the pastimes they shared with you. We are also indebted to the devotees, such as HG Yadubara Prabhu, who had taken many pictures and videos of you, and to the devotees that recorded so many of your classes. These can be accessed today just with a push of a button! These give us some experience of your vapu.

All you desired from us was to "chant and be happy" and to assist you in spreading Lord Caitanya's movement to every town and village.

Today in ISKCON there are innumerable opportunities for engaging in devotional service and spreading Krishna consciousness. Knowing all of this and having appreciation of what you and the devotees have done, and the facilities you have created to make spiritual advancement, I embarrassingly admit that I am not at all doing my part to adequately display this appreciation in action, both in my practice of Krishna consciousness, and in giving it to others.

In this regard, there is an analogy that my spiritual master often uses. A man is doing repairs on a roof, the man slips and is falling off the roof, but somehow, he manages to grab hold on the edge of the roof. He thinks he is saved, but then realises that he does not have enough strength to pull himself back up. He calls out for God to help him, and God appears! God asks him to just let go, and he will catch him. The man, however, comfortable in his temporary secured position and concerned if God would really catch him, asks God, "Can't you catch me first?".

I can relate with the man on the roof, afraid to completely surrender to Guru and Krishna, and afraid to be completely dependent on their will. The struggle for material existence is also increasingly becoming more complex, which makes it more difficult for the less determined such as myself, to keep Krishna in the centre of all activities. I can use the excuse that I am not a pure devotee like yourself and have so many material desires, however you didn't exemplify pure devotional service for recognition, rather you wanted your followers to also seriously practice Krishna consciousness, also become pure devotees, make others pure devotees and be qualified to go back home, back to Godhead at the end of this life.

However, I am the man on the roof, with weak faith and weak determination, and I am overwhelmed in this struggle for material existence. In a letter to Krsna dasa, in September of 1972, you wrote "You mentioned that your pathway has become filled with stumbling blocks, but there are no stumbling blocks, I can kick out all those stumbling blocks immediately, provided you accept my guidance. With one stroke of my kick I can kick out all stumbling blocks."

I pray that with your transcendental kick, you kick out all stumbling blocks in my path, both gross and subtle, and that I may advance in spiritual life. And if, out of my own dullness and illusion, I don't take advantage of your mercy and still fall considerably short of the required standard at the time of death, I pray that purely out of your causeless mercy and love as my ever well-wisher you may still decide to grant me entrance back home, even via a back-door.

Then, I would be able to chant and dance in your kirtans, hear and see that transcendental chuckle when you tell a joke or make a witty comment, and obtain remnants of the delectable foodstuffs you expertly prepare and offer the Lord. And maybe, if you so desire, you will introduce me to your Krishna, who you have always talked about. Your Krishna, for whom you dedicated your whole

life to. Your Krishna, whom you have written so much about. Your Krishna, whose name you have constantly chanted. Your Krishna, who you have unequivocally established as the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Praying to always remain a faithful and loyal servant.

*Your great-grandson
Rajasekhara dasa (KKS)*



Hare Krsna
Dear Srila Prabhupada,
I offer my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

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

I AM AT A LOSS OF WORDS as I write this offering to you for all that you have done for us by giving us the books where we are able to understand and learn more about our Supreme Lord and have a better understanding of His wonderful past times. In this Kali-yuga era where we are currently plagued with a virus, it is your books that are getting us through the tough times which lie ahead. Thank you from

the depths of my soul for your inspiration and motivation, that is why I am in a happier position compared to years of my life before I came to Krsna consciousness.

*Your humble servant,
Rama Gopal Das*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your divine lotus feet.
All glories on your auspicious Vyasa-puja Day.

*namo on visnu-pādāya krsna-presthāya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmīne
namaste sārāsvate deve gaura-vāni-pracārīne
nirvīsesā-sunyavādi -pāścātya-desa-tārīne*

THANK YOU SRILA PRABHUPADA for giving me a goal to my life. More and more I am realising that my goals are and have been very much in the materialistic mode. Thank you so much for your association via your books and association of the Vaisnavas which is ultimately due to your establishing ISKCON, which

was a means to provide association of devotees.

The world is such a fragile place - who would have thought that there would be a restriction on movement, interactions with others and temples being closed to any visitors due to risk of virus infection? Truly one's only shelter is Krishna.



Rama Gopal Das
Durban
South Africa



Ramanandini Devi Dasi
Stellenbosch, Cape Town Yatra
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples
& Other Devotees

So many devotees have been reaching out and keeping the sadhu sanga flourishing during this time. Even though the temples are closed to visitors there are still initiations taking place and devotees are taking more shelter and continuing to serve Krishna. There is so much mercy. I am very grateful to my Guru Maharaja who is tirelessly giving his association and is always glorifying you. I would not have this without your ISKCON and without your mercy.

Thank you for your amazing mission just to bring Krishna consciousness to the whole world. You did such an enormous undertaking and today I

just take it for granted that there are books, Temples, devotee association, Deities, service and so many helpful devotees. I pray for your mercy and blessings so that I don't take Krishna consciousness for granted, that I may have your blessing that I may follow properly and that I may also one day be allowed to be of service in your glorious mission, and pray to always desire the shelter of your lotus feet.


Please forgive my offenses.

Aspiring to serve the servant of the servant in your mission,

Ramanandini Devi Dasi



Ramatirtha Das
and Rasavalli Dasi
Durban
South Africa

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

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY, we wish that your glories continue to spread all over the world, making new devotees come to benefit from the vast spreading of Krishna consciousness in our society and the world.

We like to thank you for this wonderful movement and for dissipating the ignorance in our lives. It is through your teachings that today we are initiated. Having taken initiation from His Holiness Partha Sarathi Das Goswami Maharaj, on 28th September 2019. It is through Guru's mercy that we had the good fortune to visit Mayapur and Vrindavan

in December 2019 and January 2020. The visit to the holy dhams gave us a clearer picture of all your great achievements.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, we beg of you that we always remain in your ISKCON movement and that we always remain at the feet of our Guru Maharaj.

Your most indebted servants,

*Ramatirtha Das
and Rasavalli Dasi*



Ramkinkar das, Vaidarbhi Devi Dasi
Dr Krishna Prasad Rambarran
Dr Vamsidhar das, Sri Radhika
Preethi Devi Dasi
Sri Naradi Gopi, Vibhav
and Damodar Ramsuran
Durban
South Africa

 Hare Krishna
Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to your Divine Grace.

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY 2020 VYASA-PUJA. We are eternally indebted to you dear Srila Prabhupada for coming to us, at an advance age to rescue all the conditioned souls in this suffering world, without discrimination of race, colour, creed or sex in this

most degraded age of Kaliyuga.

Your International Society for Krishna Consciousness is attracting many souls. We pray to you and Lord Krishna that the purity in which it was established, continues to help many generations

Śrīla Prabhupāda
Vyāsa-pūjā 2020

to come.

During the Covid-19 Corona Virus pandemic lockdown, your Food For Life SA with all its Branches sprang into action bringing much relief to the needy.

Today, we beg your Divine Grace to bless us to chant the Holy Names of Lord Krishna with more love and attention.

Thank you for giving us the perfect spiritual playgrounds / platforms, of Deity Worship, Food For Life, harinam, book distribution and inviting us to the Holy land of Vrindavan Dham, Mayapur and

Jagannath Puri to relish pure love of Lord Krishna.

Thank you very much Srila Prabhupada for all you are doing for us to reestablish our lost relationship with Radha Krishna.

All glories to your Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada Ki Jai.

With love,

Ramkinkar das, Vaidarbhi Devi Dasi, Dr Krishna Prasad Rambarran, Dr Vamsidhar das, Sri Radhika Preethi Devi Dasi, Sri Naradi Gopi, Vibhav and Damodar Ramsuran



My dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances at Your glorious lotus feet.

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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, words are not enough to express my gratitude to you since you have made so much efforts for fallen souls like me. Lord Chaitanya has predicted that the holy name of the Lord will spread across every town and village, and in fact it was you who made this prediction come to reality. At the age of 69, you travelled to America all alone with only 40 Indian rupees. You had two heart attacks on board, and also, in America you encountered so many difficulties, and yet you did not give up hope and by the mercy of Lord Krishna and your spiritual master, ISCKON has flourished throughout the whole world.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, today ISCKON has flourished so much so that in every corner of the world it has become famous. In fact, it is by your own mercy that today we are celebrating so much festivals like Gaura Purnima, Janmashthami and even

your Vyasa puja ceremony. In Sridham Mayapur, and also across the whole world, we have celebrated so many Kirtan melas. Srila Prabhupada, today in light of this COVID-19 pandemic, we have so many opportunities to spread the holy name throughout the whole world.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, I would like to thank you for everything you have done for me. Shame on me for not taking advantage of these facilities. My dear Srila Prabhupada, please give me your mercy so that I may become an instrument in your movement. Glorious master of the three worlds, please give me your mercy so that I may serve Guru and Krishna.

Your Servant,

Bhakta Devakinandana



Ramphul Devakinandana

Lavure

Mauritius

Ramvijay Das
Durban
South Africa



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

DURING THIS COVID-19 LOCKDOWN in South Africa, I have the good fortune of being offered the opportunity to reside at the Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple in Durban with around 30 devotees. It is after decades that I spent so much continuous time at a Temple along with my wife. I got the opportunity with minimal distraction from all other encumbrances, to absorb myself in devotional service.

This pandemic has shown us first-hand how precarious our situation within this world is and how easily everything can unravel. You have mentioned this in your books and lectures so many times, but now, it is laid bare before us. Most people in this world felt their entire existence unravel in a few weeks. Being offered shelter at your Temple, I was given such a unique opportunity to intensify my service and take advantage of the wonderful association available at the Temple. It's like I was transported to another world where everything was different, and the focus was totally on the service to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath. It has truly shown me first-hand, how wonderfully transcendental your movement is and revealed to me so much more clearly the

spiritual opportunities you are providing us.

I feel so safe and blessed to be with dedicated devotees who quietly surrender their lives to serving your mission. These humble devotees, despite whatever challenges they may have, are so unassumingly pushing themselves to maintain the services of Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Radhanath. I cannot imagine the blessings they must have accumulated from their continuous dedicated service.

I feel greatly blessed and honoured to have been part of this experience and I pray that the impressions of this experience stay with me for my lifetime. I know that I haven't done anything to warrant anything close to the mercy and blessings I have received, but I attribute this to your causeless unlimited mercy in trying to bring us closer to the Supreme Personality of Godhead and help us break loose from our entanglements within this material world.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

Your grateful servant
Ramvijay das



Ranga devi dasi
Durban
South Africa



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

CONTEMPLATION OF YOUR DIVINE INSTRUCTIONS on preaching the glories of the Supreme Lord to all corners of the earth is realised if only we sincerely put it into action. The ability to execute it comes with your blessings and instructions. I'm so much in awe of those personalities that take these instructions to heart. Someday I wish I could follow in their footsteps.

It's 2020, and Kali Yuga has progressed so

rapidly. Sometimes our strategies to preach may have slightly be altered; nevertheless, the preaching is going on. It's only by your mercy Srila Prabhupada that we may be able to carry on your legacy.

Now that the whole world is on lockdown. We finding different methods to preach, thanks to the intelligence you have provided.

I've been reading that around the world devotees are doing social distancing harinam and book

distribution. Book distribution by using hand prosthetics to reach out to people and to hand out your divine books. Wow! How amazing is this? Some devotees, like my spiritual master His Holiness Indradyumna Swami, are using the internet to preach. Before lockdown, he preached in Hrisikesh to international seekers of the truth. Srila Gurudeva always surprises us with his preaching tactics. I do not doubt that he has a special place in your heart.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for saving us from this world imbued with suffering and death. There is no one like you and your followers in this material

creation. I say this because your instructions are beyond cheating and misleading the general masses.

There's no doubt that you, Srila Prabhupada, is a Messiah that even beyond your departure, people are touched by your words of wisdom. You have selected that right words that touch the heart of whoever reads your precious books.

Thank you again and again and again, eternally.

*Your granddaughter,
Ranga devi dasi*



Our dear most beloved Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY of thanking you dear Srila Prabhupada for the mighty sacrifice you made coming to the western world just to give us your divine nectar your mercy.

Being born in a Hindu home we know Krsna to be Bhagavan, but through your infinite mercy we gained spiritual knowledge of Vrindavan Dham, Dwarika, Mathura, Srīmatī Radharānī, the gopīs and all Krsna's magician names and forms, offering

meals to Lord which becomes prasadam and Sri Chaitanya Mahāprabhu.

Above all, you gave us, mankind the greatest gift the holy name, the maha-mantra your gift to us all.

*Ever so grateful to you,
Your most insignificant humble servant,
Rani Mathaji*



Rani Mathaji
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada.
Kindly accept our most, humble obeisances at the dust of your Lotus feet.

MY SPIRITUAL MASTER has kindly opened my darkened eyes with the torchlight of knowledge.

Recently our world became rocked and shaken as panic seized our fragile hearts, as fear constantly hammered the our minds, rendering the heart into still even more terror. Turmoil was seen all around us, we became totally defenseless against what was

and is happening globally.

A pandemic gripped the world in its fierce grip, attacking and claiming precious lives, which was once taken for granted.

People, scientist, doctors are left bewildered, working around the clock, trying unsuccessfully to find a cure.



Rasada Devi Dasi
Vrindavana
India

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples
& Other Devotees

The dead count increases daily worldwide, as we watch the disease claim victims.

Dearest Prabhupada, ordinarily common man loses his sight and vision and become victims of situations, helplessly struggling against such calamity. Situations get the better of them, and they put their trust in each other.

But then there are those special people that see things differently with everything that's going on around them, and with steady faith, analyze the situation with perfect spiritual knowledge, taking shelter and surrendering even more at the Lotus feet of Our Beloved Lordships, Whose Lotus Feet, alone can give us relief and protection.

With this perfect knowledge, understanding of what's happening dawns upon us that Mother Nature is simply reacting to all the sinful nature collectively that has burdened Her for so long, not abiding by God's laws and senselessly gratifying their senses shamelessly with no regards to any reactions.

Forgetting that for every action there must be an equal and opposite reaction. Worldwide people are forced indoors with distance socializing, eating being restricted and nature is being given

a chance to restore and bring about that balance, rivers, oceans and land becomes cleaner, other living organisms and creatures are free to live and coexist like the way it should be. Harmony on the outside slowly is brought about, by humans being indoors, and not busy exploiting nature's resources unnecessarily.

Family values becomes restored, and a unity amongst family members bonds together. Because of busy lifestyles family becomes distanced and values becomes by the way.


Dear Prabhupada all this realization can only come about by the great sacred spiritual knowledge that you so freely gave, so that we can embrace with an understanding and live by it and thereby eliminating fears of this material world. Your mercy flows unchecked and only the wise will grab it.

We all are truly indebted to you dearest Prabhupada, as oceans of mercy flows, to those who worship your Divine Lotus Feet.

*Your insignificant granddaughter,
Rasada Devi Dasi*



Rasamandala das
and Rasalila Devi Dasi
Phoenix
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada, Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you, our dear Srila Prabhupada, on this very auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja.
May lord Jagannatha, Baladeva and Subhadra Maharani shower you eternally with Their divine love.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, you have given so much of spiritual wisdom to humanity that whoever comes in contact with your works and takes seriously to Krishna Consciousness feels eternally indebted to you. We feel the same.

You came actively into our lives through your Hare Krishna movement, which is very dear to our hearts and gave us your special mercy to know and love Lord Krishna. You changed our lives, made us vegetarians, and gave us a spiritual master, whom we love very much and who is your disciple. This you are doing for thousands and thousands of devotees,

taking us all under your merciful shelter and protecting us from destructive maya.

You will always remain in our hearts as our well-wisher, our spiritual grandfather, who always loves and cares for us. We remain indebted to you, life after life.

Have a wonderful Vyasa Puja.

Srila Prabhupada ki jai. Radha Radhanath ki jai.

*Your grand disciples
Rasamandala Das and Rasalila Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All Glories to your divine lotus feet most.
All Glories to the sankirtan mission. All Glories to your holy appearance day.



 Rasaraj Das
Cape Town
South Africa

AS I TYPE THIS OFFERING for your Vyasa-puja the year twenty twenty
It should be noted that Ratha Yatra
13/14th April 2020 was postponed -Venue Durban Bay of Plenty
The world is busy fighting the Covid-19 war

This year Krsna Karuna turned nineteen
My daughter is a young lady beautiful
This year Radha Radhanath turned fifteen
My son is a young man-handsome
Assisting my health -so dutiful

The world is now held at ransom
By the Covid-19 virus
In South Africa the People have been asked to stay home for 21 days
A disease which now has the world seemingly in crisis

You householder name was Abhay Charan De
Chanting the Holy Name - we should not fear
Lock Down by Maya illusionary energy - going out the door we should we not dare
But Harinam Sankirtan is meant for the worlds welfare

Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

I am a fallen servant of your spiritual son
HH Partha Sarathi das Goswami
almost finished -these feet legs pain -useless body
Two Oceans and Comrades -JAC, failed in every way -I am done

Now I fear you will take me
You will break me
Your reason was about underestimated bag of tea
The Lords Grace was a plan for your pure Bhakti

On this your Vyasa-puja
I pray that you do not forsake me
No father uncle, wife, family and or Aja
Now I am yours do as you wish, what must now - will be

Rasaraj Das
Number 20 on the Avenue called Merlot
My Karma what a lot I got
Lord Krsna is the boss

*You servant,
Rasaraja Dasa*



Rathnaleka Gopi Devi Dasi
Sandton
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

YOUR VENTURE TO THE WEST was mind-altering:
Nothing was favorable or on your side,
Your age, your cash nor your heart attacks - you could have died!
A tin chest as your desk and a kartel as your tool,
At the store-front, in the park, amongst the ganja-guys - preaching became your
rule.
You converted the young hippies to young happies,
And around the world your message was spread by these young chappies.

Your sheer one-pointedness to Krishna is soul-altering:
Your message was loud, your message was clear,
We are spirit soul broken away from Krishna - Do you hear?
Our sanatana-dharma is Devotional service to the Lord,
To advance, the parampara has to be the rod.
Escape this birth, death, old age and disease,
Only Krishna consciousness can help that cease.

Your contribution in books is consciousness-altering:
You were right that your books are a time-bomb,
It exploded my psyche, as it did to every Harry, Dick and Tom.
Your tenacity to save another, in the dawn of light,
Consciousness, intelligence and your pen became your might.
You live in your words like a thunderous roar,
We listen, We chant, We dance, You've got to our core!

*Your servant,
Rathnaleka Gopi Devi Dasi*





Hare Kṛṣṇa dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you. All glories to the International Society for Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.



Remuna-priya Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

I WRITE THIS OFFERING TO YOU with tremendous pride and happiness to be a part of this global family that you single-handedly created.

At a time when the world is facing innumerable challenges and the present and future looks bleak, Kṛṣṇa Consciousness has never been better.

At a time when mosques, temples and churches are closed because of the pandemic, Kṛṣṇa Consciousness has never been better.

At a time when many people are starving for food and sustenance, there has never been a better time to be Kṛṣṇa Conscious.

And the reasons for these facts are many-fold.

Through the scriptures that you have brought to us, we learn that of seeking spirituality at the time of distress is accepted and encouraged.

Through the process of technology, we have not felt the loss of not going to our usual temple programs because the Lord has brought Himself to our homes via His pure devotees, your disciples, who have been keeping us company by keeping us enthused with their love of Kṛṣṇa. We have been able to have regular and daily discourse with some of the most brilliant minds in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and have not felt as much the angst of separation from our sweet Lord. Many social media platforms have been transformed into virtual temples to allow

us to strengthen our spiritually.

Your Food for Life (FFL) structures have been feeding hundreds of thousands of people everywhere in the world. People have been facing difficulties in accessing basic necessities such as food, but FFL has made much effort to ensure that prasad is provided to them.

Everything that you have provided and created is still going strong, all due to your mercy.

This gift of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness that you have given us is truly a miracle, and has benefitted so many of us for so many decades.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, this offering is just a small, tiny token of my appreciation for the Kṛṣṇa Consciousness that you have given us. It has been a balm to all our material wounds in these trying times and continues to give us solace.

Yet, we still struggle to commit 100%. „What is the difficulty?“ you would ask. Despite all the enormous benefits, I haven't been able to answer that question. I beg for forgiveness, dear Srila Prabhupada. I will try to do better.

I shall always remain,

Your servant
Remuna-priya Dasi



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



Renuka Devi Dasi
Gaborone
Botswana

SRILA PRABHUPADA, when I think of you, your compassion and love for us come foremost to my mind. You created a home for the whole world to live in. In this day and age, the true meaning of this is more and more relevant. As we are facing horrific situations of

racial discrimination and brutal violence.

Struggling with a world-wide pandemic of Covid-19, natural disasters around the world, the list of problems is endless. Your words remind us that these are problems are never ending and take

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us away from the real problems we should be focusing on.

“The real problem of life in the material world is to solve the question of birth, death, old age and disease.” – Srimad-Bhagavatam 2.3.2-7

I am indebted to you that you have made available to us all the spiritual knowledge to break the cycle of birth, death old age and disease. Material problems are endless and come in different packages to distract us from the real purpose of human birth. However, if we read the scriptures you so kindly translated and explained to us, we will certainly transcend these problems permanently.

I wish to personally thank you for everything you have done for ISKCON Botswana. Only by your mercy did we celebrate our 25th years. We were so fortunate to have beautiful celebrations just weeks

before the whole world came under ‘lockdown’ due to Covid-19. With your blessings we have been able to serve Sri Sri Krishna Balaram following your guidance with respect to Deity worship and congregational preaching.

I would like to take this opportunity to beg your mercy to allow me to continue serving my Lordships Sri Sri Krishna Balaram.

“... Krishna, Krishna's service and love of Krishna are the three great riches of life.”

Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta, Madhya-lila 20.143

I am truly blessed and grateful to be on this journey, under your guidance, towards this most sweet and loving path.

*Your fallen servant,
Renuka devi dasi*



Reshika 
Pretoria
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU FOR INSPIRING INDIVIDUALS through leading by example.

Thank you for your guidance.

Thank you for your sacrifice.

Thank you for meeting individuals at their spiritual level and encouraging them to grow.

*Your servant,
Reshika*



Rikshana Jugoo 
Somerset West
South Africa



Hare Krsna Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your lotus feet.

THANK YOU for your endless and bountiful mercy. Each year my spiritual connection intensifies under your shelter and the association of the wonderful devotees. I pray to be able to serve you better and better with each passing day. Please give the

strength and guidance to allow me to remain in your shelter and serve you in the best way, along with the Lordships and the devotees.

Your most fallen servant, Rikshana Jugoo



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



Rishikesh Ramjith
Cape Town
South Africa

I HAVE MANY ROLE MODELS IN MY LIFE. People whose achievements and determination have impressed me enough that I would like to follow in their footsteps. People such as Jeff Bezos, Elon Musk, Richard Feynman etc. Technology and business entrepreneurs, engineers, physicists etc.

However, each of them has faults. Some are atheists, some performed extra marital activities etc. Despite having amazing achievements and having the discipline to achieve them, their senses weren't controlled and eventually gotten the better of them. They are no better than an animal.

This is why, I have you as my highest role model. You achieved something so fantastic that people will generally brush it off as a tall tale. Leaving the familiar, simple life of India behind at 70 years old, to go to a strange land and preach something that is in direct contrast to societies "enjoy as much as you can" attitude to life.

And you did not give in to maya. You did not fall where many other gurus who, went to preach in the west, fell. This is what makes you the perfect leader. You practiced what you preached, and many others followed you because of the example you set. And to this day, you are still leading the spreading of the Krishna consciousness movement with your books, lectures, articles etc.

There are no words that can describe my appreciation for you being brave and conquering the hearts of many and spreading Lord Krishna's mercy. Because without it, I have no idea where I would be. I would rather not think about that.

The only thing I can do, is to promise that I will try harder to improve my Krishna consciousness and help grow the home that you have built.

*Your most fallen servant,
Rishikesh Ramjith*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Happy Vyasa-puja!



Rohini Inder
Mount Edgecombe
South Africa

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE BLESSINGS you have given to me, all the amazing devotees that have become family and for some amazing service opportunities.

Thank you for coming into our home by accident and not leaving and thank you most of all for smiling at me every time I offer you food. I always found the idea of being confronted by you to be intimidating until you entered our home and showed me you're more caring and understanding

side. Taking care of you has made it easier to engage in Krishna consciousness activities at home and to engage with the deities.

I am very grateful to be a part of this movement and I hope I can continue to serve you and continue to help spread the word of Krishna consciousness.

Hare Krishna.

Rohini Inder



Rohini Kumara Dasa
Midrand
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisance at your soothing lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace!

“IF WE TAKE SHELTER OF THE LOTUS FEET of the spiritual master, we can become free from illusion, fear and distress. If we wholeheartedly beg for his mercy without any deceit then the spiritual master bestows all auspiciousness upon us.” - Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Goswami Maharaja

I have decided to begin my offering by alluding to a profound statement by your most elevated spiritual master as not only does this statement inform us on the inconceivable mercy of the spiritual master, but it made me realize how you have went way beyond your call of duty as our acharya.

Often times I sit back awestruck, considering my unworthiness of having something so surreal as this process of Krishna consciousness that you have selflessly gave us all. I then also wonder if describing you as “most merciful” suffices for having opened the doors of Vaikuntha, let alone making the realm of Goloka Vrindavana accessible to us all.

Prabhupada, as suffering has taken on a striking toll this year, so many people are forced to succumb to the influences of the material world. This thus left me understanding that – Illusion’s clutches are

losing its force in my life because you have brought me under the torchlight of Lord Dayanidhaye, one who is treasure of compassion. Fear’s power over me no longer lingers only because you have admitted me into the service of Lord Sarvapalaka, the protector of all and distress’ influence has become like a drop of water in the ocean only because you have given me a taste of Lord Kṛṣṇa’s sac-cid-ānanda-vigraha, the embodiment of eternal bliss.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, all I can say is thank you, not only for freeing me from this suffering but more especially for accepting me, most stone-hearted, in thy service. It’s all due to you that I can know of the glories of Sri Krishna, making my very existence whole again.

Please bless me with a heart, to wholeheartedly beg for your mercy without deceit and bestow all auspiciousness on me so that I could someday do something worthy for you and your ISKCON.

*Your aspiring servant,
Rohini Kumara Dasa*



Rucira Devi Dasi
Accra
Ghana



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your divine appearance, I wish to say a few words of appreciation for the program you have kindly established for the deliverance of all conditioned souls.

To demonstrate your deep compassion for the suffering conditioned souls of this world, you made your divine appearance on this day, in this world.

To firmly establish your preaching program on solid philosophical grounds, you spent endless

efforts, time and energy translating the Vedic scriptures and giving them your Bhaktivedanta purports.

To get the world to accept your spiritual program for delivering the conditioned souls, you journeyed by cargo steamship to America, and in the midst of the youth counterculture, you launched your program.

Thinking of the best means to deliver the conditioned souls you established the transcendental

spaceship named ISKCON to take all the conditioned souls back to the spiritual world.

To afford the opportunity to the people of this world to serve Their Lordships, you established Deity worship and trained your followers how to serve the Deities nicely.

To create avenues for congregations to hear and chant the names of the Lord, you established temples throughout the world to facilitate your spiritual program.

To attract the masses of people to get the mercy of the Lord, you initiated Jagannatha Ratha Yatras throughout all major cities of the world.

To flood the world with your transcendental

Your aspiring servant, SABHA Member Representing Vaishnavi Ministry,

literature and to keep these literature flowing, you established your Bhaktivedanta Book Trust (BBT).

To keep your preaching program going strong, you created the GBC body to organise and oversee the expansion of your preaching mission.

Out of your great compassion for hungry people, you established the Food For Life program, which is feeding millions of people around the world.

Srila Prabhupada, you are therefore the deliverer of all fallen conditioned souls of this material world.

All glories! All glories! All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Srila Prabhupada ki jaya!!!

Rucira Devi Dasi



My 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-pascatyadesa-tarine*

TODAY WE HAVE CONCLUDED OUR STUDY of your Sri Isopanisad with two groups of student devotees. Approximately 90 hours with these 18 mantras and your purports. Some days I marveled at its perfection and completeness. Some days I was conquered

by gratitude for being able to discuss your words with devoted souls. And some days I wondered if we were ever going to get out of the brahmajyoti, somewhat tired of hearing of the impersonalists. At the last minute of the last hour, by the grace of a saintly soul, it hit me:

The impersonalist is one who refuses to see “the person” in God and His parts and parcels.

Every time I am sexist, I refuse to treat another gender as a person.

I am an impersonalist.

Every time I am racist, I refuse to accept another race group as person.

I am an impersonalist.

Every time I discriminate between species, I refuse to see all animals, birds,



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Chatsworth, Durban
South Africa

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insects and beasts as part of You. I am an impersonalist.
 Every time I identify with my dead body instead of “me”, the spirit-person,
 I am an impersonalist.
 Every time I am selfish, and place my needs as more important than another’s,
 I am considering them less of a person. I am an impersonalist.
 Every time I view a person as a sense-object, a thing to fulfill my desires,
 I reduce them to matter. I am an impersonalist.
 I have seen the impersonalist.
 The impersonalist is me.

It was a cold shower. I felt like I never read the book at all and needed to turn the first page.

Whilst studying in Vrndavana, you gave me the opportunity to serve you in an intimate way. For eight years I desired to get that same opportunity and it never came. In this lock down period, it just landed in my lap! Shocked, I wondered “why now?” The only link was that I was once again studying those same scriptures. Your message was clear: If I stay close to your words, you will bring me closer to your person.

“Devotional service is so pure and perfect that once having begun, one is forcibly dragged to ultimate success.” (Nectar of Instruction, text 3, purport).

I can see how you are dragging me. You let me serve you in the early hours, just to force me to come to mangal arati. You let me ‘teach’ the sastra just to get me to associate with your words. When I think

I’m reaching out and helping others, you’re really just ensuring that I don’t forget the lessons from my own suffering - reinforcement. A pandemic was arranged (because that’s what it takes) to get me to appreciate arcana, teach me to cook and humble me to clean. Propping up my lazy limbs with sticks of mercy, you force me to spine-up, engage the core, and be an example. You are dragging me by your love because you want me to be a devotee. You won’t let go. And that is my saving grace.


Spiritual life is joyous, but it often takes a crisis to get us to advance. I have suffered. I desire to help others who do. Is this part of your perfect plan? If so, I’m expressing my willingness to align.

Thank you for giving me a wonderful life.

*A servant of your servant’s servant,
 And your great granddaughter,
 Rukmini devi dasi*



Rupa Goswami das 
 Bedfordview, Johannesburg
 South Africa

 Dearest Srila Prabhupada
 Please accept my humble obeisance’s at your divine lotus feet.
 All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

RECENTLY DURING THE WORLDWIDE ‘LOCKDOWN’ we were fortunate enough to be taught Bhagavad Gita - As It Is; wherein this study you teach, guide and get us to realign our lives.

Lord Krishna states in BG 11.32 – “Time I am”, which I find to be very fitting. Time as in minutes, hours, days, months, and years go by so quickly and

now yet another year has passed by. Our time is limited, and you have through your teachings via your books and lectures repeatedly told us to take to the holy name, take full advantage in this lifetime and exit this material world.

All I can express is my continuous gratitude to you - Dearest Srila Prabhupada.

My prayer to you Srila Prabhupada is for you to give me your mercy to be a small unnoticed instrument to grow your mission.

*Your Humble Servant,
Rupa Goswami das*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-tarine*

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE for all that you have done in my life, each and every single day I derive strength from your transcendental books. They have changed my consciousness in ways I never thought possible. You are the savior of this world and I am only able to go through these troubling times through your grace. The world currently faces

a great pandemic but you have already left us the solution through your transcendental books. Please help me engage in your services and to serve your servants as well.

*Your hopeful servant and a great fool.
Ryan Mark Naidoo*



Ryan Mark Naidoo
Durban
South Africa







Dear Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Jagganath, Baladev and Subadra Maharani.
All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja!

OH SRILA PRABHUPADA, the year 2020 has been unprecedented to say the least. I am sure you know that the world has been hit with a pandemic virus that has smashed what we carelessly term „normal“ daily activities. Due to the rapid spread, your temples are closed, no temple worship by non-resident devotees and no beloved Sunday love feast programs or gatherings of devotees for any reason.

At the last Sunday Love Feast at your ISKCON Midrand, I was fortunate enough to be a part of the cooking team and remember thinking, how will we manage not coming to your temple, seeing you, worshipping you and associate with your devotees. The sombre mood set in as we said our goodbyes.

A week into this physical separation, we started to use technology to keep in touch, home worship for me became more prominent, and reports of nature flourishing could be seen. Mother Bhumi, was being given a rest, she was being cleansed of all our ill activities and exploitation over these years. Families started eating together, praying together and halting this rat race that we always find ourselves in. Chasing and chasing and still not satisfied.

We swiftly moved to daily online programs, from mangala aarti in Mayapur, to Srimad Bhagavatam classes in Durban to Vaishnava Sangha and Sunday love feast programs at ISKCON Midrand and daily lectures, seminars and courses by many of your dedicated disciples. Srila Prabhupada, I write to you every year trying to express my gratitude in some

way. This year if it is possible, I am more grateful than ever. I do not know how to survive without you, your movement and your devotees. In any situation, whether good, bad or mediocre I know through this house that you built, the strength of which that I can draw from it is astounding.

I am lost for words on how to say thank you for my Gurudev His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami. He has dedicated his time while in lockdown, through dread diseases and surgery recoveries to ensure that we are fully absorbed in Krishna consciousness. He has learnt how to use every piece of technology to help Krishna consciousness reach every device, and person behind the device, as much as possible. His dedication to you and your movement is overwhelming. He is ensuring that we hear so nicely the glorious past times of Sri Sri Radha and Krishna, the lesson and guidance thought in your books only to deepen our Krishna consciousness. Sraavanam, Kirtanam, Visnoh Smaranam.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada. With tears in my eyes and gratitude in my stone heart, for building a home which the whole world can live in, and opening the door through Srila Gurudev to allow me to occupy some space. Please use me in whichever way you choose.

I love you.

*Trying to be your servant,
Saci devi dasi*



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

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

 Saci devi dasi
ISKCON Midrand, Gauteng
South Africa

 Sadhu Priya Das
Rondebosch
South Africa

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

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

THIS IS MY FIRST TIME WRITING YOU a Vyasa-puja offering, I hope it is good enough to give me a glance of your transcendental smile.

By some unimaginable good fortune, some causeless mercy, for years, my quest of truly, consciously understanding who I really am and my ultimate purpose in this life, restarted when I had some prasadam at my former University, and from there on, like a rolling stone, my life was getting more and more purified every turn I took.

Over the years, I grew more and more grateful for the mercy you brought upon the entire world, for the mercy you extended to a rascal like myself. You are the savior of the whole world, without your painstaking endeavors to spread the movement to the west, rascals like me wouldn't have had the opportunity we have right now.

Every time I listen to your voice, every time I see videos of you, every time I hear your transcendental

humor, I feel like my spirit is enlivened. In this age of Kali, we are swimming in the ocean of maya, with turbulent waves that are degrading us further and further, trying to drown us, but by your mercy, you threw a transcendental lifebuoy which you can pull us back with.

O' Srila Prabhupada, how fortunate are we, as fallen as I am, that we have taken shelter under your divine lotus feet, taken shelter of the words emanating from your lotus mouth, that bring forth light in the darkness of ignorance, please continue to protect us from the turbulent ocean of maya, and grant us the knowledge to help you further your mission to make the whole world Krishna conscious.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for changing the course of my life for the better.

*Your Humble Servant
Sadhu Priya Das*



Sakshi Gopal Das 🙏
Plaines Wilhems
Mauritius

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,

MOST INFLUENTIAL BUSINESSMAN, most influential actor in the west and the very recent appellation added to the list; most influential social media personality of the year. A new title recently coined in the many awards ceremonies. But today while in deep thoughts about what to write for Prabhupada, a much better title cropped into my mind; the most influential historical personality of this Kali-yuga.

Who am I, to award this title to His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada? If

we just assume that this material world could be like the spiritual world for one instance where a stone on which Krsna sits is but a devotee honouring that svarupa or form to serve Krsna, then here the very title would have come as a person bowing down to Prabhupada's lotus feet and sticking to them as an insignificant particle of dust.

Such are your glories, sung all around the three worlds, and really again who am I to award any title to you my eternal Siksha Guru. Every day

on multiple basis, you have blessed me with such incredible opportunities of purification by simple chanting your pranam mantra.

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

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

*namas te sarasvate deve
gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-
pascatyā-desā-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.

If only once I could utter your pranam mantra purely, that will be the success of my life. The maha mantra source is from the highest realm of the

spiritual world as the greatest treasure that could ever be. Your pranam mantra originates from your unwavering life and soul dedication and servitude consciousness to your guru's desire. This origin, for me, is non-different from the spiritual world. Actually, even better than the spiritual world, such that when you transfer your consciousness to the world, your pure devotees want your causeless devotional service birth after birth rather than the spiritual world itself. Indeed, your magic is really magic.

That is why I thought of this title and why you deserve it is simple. Had you not been there, the world would have been very earlier in a super catastrophic condition. Giving us access to your consciousness delayed the effect of Kali-yuga and helped proliferate the spiritual effect around the globe. I cannot thank you enough for 'gatecrashing' my materialistic way of life. I wish I could say I love you, but that's not very true. Love is the way you love your guru and I know I am not there.

Today on your appearance day, once again thank you so much for appearing. May I fall in love with you very soon.

*Your most fallen servant,
Sakshi Gopal Das*



 Dear Prabhupada,

THANK YOU SRILA PRABHUPADA for bringing Krishna to my children and me. You have spent so many hours to ensure that every living human being for centuries and centuries to come will save their souls. Knowing how much Krishna loves me was explained by you time and time again. You showed me the importance of chanting, kirtan and thinking about Krishna every moment we have. I live to do exactly what you want us to do.

You built Temples for us which have become our

home, you brought devotees to me who have become loving family to me. The association you provided to me in explaining the importance of Deity worship, chanting japa, savoring prasadam and reading your books has brought such peace into my life. I love the beautiful Temples and when I go overseas, I see the splendor of your Temples and the beautiful Deities. I feel that I am so far from Krishna, I am so fallen Srila Prabhupada. I need your guidance and presence in my life to constantly edge me on towards you

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Gauteng
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and towards Krishna, and I feel that bond with you through listening to your lectures, morning walks and interviews.

A more intelligent soul I have never seen or heard Prabhupada. Your wisdom, knowledge and passion for Krishna consciousness can never be compared to any other life form in this universe.

Thank you for your love, guidance and blessings

Prabhupada. Please bless me that I may live up to your values and teachings. All glories to you Srila Prabhupada, without you I would be roaming aimlessly in this birth.

*Hari hari bol.
Salomy Perumal*


Sam Burrell 🙏
Benoni
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU Srila Prabhupada. By listening to you I have been more positive in what I do and feel much better in my life

Sam Burrell

Samandrie Govender 🙏
Shallcross
South Africa

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

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for opening my eyes and making me aware of Lord Krsna. What attracted me to you, Srila Prabhupada, was your ability and resilience that you went through, all the sacrifices and hardships in foreign lands. At your age, your ability to visit so many countries in the world many times and taking Krsna Consciousness to people in the Western world. The practical way of life and following the regulative principles, chanting minimum of 16 rounds, listening to kirtan and Katha, performing deity worship, cooking and offering food to Krsna gave me a sense of strict holistic routine of simple living with high thinking.

You have given us God families across the world

and wonderful spiritual masters. I feel indebted to you, Srila Prabhupada, for all that you have done for us through your institution, books, disciples, followers, to be obedient and carry out your wonderful teachings in your compassionate way. Without Srila Prabhupada's mercy, none of us would have the opportunity to serve the Supreme Lord. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for saving me from this sinful life and giving me the association of wonderful Vaishnavas, eating prasadam, kirtan, deity worship and chanting 16 rounds of Maha-mantra.

*Your aspiring servant,
Samandrie mataji*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath, all glories to Panca Tattva.
All glories to you our dear most Srila Prabhupada.

LORD KRISHNA SAYS IN THE BHAGAVAD-GITA „Never was there a time when I did not exist, nor you, nor all these kings, nor in the future shall any of us cease to be.“

We are fortunate to take birth in this time of kali-yuga as human beings and to receive Vedic teachings from you. We have read many books published by you, that is why we joined your movement. At present we are reading the Srimad-Bhagavatam. By reading your books we learnt many things especially spiritual science and how to attain the highest perfection of life in this human form. You mentioned about our identity in this human form and our primary duty is devotional service and devotional service will take us to our destiny. By your mercy we are

involved in devotional service at the Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple and our namahatta.

By engaging us in your movement, you have given us a permanent asset. We are fortunate to obtain the mercy of a Spiritual Master because of you. Srila Prabhupada you are our saviour.

You sacrificed your own comfort to work for the good of all of us.

We thank you for saving us all from the ocean of misery.

*Hare Krishna.
Your servants,
Sanatana Dharma Das and Naresvari Devi Dasi*

 Sanatana Dharma Das
and Naresvari Devi Dasi
Umkomaas, KwaZulu-Natal,
South Africa



My dearest grandfather Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

I LEARNED ALL ABOUT YOU, all your past times and stories of traveling the world. I'm glad you made a house that the whole world can live in. Please bless us and protect us from this Covid-19 pandemic.

*From your great granddaughter
Sanjana Hurdeyal (13 years old)*

 Sanjana Hurdeyal
Chatsworth Durban
South Africa




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

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

I HAVE CONTEMPLATED WRITING THIS OFFERING to you for some weeks, and as I did so, I found myself

praying more ardently to the Lord for purification of my consciousness, and to please open my heart

 Sarisha Harrychund
Durban
South Africa

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in gratitude. I was praying in this way so that I may be able to appreciate you, and the treasure that is Krishna consciousness, which you have afforded to me and humanity at large.

The difficulty I experience each year as I try and offer some appreciation, is that I feel like a blind person who has the treatment on hand to see light and form but has wasted the opportunity for this treatment. Each year the urgency for spiritual advancement remains for a time, and then fades into the background of other daily obligations that require attention. So how does someone like me offer appreciation to you on your Sri Vyasa-puja without the corresponding action and results to substantiate that appreciation?

I am sure that I can never justify my inaction. All that I am sure of is that it is completely by your mercy, by the mercy of the Lord, and by the mercy of the devotees that I have remained practicing Krishna consciousness. For this mercy, I am truly grateful and thank you.

Through the process of Krishna consciousness you have given me all the tools to be successful in life - an understanding of my identity, our holy scriptures that allow me to discriminate between positive and negative actions, a regulated lifestyle,

association of saintly persons, the shelter of the holy name, and a multitude of opportunities to perform devotional service. You have given me the tools to be successful not only in all aspects of this life, but to be successful beyond this lifetime and into eternity, and for these magnanimous benedictions, I am again grateful.


As you write in the Nectar of Devotion, “Pure devotional service in Krishna consciousness is the highest enlightenment, and when such enlightenment is there, it is just like a blazing forest fire, killing all the inauspicious snakes of desire”.

I therefore pray to you, dearest Srila Prabhupada, that although you have given me so much mercy already in even allowing me to remain serving in your ISKCON, and given me the tools and processes for success - I please kindly pray to be able to properly situate your love, teachings and example in my heart. By that mercy, I pray that I may find the shelter of a spiritual master, under whose guidance I can offer devotional service and become more spiritually enlightened.

*Your servant,
Sarisha Harrychund*



Sarvakanthie Devi Dasi 🌸
Durban
South Africa

 My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet.
On this most auspicious day your Vyasa-puja I want to trumpet your glories.

THE CAITANYA MANGALA MENTIONS THAT LORD CAITANYA SAID, ‘I am going to flood India, but later someone will come. My commander in chief devotee and he will spread the mercy to the distant places where sinful people are living, people who have escaped from the mercy in India and who are far away. Do not worry we will get them to? I am going to send the cleanup operationally devotee and he will go and spread the Sankirtan everywhere’.

So, because of Srila Prabhupada's mercy, we can

also get this mercy of Lord Caitanya. We can chant the holy names. We can get the mercy.

Srila Prabhupada you are the fragrant flower in the forest. We know that one guided fragrant flower in the forest can give a good name to the whole forest, like that in the Parampara, one good disciple will glorify the whole parampara.

I am sitting now in Mayapur, the holy dhama due to the mercy of the Coronavirus I am stuck and isolated in Mayapur. How fortunate I am to be

isolated in the holy dhama. The most precious jewel of this world is the association of sadhus or devotees of Lord Krishna and this is the only reason Srila Prabhupada formed ISKCON. True devotees are very rare. From the spotless character of one pure devotee one entire religious movement has blossomed.

This year is very auspicious for me, I am here in Mayapur your place of Worship. You said Srila Prabhupada that, "Mayapur, is where I worship the Supreme Personality of Godhead." You you're your disciples 'now you make Mayapur into a gorgeous Palace for Radha and Krishna and I shall come and sit down there personally to stay by them'. You said 'Vrindavan is my residence Bombay is my office for organization and Mayapur is for Worshipping the Supreme Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu'.

The Annual Mayapur Sri Gaura-Purnima

Festival takes place over the course of one month every year between February and March. And devotees from all across the globe come to participate in the festivities. The festival inspires and surcharges devotees by immersing them in hearing, chanting, and sadhu-sanga in the most auspicious Mayapur Dhama. Srila Prabhupada said come annually get surcharged and go back and preach vigorously in your countries.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada, and the Sankirtan mission of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Srila Prabhupada ki Jai.

Thanking you.

Your not so humble granddaughter,

Sarvakanthie Devi Dasi.



Haribol Srila Prabhupada.

I THANK YOU for taking us under your wings and guiding us on our spiritual journey unto Godhead.
Hare Krishna.

Sarvana Gary



Sarvana Gary
Durban
South Africa



Hare Krsna, my dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath. All glories to your Divine Grace.

WORDS CANNOT ADEQUATELY EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE for all that you have done, for not only me but for the entire world.

Srila Prabhupada, when you said that you built a home for the whole world to live in, I really understood the meaning of this, especially when I travelled to India on pilgrimage. It is because of you, Srila Prabhupada, that we have the good fortune and convenience of staying in ISKCON Temples when

in India.

It is because of your mercy that we get the association of devotees, darshan of Deities, get to listen to classes by many senior devotees who are your disciples, get to study and read your books and so much more.

Srila Prabhupada, I desire to please you, and I pray for others to also receive your mercy through the pages of your transcendental books. Please



Sarvanga Sundri Devi dasi
Durban
South Africa

empower me to distribute your books.

Recently, I started a new service in teaching the Bhagavad Gita overview course. Actually, I am not really teaching; it is you who is teaching, Srila Prabhupada, using me as an instrument. I pray and beg at your lotus feet to continue this service to spread your ISKCON and please you.

In Bhagavad Gita As It Is, Krsna says that the devotee who preaches His glories is very dear to Him. I realise that that devotee is you, Srila Prabhupada.

I pray that you kindly be merciful upon this very fallen soul and always keep my family and me at your divine lotus feet eternally.


I have faith in your words when you said that

you have the key to the back door of Goloka Vrindavan and I sincerely pray that at the end of this lifetime of mine, you will mercifully give me entrance to Sri Dham Goloka Vrindavan.

Please forgive me for asking you to assist me. I mean no offence in asking, I don't mean to ask of any service from you, my dear param Gurudev Maharaj but I am useless and cannot do anything without your intervention. I daily ask you to take Boga offerings to sweet Krsna; please forgive me.

*Your lowly servant,
Sarvanga Sundri dd*

Satcidananda Das 🙏
Lagos
Nigeria

 Dear His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisances.
All glories to your divine grace!




THANK YOU FOR GIVEN ME THE GIFT OF TRUE LIFE, Krishna consciousness, even though I am crawling you have assured me of success if I never retreat, thank you again and again for saving the Earth planet with

Krishna consciousness, what the world would be without your mercy and kindness?

Satcidananda Das

Sathisha Barath 🙏
Umhlatuzana
South Africa

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



THANK YOU FOR THE SHELTER THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN US in the form of ISKCON. Your determination to follow your Guru Maharaj's instruction is something we all must imbibe. At such a delicate age when most people would retire to a comfortable life, you made the biggest sacrifices and travelled halfway across the world all for us, the most fallen souls. Repeated challenges that would otherwise break the spirit of an individual never deterred you from your goal of spreading Krsna Consciousness in the West. You

simply relied on the mercy of Lord Krsna and Guru.

Your guidance and message live on forever in the treasure in the form of numerous books that you have left behind for us. I am eternally grateful to you, Srila Prabhupada, else I would continue to be a lost fragment in this material world.

*Your humble servant,
Bhaktin Sathisha Barath*





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

"I AM NOT IN VAIKUNTHA nor in the hearts of the yogīs. I remain where My devotees engage in glorifying My activities." Padma Purana

As we turn the pages of the books you've written, as we hear the words you spoke and as we receive realizations from those who've surrendered in service to you, we come to see a fragment of your vast personality.

Someone who thought of others, someone who invested quality time and output for others, someone who lived for the glorification of the Supreme Person and someone who created that opportunity of glorification of the Supreme Person for others.

With all the affectionate gifts you've showered us with, you're giving us the opportunity to follow you, you're giving us the opportunity to fill the vacancy within our hearts and you are giving us the opportunity to meet the Supreme Person.

Did you ever really leave the spiritual world or by your captivating devotion did you bring the

spiritual world to us, whose eyes are being opened by the gift of transcendental knowledge? We can only see through the grace and experiential words of the spiritual master.

To give true glorification surely means there is an extraordinary depth of humility within the heart because we allow ourselves to be defeated by the qualities of the recipient of our eternal affection. To glorify surely means that within the heart we are never separated from the Supreme Person who becomes the center of our activities and meditation.

Your entire life is a glorification of the Supreme Person.

By love it seems as though you've captivated Krsna and are able to give Him - to the sincere.

Again and again let me offer my obeisances unto you.

*Your aspiring servant
Satyarani Dasi*



Hare Krishna,
All glories to you Srila Prabhupada on the most auspicious occasion of your Sri Vyasa-puja.

YOUR BOOKS ARE MEANT TO GUIDE HUMAN SOCIETY for the next 10 000 years. To date we have distributed more than 1/2 billion of them. We still have to distribute another 7 billion to ensure every human on this planet has at least one of your books. When your books are profusely distributed all over the world Satya-yuga will manifest in this Kali-yuga. Only until then your sankirtan soldiers can relax confident that they have fulfilled your desire. Please bless me Srila Prabhupada that I can be expertly instrumental in this endeavor.

Srila Prabhupada, new admissions into our

society are very fortunate indeed because of the good example set by your wonderful disciples internationally. Being a parampara system our new devotees are only as good as our leaders. Because our leaders are closely following your instructions especially in the matter of attending full morning programme...refraining from the 4 sinful acts ... and tirelessly serving your body (ISKCON) new generation devotees are of very good caliber. However, if our leaders stop observing the above then our rank and file followers will simply remain as hippies and even worse. Srila Prabhupada please bless all our

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& Other Devotees

leaders within ISKCON so that they will very strictly adhere to full morning programme...no sinful life and tireless service. In this way our society can grow from strength to strength. However, if our leaders don't adhere everything will be spoiled.

Our movement is expanding steadily all over the world. We can accelerate this expansion if every bona fide devotee of good standing and with at least 10 years of experience opened a centre. Our growth must not be restricted by monopolizing our movement where only a select group of people take the reins and restrict expansion by neglecting your instruction that every centre should be independent and autonomous. You were totally against persons desirous of opening a centre running to the monopolists with begging bowls in their hands crying „give me this/that sir“. You wanted every centre to be managed by the local people not centralized management which has been designed especially for personal name fame and power in mind. Independent and autonomous centers which was your desire can very easily be monitored for efficiency

and adherence via our GBC men and their assistants. In this way we will develop strong capable managers internationally who will take the helm of ISKCON and steer it in the direction you want it to go...not weak leaders with slavish mentalities who simply kow tow to the big guns.

Finally, Srila Prabhupada my intention is not to find fault but to address issues which can only enhance our society magnificently for the benefit of the devotees, the Acarya and the Supreme Personality of Godhead Krishna all with the view of reclaiming conditioned souls.

On this most auspicious Vyasa-puja 2020 we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for ISKCON your books and the holy name.

All glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, Founder- Acarya of ISKCON.

*Your humble servant,
Saunaka rishi das.*



Sean Joubert 🙏
Pretoria
South Africa



Hare Krishna 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*

SRILA PRABHUPADA I first of all wanted to thank you so very much from the very bottom of my being for bringing Krishna consciousness to the West. If it were not for you, I would never have even known the name Krishna. Krishna consciousness has quite literally saved my life and given me a proper way to form a relationship with God.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for the wonderful, compassionate, loving and knowledgeable devotees

you have left for us, they are so good to me and have helped me so nicely in Krishna consciousness.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for enabling me to form a personal relationship with you by your vani. Thank you for your Murti form at the Temples, that I can sit and talk to and pray to for guidance and thank you so much for always responding to me with direction, guidance and love.

I'm writing all this with tears in my eyes

because I actually cannot find the words to describe how grateful I am to you and your ISKCON.


Please employ me in your service for the rest of my life and the next, I only want to carry out your mission, that of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Thank you for taking pity on such a fallen, fallen, fallen

soul as me.

I Love you Srila Prabhupada. Srila Prabhupada Ki Jai!

*Your Servant,
Sean Joubert*



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

YOU ARE AN INSPIRATION TO ME. I have taken an interest in attending Sunday love fest and attending various functions held at ISKCON Lenasia. I am with bliss. I have started reading the Bhagavad Gita As It Is, and the Mission In The Service Of His Divine Grace. I am currently reading the Back to Godhead magazine. Your teachings are exemplary in Krsna Consciousness.


I have learnt to chant the Maha-mantra using the Japa beads. Currently, I am going through a very trying time, and it is explained in the Bhagavad

Gita about this age of Kali Yuga. This knowledge has inspired me as I feel I am not alone on this path.

I attempted to do my first Ekadashi fast, which was very challenging but had left me with feelings of kindness, and peacefulness, which I have not experienced before. I lovingly thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your mercy and teachings in helping to save souls like me from the clutches of materialism.

*Your humble servant,
Senthamarai Govender*



 All glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga
My dear most Grandfather Srila Prabhupada

AS I GROW OLDER I realise more and more how much your Holiness has sacrificed for the future generations of Kaliyuga.

Your books are our spiritual guidance and your disciples are our Gurus.

I am your grandchild and I am wonder struck that such a person as yourself in flesh and blood lived on this earth planet and travelled around the world 14 times to spread Krishna consciousness in every continent and opened hundreds of temples for the benefit of people in Kali-yuga.

I am indebted to you in every lifetime.

I pray to my Lordships Sri Sri Krsna Balaramji to keep me in your service as a menial servant of the servant so that I can be physically near you Srila Prabhupada and take your darshan everyday, touch Your lotus feet with my head, for I know you are Sri Krsna's favourite and special empowered personality as predicted in the shastras .

Please accept my humble dandvat pranaam again and again


*Your useless granddaughter,
Sevamanjari devi dasi*

 Senthamarai Govender
Lenasia
South Africa

 Sevamanjari devi dasi
Gaborone
Botswana

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples
& Other Devotees

Shaitala Mistry 🌸
Midrand
South Africa

 To my dearest grandfather,
I offer my most humble obeisances unto your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you.

HAPPY VYASA-PUJA MY DEAR SAVIOR. These words will not be equivalent to the amount of gratitude and love I have to express unto you. Thank you for allowing me to serve you and your servants. It brings me great sorrow that I cannot visit you every week or serve any other devotees and gurus in the past few months but that doesn't stop me from finding other services or services from finding me. I'm serving your books, artworks, dance forms, instruments and the holy name much more than I usually would due to the extreme amount of extra free time and the Lord's providence. It has only been the best experiences.


When I read your books, it seems as if you are sitting in front of me and reciting Krishna's pastimes. When I paint, it is as if you are guiding my hands in the service to the Lord and making all the images come to life, and the mixture of the holy name with instruments and vocals makes my heart

and soul dance with immense excitement and joy. There is not a day that goes by where I think to myself, what has this silly fool done to receive such love and mercy.

I pray to Sri Sri Radha Shyamsundar that they will allow me to keep serving at your lotus feet and with your mercy and guidance then will I only succeed. You have made the impossible possible and only in a matter of a few weeks. Please continue to keep me sheltered and serving as I belong to the dust and shelter of your lotus feet. May I keep writing, reading and singing under your instructions and guidance and stay forever in my external home of the Lord (the glorious temples you built) and amazing movement.

*Lots of love from your granddaughter
and servant of the servant,
Shaitala Mistry*

Shakuntala Devi dasi 🌸
Mauritius

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga.

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

I AM SO FORTUNATE to have the opportunity to be the servant of the servant, being with a smaller knowledge, I just want to be thankful to Srila Prabhupada for giving me Krishna consciousness so easily as he himself worked so hard.

I will be a sincere servant till my last breath under the guidance of my guru to serve till my

capacity

Thank you so much Srila Prabhupada.

Please always give your blessing and bestow on me and my family with your mercy. Jai Gurudev

*Your servant,
Shakuntala Devi dasi*



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
A very happy Vyasa-puja to you.

Shamalata devi dasi
Phoenix
South Africa

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BLESSINGS and for all the programmes that you had set out for your followers.

I really do not know how we would have survived this Coronavirus epidemic that is presently plaguing the world. We are in lockdown, meaning that we have to be confined to our homes. Temples are closed to the public. Deity worship is still going on, which are performed by a few residential devotees.

Fortunately, through your teachings, we can still continue our worship at home: chanting, reading, cooking, offering and taking prasada. There are

more virtual lectures conducted by devotees than in normal circumstances, in the comfort of our homes. My spiritual master His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami is using this technology daily, for morning and evening Japa sessions, Bhagavatam classes and online courses.

There is no stopping Krishna Consciousness, even this pandemic, all by the mercy and the work of you, your Divine Grace.

*Your unworthy grand disciple,
Shamalata devi dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to your Divine Grace. Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Guru and Gauranga.

Shanth-Roop devi dasi
Durban
South Africa

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

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

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

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

WELL, LET ME START OFF WITH SOME GOOD NEWS. I have completed my Bhakti Shastri course and graduated. Graduation was earlier this year. Ranga Devi Mathaji asked me to speak about my experience. I was glad

because I wanted to say a few words. I spoke a little about how I started the course because I want to learn so that I can teach the next generation. I did not go into detail with that topic though. That's

something I feel needs to be addressed when there is a packed temple room, like on Lord Narasimha Dev's appearance day.

Speaking about Lord Narasimha Dev appearance day, it was a bit sad this year because basically the entire world is on lockdown due to a pandemic. It is sad, yet I know that better days are ahead. I am sure that everyone out there will be more grateful for what they had. I know I definitely am really grateful for our Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Mandir. I am so grateful that you came here to South Africa. If it were not for you then this temple would not be here. What to speak of the fact that we cannot go to Mandir now.

I remember the day that we received notification from our Mandir that they will be closed indefinitely. I was so sad. There already was no Sunday satsang due to the pandemic. Yet these are guidelines that needed to be taken for everyone's protection. I went to take dharshan that evening for the last time in person. It was so sad. The little seva that we did at Mandir also came to a stop during that week. The couple of devotees that I used to associate with weekly for seva are also sad. What can we do though? We just pray for the strength to get through this difficult time, with your mercy and the mercy of the previous acharyas. I have been trying to keep in contact with the devotees from our weekly seva though. Every week we do a video call. It helps to be able to see someone since we are kind of in jail. Now I can understand a little bit of what it was like for Devaki to be in the prison-house of Kamsa. Well, just the part that you cannot meet anyone.

I am trying to do my little preaching on WhatsApp and Facebook sometimes. I send some audio lectures, videos, links and dharshan for the devotees. I think I was sending a bit too much at first. What to do? When we start discussing the topics of the Lord, we just can't stop! I try and keep it to a set amount now, because I don't want to bombard anyone with too much stuff. I send a link of Mahabharata daily and verses from Srimad-Bhagavatam. Oh, the good thing about this entire situation

is that we can listen to the daily morning lecture at Mandir. We couldn't tune in before, only on weekend and festival days.

I have learned a lot. There's been a lot of lectures from Mandir apart from the morning lectures. His Holiness Rama Govind Swami was giving classes about Ramlila, just before Ram Naumi. That day was also a sad day this year. The devotees at Mandir did such wonderful decorations though, despite the small number of devotees living there. Now His Holiness Rama Govind Swami is giving an overview of Bhagavatam. I have also chanted with His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami on many occasions during the morning session. Maharaja also had an evening session with Nectar of Instruction, I think, and then there were pastimes of Lord Kṛṣṇa, well the demons in Lord Kṛṣṇa's pastimes and what they represent. His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami gave lectures on Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta during the afternoon. I did not manage to listen to all these. Recently I have been listening to His Grace Deena Bandhu Das in the evening. Prabhuji has been so kind to give Vrindavan leela pastimes and well everything that's going on, all the auspicious days leelas, like Panihati Chida-dahi festival. Oh, and our Mandir had arranged to send some prasad on Lord Narasimha Dev's appearance day and recently in honour of Panihati Chida-dahi festival. It was so lovely to taste prasad from Mandir. It is on another level.

Govindas restaurant will be opening soon for takeaways. We now have an online shop for a few dry items like Ekadasi flour and Cowpathy products from the Radhanath's Gifts shop. They may even allow us to take dharshan at Mandir soon. It has allowed from the government, am just waiting for Mandir to give the go ahead. At the same time, I feel we might have to do like we in Tirupati and each person might only be allowed to take dharshan for a few minutes, well hopefully we get a few minutes and not seconds.

I really enjoyed it when His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami reads your pastimes. It was really lovely, especially when Maharaja would say so this

person became so and so, and that person became so and so. That would really put us in the picture.

His Holiness Rama Govinda Swami would sing different bhajans and I would find the bhajans and send out the audio and lyrics to everyone so we all can listen and learn. It's amazing that for some of the bhajans we know some of the lines, yet we don't know which bhajan it comes from. Like the bhajan "Ohe! Vaishnava Thakura, there is that line "ami to' kangala . . ." and I used to meditate on that line from time to time, yet I did not realise which bhajan it came from until I heard Maharaja sing it and then I sent it to everyone. There was another bhajan, "Jaya Jaya Jagannatha Sacira Nandan" I came across the last line when I was doing some little transcription seva, yet I never knew the tune to sing it and I was so glad when Maharaja sang it because then I also went and found a recording of Gurudev singing it. It was out of this world! So amazing!

Unfortunately, due to the lockdown, there was no annual Ratha Yatra festival this Easter! I know that a lot of devotees were disheartened about this as well. Yet again, it's out of our control. Lord Krsna has his plans. Ratha Yatra is postponed to later this year, maybe it will be in December like before. That will be good.

I do hope the world is thinking about co-existence now, after all that is happening in the world.

I am sure there are a lot of spiritual minded people out there that will be thinking seriously about what has happened to the planet and now the world needs to get more serious. One thing is that people need to protect Gau matha. I just received a message on WhatsApp actually, and it said that in the Province of Uttar Pradesh in India if anyone harms a cow then they will get seven years imprisonment. It is long overdue, yet better late than never. I was also happy to hear from the News that India will now be called "Bharath". I am so glad. I was never fond of the name India. From the time I was a little girl, my family and I used to always hear His Holiness Krishna Das Swami affectionately say Bharath and so I also say that. Bharath Bhumi ki... Jaya!

I feel that this entire pandemic is going to bring people to a more spiritual level and then the 'golden age' is going to really move forward. I can't wait. I am so excited. I have many ideas for the youth and your little soldiers (the children). Yes, I haven't forgotten about them.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada, for everything you did for us. I really appreciate it. Please bless me to serve you always.

*Your granddaughter,
Shanth-Roop devi das*




Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my prostrated obeisances unto the dust of Your lotus feet - Param Gurudev.

*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*

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE to write a short offering for the most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja 2020. We are indeed greatly indebted to you Srila

Prabhupada for saving us in this material world. Your purity and sincerity has caused a heart transformation. You have encouraged us to take up a vow

 Shatrughna Das and family
Sri Sri Radha Golokananda Mandir,
ISKCON Phoenix
Mauritius

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to chant the Lord's Holy name daily on a fixed number of rounds.

Srila Prabhupada you have kindly instructed us to follow a golden principle that motivates and is inculcated in us – 'don't try to see God but act in such a way that God sees you.'

It's a boon to have joined ISKCON and associate with your disciples, the great devotees of Lord

Gauranga through your causeless mercy. Thank you again and again for saving so many souls from degradation.

Srila Prabhupada ki jai!!

Aspiring to serve at your lotus feet.

Shatrughna Das and family



Shobhamayi Devi Dasi, 
Bhargava Das, Tharisha
Shukadev Das
Tongaat
South Africa



Our dear most great, great grandfather Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances and pranams.
All glories to your divine lotus feet. All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

WHAT WOULD OUR LIVES BE WITHOUT YOU? We can't imagine that. Every fabric of our lives are dedicated to serving you, and your divine mission. You carried the world on your shoulders, shielded us, moulded us, guided us and continue to pave the way forward for us all. May your sincerity, your love and your dedication rest with us forever and be the guiding light in everything we do.

You took the world by storm with love for Krishna, you laid all the foundations, brick by brick. You showed us how to humbly serve you whether in good or difficult times and showed us how to whether through, keeping Krishna at the center of all we do. You left no stone unturned in showing us the beauty of the Divine Lord.

Every step a dance, every offering a song, every

association a string of pearls taking us yet closer towards the divine lotus feet of Lord Hari. May the love in our hearts grow, may our service to you find new heights and may we always feel there is 'more and more' to be done to serve your divine lotus feet.

Message from your small great, great, great granddaughter:

„He was such a nice devotee. I would be so happy if only I saw him.

He is such a spiritual man. I just want to be like him one day.

He is so dear, and I really can't wait to see him in the temple.“

*Love Shobhamayi Devi Dasi, Bhargava Das
and Tharisha Tharisha (Vishaka)*



Shukadev das 
Tongaat
South Africa das



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most Humble obeisances at your divine Lotus feet.
All glories to you on your most auspicious and revered appearance day.

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

I AM EVER THANKFUL as always to you dear Srila Prabhupada. Every time I listen to my Gurudev, I relish some sweet nectarean teaching that you have imparted to this world via his sublime classes, full of knowledge and bliss. This is frequently my encounters with your greatness, and also including your pristine purports and books that you have left us with.

Books are a major aspect in terms of a medium, that you have ensured we stay educated, full of knowledge, devoid of doubt and aptly informed of our place in this world, and where we should be aiming to, if we at all wanted eternal peace, happiness and full of purpose beyond this present life. This was very selfless of you dear Srila Prabhupada. You have painstakingly used many years of your life in sacrifice to compile mountains of literature for the benefit of mankind.... humanity can never have been more blessed!

Your determination and love to execute the order of your Spiritual Master is par excellence and you held this instruction so dear to your heart, that you crossed oceans and preached the bhakti yoga

culture to so many people mostly foreign to this culture, but by your faith in your guru's instruction you have made an exemplary history on the face of this planet with your ISKCON.

You are a complete ocean of mercy and love, one that no one can compare to. You have been so successful with preaching the mission of Lord Caitanya, that so many has been given access to this gateway of prema and have subsequently made devotional life their own.

Please bless me dear Srila Prabhupada, to always be a servant to the servant in your ISKCON. Further bless me to always be subservient and obedient to my Guru Maharaj, with full faith and love.

May I have your blessing to always remember Krsna and never forget Him, and May I grow more deeply into devotion life and help to always ensure your teaching are given far and wide, to as many people as possible.

*Your ever-loving grandson,
Shukadev das*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

THANK YOU SRILA PRABHUPADA for bringing Krsna consciousness into my life and sharing your knowledge through all your books. Thank you for travelling all around the world and spreading Krsna consciousness and especially for coming to South Africa. I am grateful for everything that you have

done for me.
Please keep me at your divine lotus feet.

*Your humble servant,
Shyam Surujparsad (12 years)*



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



Shyam Surujparsad
Johannesburg, Gauteng
South Africa



Shyama Vilasini dasi
Moka
Mauritius

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*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
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ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your divine Vyasa-puja, I have no words to express my heartfelt gratitude and great appreciation for everything that you have given to us humanity. Your contribution has no comparison and is priceless. It is available to one and all irrespective of colour, creed, race, social position, language or any designation whatsoever. In time to come, it will be hard to believe that someone like you had come to deliver humanity from the clutches of Maya and show them the real path of salvation. You have already touched the hearts of so many. Yet, your causeless mercy will remain available eternally in the form of your books, your teachings, your lectures, ISKCON as an organization, the beautiful temples and deities around the world, the chanting of the Hare Krsna Mahamantra, the different festivals, Harinams, Ratha yatras, unique prasadam distribution and countless items that you have brought to us from the spiritual world. You are the only one who has clearly and boldly declared and proved that God is a person. His name is Krsna and you have given all details regarding His form, qualities, pastimes, associates, residence, incarnations and He is the original Bhagavan from whom Brahman and Paramatma come. The easiest way to attain Krsna in this age is by chanting His Holy name Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare Hare Ram Hare Ram Ram Hare Hare. Lord Chaitanya's benediction on us in this age is that we can awaken our dormant love of God simply by chanting the holy name of Krishna. Other forms of spiritual practice require much gradual and painstaking purification, which people in this age have neither patience, intelligence nor time for. People today are short-lived, unfortunate, and always distracted and disturbed. Srila Prabhupada, you saw this at once on your arrival in the West.

*bhavad-vidha bhagavatas
tirtha-bhutah svayam vibho
tirthi-kurvanti tirthani
svantah-sthena gadabhrta*

„My lord, devotees like your good self are verily holy places personified. Because you carry the Personality of Godhead within your heart, you turn all places into places of pilgrimage.“[SB 1.13.10]

You have made history in the world and turned all places into places of pilgrimage. Taking to heart the instructions of your Guru and the message of Lord Chaitanya, you undertook lots of hardship travelling by sea on the Jaladuta to an unknown land, alone, completely surrendered and dependent on Krsna with twenty sets of the first three volumes of Srimad Bhagavatam, that you had translated and published with great difficulty. Because of your transcendental qualities and character, you inspired so many to take up to Krsna consciousness and perfect their lives. You preached by your personal example, being an embodiment of the twenty-six qualities of a pure devotee showing real compassion to all. By your association and mercy, your disciples have, in turn, taken to your mission very seriously and the movement has been expanding day by day.

At a time when the whole world is affected by the Corona virus, social unrest, chaos and many ills, your words prove so right in so many ways. Your teachings and pertinent talks on the unavoidable miseries of life, which are inflicted to everyone independent of colour, creed, nationality and social status, the need to inquire about the purpose of one's existence, the cause of suffering, one's real identity and the solution to our search for happiness are what people need to hear right now. They are the true saviours of humanity at such testing times. Your books are so powerful and so relevant and they are like a

ray of light amidst the unending darkness the world is going through, at this juncture.

„Try to understand our mission of Krishna consciousness. The world is all going to hell. They do not know what is the value of life. Like blind sheep following a blind leader, they are all going to the slaughterhouse. Human life is meant for saving, but instead the leaders are keeping the people in darkness. This is suicidal. Let us try to save them. Christian, Hindu, or Muslim, it doesn't matter.“(Srila

Prabhupada Letter, September 4, 1972)

On this auspicious day, I beg you, Srila Prabhupada to please cast your merciful glance on me and use me as an instrument in your service. I pray that I may always be engaged in your service with sincerity eternally.

Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada ki jay

*Your grand disciple,
Shyama Vilasini dasi*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our humble obeisances.

All glories to you on this glorious appearance day of Your Divine Grace.

THIS PAST YEAR has seen a great upsurge in the dangers that beset us in this material world - uncontrolled large bush fires, earthquakes, tsunamis, cyclones, volcanic eruptions, floods and heatwaves. However, none has been as catastrophic and devastating as the coronavirus pandemic that has gripped the world and killed over 385,000 people so far.

In a lecture on SB 1.8.25, in Los Angeles, on 17 April 1973, you said: „A devotee never takes a dangerous position as a very calamitous position. He welcomes it. Because a surrendered soul, he knows, either danger or festival, these are all different

demonstrations of Krishna. Krishna is absolute.“ You further said: „So if you are put into a dangerous position, and if that dangerous position gives you impetus to remember Krishna, that is welcome.“

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for always guiding us in our Krishna consciousness even when we are faced with all types of danger in this material world.

*Striving to be your grand disciples,
Shyamghat das and Radhaghat dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to all your sincere followers and to the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your appearance day we would like to thank you from the bottom of our heart for all the wonderful gifts you have given to us, the holy name, the Deity worship, the Temples, sankirtan, but most importantly your books and teachings. Under the current situation where we are not able to congregate and perform all these

services together, we can at least study your books online together and dive deeper into this endless ocean of transcendental knowledge and divine love. Although this pandemic is indeed in one way a great hindrance in spreading your mission, it also offered us this great opportunity to slow down a little and reassess our spiritual progress, focus more on the

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 Vijaya Baladeva das and
Sita Carana devi dasi
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Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples
& Other Devotees

basics of bhakti and also be more regulated. Hopefully we will all emerge from this crisis spirituality stronger and more ready to be useful tools in helping you to save the fallen souls of this world.

*We pray to always remain your faithful servants,
Vijaya Baladeva das and Sita Carana devi dasi*



Sivarama das and Shireen Maharaj 
Newcastle
South Africa

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

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

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

THANK YOU SO MUCH for listening and following the instructions of your spiritual master, that is, “To go to the West and preach in the English language.” If you had not followed that instruction and if you stayed in India, then all of us in the West would not have experienced the joys and pleasures of Krishna’s pastimes.

By following the instructions of your spiritual master, you have taught us a fundamental lesson and principle of always following the instructions of ones’ spiritual master. With the instructions come the ability to execute the instruction.

Srila Prabhupada, you gave us the chanting of the holy names and you mentioned on many occasions, it is not enough merely to chant holy words, one must be pure inside and out. Chanting in purity brings spiritual advancement. Man becomes impure because he wants to enjoy material pleasure, but the impure can become pure by following Krsna, for all works are transcendental when they are done for Krsna.

One of the many reasons you formed the

International Society of Krishna Consciousness was so that we could get the opportunity of obtaining good quality association. Beginners in Krsna consciousness, like myself, have a tendency to relax their efforts in a short time, but to advance spiritually we must resist this temptation and continually increase our efforts and devotion. We should continue to purify ourselves both in action and thought. For this reason, it is beneficial to associate with others who are also working in Krsna consciousness.

You dedicated your life to translate all of the Vedic literature written in Sanskrit into English just so that we could understand Krsna’s pastimes and instructions. You gave up so much for our benefit, the least we could do it to read and study these Vedic texts and to follow the lessons and instructions contained within them.

Falling at the dust of your lotus feet, I beg to remain,
*Your unqualified servants,
Sivarama das and Shireen Maharaj*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I HUMBLY OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES UNTO YOU, Srila Prabhupada, the deliverer of fallen souls. During my first year of coming into Krsna Consciousness, your teachings through your books have made my spiritual growth much more seamless. They have given me the encouragement as well as the excitement of proceeding further into spiritual enlightenment.

The challenges I encounter daily, being

entangled in Maya's illusion became overbearing at times but reading the literature you have provided, eased the burden and reminded me of the purpose of this life.

Through your guidance, I endeavour to strive further and grow into Krsna Consciousness.

*With all my love, Your humble servant,
Soimone Govender*

 Soimone Govender
Lenasia
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to your divine grace.

MY DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA, no amount of words will ever be enough to fully express my gratitude to you. I am so grateful to you for all the books you spent hours writing, for all the hardships you faced to save us, and for the legacy you have left behind.

Please use me as in instrument in your service, always.

*Your insignificant servant,
Sonali Singh*

 Sonali Singh
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to your 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-desat-tarine*

BY KRSNA'S MERCY, I have been blessed to reside at Pointes aux Sables, the place you have visited, and I am following your footsteps you left during your morning walk where I always feel your presence and your company.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for translating all

the sastras to facilitate us in understanding the various valuable scriptures.

Srila Prabhupada, you have done everything for us. Without you, where would we be?

 Soudesh Busroopun
Port Louis
Mauritius


Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples
& Other Devotees

*yadi prabhupada na hoito tabe ki hoito
(e)jivana bahita kise?
nitai-gaurera apara karuna ke dita
sakala dese*

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? -by HH Jayapataka Swami.

Sri-Govinda dasa 
Jayalalita dasi
Tara
and Harini
Johannesburg
South Africa

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

THE LOCKDOWN PERIOD that we are currently in has created many opportunities to reconnect and deepen our Krsna conscious link with you. We have developed a newfound appreciation for your books, your classes, and the devotee family that you have blessed us with.

As a family, we are less caught up in the rat race and have time to do puja together, to read and discuss your purports together, and to also assist in teaching other devotees about Krsna consciousness. And all this is possible because of your sacrifice, your kindness and your blessings.

The simplicity by which our children express their gratitude highlights the individual relationship that they are starting to develop with you:

„Thank you Srila Prabhupada for all of your

books. I enjoy reading them“ - Tara

„Thank you for the devotee family. Happy Birthday“ - Harini

The Vyasa-puja of the spiritual master provides the disciple with the opportunity to take stock of their spiritual life and reaffirm their commitment to Guru and Krsna. Over the past year, we have been through a few changes in how we serve you, your movement and your devotees. But whenever one door closes, you create opportunity somewhere else to serve, even when we are undeserving. However, you see fit to engage us in your service, we are here, ready and willing.

Your servants,

Sri-Govinda dasa, Jayalalita dasi, Tara and Harini

Srivas das 
Accra
Ghana

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,

SRILA PRABHUPADA, the senapati bhakta of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Appearing as the darling son of Gour Mohan De, you received pristine Vaisnava training from infancy.

Organizing your own childhood Ratha yatra festivals, you enthused the members of your community. This later transformed into a worldwide

conglomeration of festivals for enlightening and enlivening humanity.

As a student of Scottish College in Kolkata you prepared yourself for creating and managing a world-wide spiritual organization.

Taking shelter of the lotus feet of Param Pujya Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura you became his foremost disciple empowered to write

and preach tirelessly for the upliftment of humanity.

Performing ecstatic kirtana all day by yourself, in Jhansi on Krishna Janmastami, Lord Krishna was so pleased, He appeared and garlanded you with a specially fragrant flower garland, just to demonstrate to the world His deep affection for you.

Living at the centre of the universe at the Radha Damodara temple in Vrindavan, where the Six Goswamis regularly met to discuss Bhagavata dharma, you sought the blessings and empowerment of the Goswamis, for your preaching work, which they abundantly gave.

Sweeping and weeping around Rupa Goswami's samadhi every night you attracted the mercy and empowerment of Srila Rupa Goswami, Srila Sanatana Goswami and Srila Jiva Goswami.

Signalling the brahmacharis at the Kesavaji Gaudiya temple in Mathura to perform kirtana during your sannyasa initiation ceremony, you demonstrated your complete faith in the holy names of the Lord.

Chanting your japa with great faith and deep affection deep into the night, you attracted the attention of Lord Krishna, who blessed you with the melodious and nectarean sound of His flute.

Fearlessly embarking on your historic journey to America by Scindia Cargo Steamship, you accepted that great austerity of traveling by sea just to fulfil the predictions of the previous acaryas, that a great personality would soon appear in India, cross the ocean and bring the whole world to Sri Dhama Mayapur.

Struggling alone in a foreign land of America, in the centre of an unfriendly place like New York, you exhibited such unwavering determination and perseverance just to transplant Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu's sankirtan movement in the Western

soils, for the pleasure of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and the previous acaryas.

Your preaching activities on the planet earth were simply amazing, they were beyond the limits of this mundane sphere, as they were done with great devotion, free from any material motivation.

Your love for humanity was unparalleled, but your love for your followers was even much more deeper, hence your offering of your Bhaktivedanta purports for their spiritual nourishment and upliftment.

At the Krishna Balarama temple in Vrindavan you performed the extraordinary feat of meeting with the members of Pancatattva to plan strategies for spreading the worldwide sankirtan movement.

You circumambulated the planet fourteen times, in a tireless manner, to strongly establish your preaching mission in every major city of the world.

In Vrindavan you gloriously departed from this world dictating your Bhaktivedanta purports to the very last end of your life, and thus demonstrating your fearlessness in meeting with death.

Therefore, you are that transcendental chief commander of the devotees in this age of Kali, spoken of by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, as His senapati bhakta, who would freely move around the world to spread the chanting of the divine names of Krishna.

Thanking you profusely for making your auspicious appearance on this blessed day to bless the world with your divine presence and instructions. All glories to Jagadguru, saviour of all fallen souls, Srila A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada!

Aspiring to be the servant of your dear servants,

Srivas das

Zonal Supervisor for West Africa



Stephanie Ikundo 🍷
Nairobi
Kenya



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THERE ARE SOME DAYS where I come out gasping for air from under the water... “Oh, this is not my home... what am I doing... oh Lord, you are the one... It really is you... my purpose. Save me.” Then I am plunged back down into the ocean.

Srila Prabhupada, how can just a man, spark realizations of a new identity in other people? Our original identity. Reality.

We are grateful to you for making it possible for us to remember for at least some seconds our attachment to Radha and Krsna.

Intercede for us Srila Prabhupada, your grace, father, that we may quickly fully awake from drowning, forgetfulness.

Stephanie Ikundo

Subal sakha dasa and family 🍷
Newcastle
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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A GIFT FOR ALL

WAS THIS THEIR IDEA OF CONSOLATION? Bhakta Joe could not help but double over in laughter. Quotations, philosophical truths, histories and personal wisdom came flying at him like forceful blows to his body. “Your faith”, commanded one boy, “is the seed of your love for Krishna. Protect it, nurture it!” Joe’s teammates were helping him resolve an uncertainty he had faced on the streets earlier that day when someone questioned challengingly – “are you sure Krishna is God?” It was Joe’s second week of travelling sankirtan. Little did he know that he would be with this team for the next 4 years. It would be the safest and happiest days of his life. The boys simmer down. The bhajan playing softly on the radio is turned off. A boy grabs a book - a really large red book. They huddle closer to the front of the sankirtan van. The smell of rich buttery halva and sweet incense still lingers. Packed tightly

together, brothers-in-arms. It’s Bhakta Joe’s turn to read. He flips to the bookmark. Dramatic and playful as all the boys are, Joe reads boldly and in measured tones: “Atlanta, July 29, 1971. The ten residents of the recently opened Atlanta temple arranged to receive Prabhupada during his layover at the Atlanta airport. They prepared a large feast and decorated the Eastern Airlines V.I.P. lounge with fruits, flowers and garlands. The boys hearts swell. As they bounce and hurtle down some unknown road to the next unknown town, their van’s headlights fade into the night, their lone vehicle swallowed by the darkness.”

It’s 4pm. A dull yellow sun hangs low on the hazy winter horizon. It’s peaceful. Few people are about. In the distance, the grey waters of the Yamuna sparkle. The river runs low. It’s mostly the fine silver-white sands of the Yamuna that lay all around. There are a few beached boats, rowdy parrots and

nearby a sadhu loudly calling out prayers from a small book he holds. The smell of freshly toasting chapatis floats by on a gentle breeze. The bell around the neck of a young cow clangs and sounds as a young cowherd chases her down the embankment. Bhakta Joe soaks up the scene. Tonight, Joe will have to take a midnight taxi to Delhi airport. There is still time to lose oneself, one last time, in the amazing evening kirtans, the soul-soothing darshan of Sri Sri Radha Shyamasundara and the generosity of their pujaris. Picking up his bags of the Yamuna's sands, Joe takes a last wistful look at a scene that is now etched in his heart. Heading for the back road towards the Goshala, there is a longing within. Deep in thought, he wonders, "Will I ever belong?" Time to pack those bags. "Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Har."

The spirited chanting of "Jaya Jaya Prabhupada . . .", indicates the possible end of the final kirtan at the Sunday Love Feast. It also signals the end of a long 5-hour journey for Bhakta Joe. Bhakta Joe, now older and significantly plumper, is relieved to be back safely with his family and friends in their small hometown. Moments later, through the large warmly lit prasadam-hall windows, he is seen causing an uproar when he whips out the bags of Mahanprasad given by devotees of a distant temple. There are large chunks of maha prasad cakes topped with fresh cream, small containers of sweet rice and keer, jack fruit pakoras, several large puris, a large plate of raj bhoga, a dozen or more tempting mangal sweets, a small box of prasad from Jagannatha Puri and two Maha prasad garlands. These are the lavish rewards of coming into contact with the wish-fulfilling trees of devotees. The prasadam hall is a noisy lively scene filled with happiness and laughter. It's a warm summers night in this small coastal hamlet. Outside a few scattered stars dance brightly in the deep purple sky. There's a trillion more that the eyes cannot see. We hear, those heavens are teeming with a kaleidoscope of super men and women, perfected ascetics, angels, demons and demigods. Tonight, by some sentiment, or perhaps old age, Joe is overwhelmed

by the kindness and protection Srila Prabhupada has bestowed on him and their community. He feels deep gratitude. Not everyone may take to Krishna consciousness. Many find solace in their own faith. However, regardless of faith or denomination, everyone can appreciate the one gift Srila Prabhupada brought for all. Perhaps the greatest gift for all of humanity. To be saved from death!

Srila Prabhupada speaks - Lecture on CC Adi-lila 7.1, Atlanta, March 1, 1975

„The laws of material nature are so strong that none of our material possessions can save us from the cruel hands of death.“ Everyone knows it. And that is our real problem. Who is not afraid of death? Everyone is afraid of death. Why? Because any living entity, he is not meant for dying. He is eternal; therefore birth, death, old age and disease, these things are botheration for him. Because he is eternal, he does not take birth na jāyate, and one who does not take birth, he has no death also, na mriyate kadācit (BG 2.20). This is our actual position. Therefore, we are afraid of death. That is our natural inclination. So, to save us from death... That is the first business of humankind. We are teaching this Krishna consciousness movement for this purpose only. That should be the purpose of everyone. That is the sattric injunction. Those who are guardians... The government, the father, the teacher, they are guardians of the children. They should know it, how to give protection to the world's... Na mocayed yaḥ samupeta mṛtyum (SB 5.5.18). So where is this philosophy all, over the world? There is no such philosophy. This is the only, Krishna consciousness movement, which is putting forward this philosophy, not whimsically but from authorized sastra, Vedic literature, authorities.”

All glories to that great compassionate guardian, Srila Prabhupada, who teaches all people of the world the science of conquering death. May the glories of his good deeds expand forevermore.

Subal sakha dasa and family

Subhadra Devi Dasi 🍷
Purusottama-Ksetra Dasa
Tusta-Krsna Dasa
and Radha-Priya Dasi
Johannesburg, Gauteng
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Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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

WE WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY to thank you very deeply from the bottom of our hearts for saving us from this ocean of material suffering in this material world. Without you, knowing Krsna as we do would never have been possible. Without you we would never have been connected to the disciplic succession and have the opportunity to try and render service at your lotus feet via your bonafide representatives.

Every day we are reminded that this really is a place of suffering. Recently, with the spreading of the COVID-19 virus we can see that so many people are afraid of dying but you have taught us to go beyond this bodily concept of life and focus on our true spiritual identity.

Thank you for all the merciful arrangements you have made and constantly make for our family so that we may continue to live in your house and best try to serve you in whichever way we can. We keep praying to Krsna to let us experience whatever is necessary to help us serve your mission better.

We will forever be indebted to you Srila Prabhupada, our 'ever well-wisher'.

All glories to you! May your fame continue to spread throughout the three worlds!

*Your aspiring servants,
Subhadra devi dasi, Radha-Priya dasi,
Tusta-Krsna das
and Purusottama-ksetra das.*



Sudama Das 🍷
Durban
South Africa



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

CURRENTLY, as the world faces a most overwhelming calamity of the Covid-19 pandemic, there is a dire need, more than ever before, in the minds of all people, for shelter and refuge. For relief and protection. However, within your books, your lectures and your teachings, you were very clear about how the people of the world can attain the ultimate shelter – the real shelter that would protect one. That ultimate shelter is none other than cooling lotus feet of Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda. But to access that shelter, may still be difficult for people in general. And so, you very mercifully appeared and built a house in

which the whole world can live in and very easily access that shelter – you started the Krishna Consciousness movement in the west and made ISKCON the shelter for the entire world.

Indeed, in numerous instances in your purports to Srimad-Bhagavatam and in other of your works, you deliberately and emphatically glorify the movement – the very movement you started. And in your purport to Sri Caitanya-caritamrita, Antya Lila 5.88, you sum up the reasons:

“To inundate the three worlds with nectar is the purpose of the pastimes of Śrī Caitanya

Mahāprabhu... ..Now that same mercy is overflowing the entire world through the Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement. The present Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement is nondifferent from the pastimes performed by Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu when He was personally present, for the same principles are being followed and the same actions performed without fail.”

And not only do you glorify the movement, you also canvass for the movement, painstakingly endeavouring to bring everyone to take shelter of this movement. One striking example of this is in the following room conversation, that took place in Honolulu, June 1975:

*“Prabhupāda: ...kaler doṣa-nidhe rājann...
kaler doṣa-nidhe rājann
asti hy eko mahān guṇaḥ
[SB 12.3.51]*

After describing all the faults of Kali-yuga, Śukadeva Gosvāmī is saying, „My dear King, rājan, this Kali-yuga is full of faults just like the ocean.“ Kaler doṣa-nidhe. Doṣa-nidhe means this ocean of faults. Doṣa-nidhe.

*kaler doṣa-nidhe rājann
asti hy eko mahān guṇaḥ*

This is very nice verse. What is that?

*kīrtanād eva kṛṣṇasya
mukta-saṅgaḥ param vrajet
[SB 12.3.51]*

Simply by chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa one can become free from all his contamination and go back to home, back to Godhead. This is the special advantage of Kali-yuga. This advantage is not... So if one has taken to this Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement, chanting, then he is saved. Not only saved; he goes back to home, back to Godhead. Not only saved, but he is dispatched in another place, where there is no danger.

Padam padam yad vipadam na teṣam [SB 10.14.58]. One is transferred to the spiritual world, for them, this nonsense material world, where danger is there in every step, it is not for them. They cannot come. Just like here is epidemic, so a family is transferred to another place. So by this chanting of Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa will transfer to the safety place, go back to home, back to Godhead. It is so nice. Otherwise, you become victimized. You see?

So it is not a fashion; it is compulsory. If one does not take to this Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement, then he is doomed. Now let him consider whether to take to it or not. That is his business. Kṛṣṇa is still giving the opportunity, and He has come personally, Caitanya Mahāprabhu, to distribute. That, Rūpa Gosvāmī understood.

*namo mahā-vadānyāya
kṛṣṇa-prema-pradāya te
kṛṣṇāya kṛṣṇa-caitanya-
nāmne gaura-tviṣe namaḥ
[Cc. Madhya 19.53]*

„Oh, You are so munificent! To save us You personally come to distribute kṛṣṇa-prema, love of Kṛṣṇa. So I offer You my respectful obeisances.“ Kṛṣṇa came personally, and He advised,

*sarva-dharmān parityajya
mām ekaṁ śaraṇam vraja
[Bg. 18.66]*

People did not care. Then Kṛṣṇa came as devotee, Caitanya Mahāprabhu = „You do like this. You take it.“ So even if we, after hearing so many things [indistinct],

*mandāḥ sumanda-matayo
manda-bhāgyā hy upadrutāḥ
[SB 1.1.10]*

[indistinct] So anyone who does not take to this Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement, he is most

unfortunate. Ātma-hā: he is killing himself. Just see. If one kills himself, who can save him? You keep your knife within the pocket, and as soon as there is nobody, you kill yourself, then who can save you? So, anyone who is not taking to this Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement is killing himself, that's all. And we are canvassing, „Please take to this. Free yourself.“ That is our duty as servant of Kṛṣṇa. He may take or not take; it doesn't matter. It is our duty as Kṛṣṇa's servant to speak. [pause] [end]”

Srila Prabhupada, in these unprecedented

times, these words of yours powerfully echo your unlimited compassion upon the world. Time and again you repeat them in your purports, and they resound emphatically in the words and actions of your great followers who are pushing the movement forward amidst this great calamity.

On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, we pray that we always will remember the great fortune you've bestowed upon us in allowing us the opportunity to take shelter within ISKCON, our only hope.

All glories to Your Divine Grace.

All glories to ISKCON – “The Hare Krishna Movement”.

All glories to all the Vaishnava devotees.

Hare Krishna!

Your eternal and lowly, servant of your servants,

Sudama das, Rasika dasi, Radhika and Gopika



Sudarsini dasi 
Randburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet. All glories to your Divine Grace on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja. All glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga.

ONCE AGAIN, I am given this opportunity to write a few lines of my offering unto you. As I read and listen to lectures of your struggles to propagate Krishna Consciousness in this world, my heart melts.

You taught us how to love Krishna, how to get out of this prison (Dukalayam) and from this repeated cycle of birth and death.

When you called out, „He Rupa, He Sanatana, He Gurudeva“, please give me your mercy and strength so I can carry out your orders. At 01h00 or 02h00am when the rest of the world was asleep, you were sweeping outside of Srila Rupa Goswami's Samadhi. You are truly empowered by Their love and mercy and that of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

You have given the world so much to be grateful for – it is literally beyond our comprehension.

Through your grace, we have beautiful temples, Bhaktivedanta colleges, Gurukuls, Goshalas, Acharyas, Sanyasis, to name but a few... and volumes of books in which you will live forever through your instructions.

Srila Prabhupada, you really are a true saviour and an ambassador of the spiritual world. Oh, Jagat Guru, Srila Prabhupada, please give me a drop of your mercy so that I do not lose sight of devotional service to the Supreme Lord and His devotees.

Thank you for everything you have done for me.

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

Your humble servant of the servants,

Sudarsini dasi





Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Hare Krsna.

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

I OFFER MY HUMBLE OBEISANCES to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. All glories to you.

I am grateful for your sacrifices you have endured to provide us with the knowledge and teachings of Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Goswami Thakura. You have given me the opportunity to surrender myself from this material world. To follow the four regulative principles which has awakened me to see the distress we are in. This has drawn me closer to Krishna consciousness. Your instruction of chanting the

mantra has awakened my consciousness and freed me from maya. I, therefore, show my respectful obeisances to you, thank you Srila Prabhupada for saving this soul and hopefully one day, I can become fit to take shelter under your lotus feet. I will help to develop your movement and spread the teachings, and love of Krishna, and serve you teachings and disciples.

Your humble servant
Sudesh Ranjit



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

DURING THE COVID-19 LOCKDOWN IN SOUTH AFRICA, the Cape Town Yatra recently organised a Vaishnavi online retreat on the weekend of the 15th to 17th of May 2020 entitled: Establishing ourselves for a lifetime of devotion.

I was really excited to attend, Srila Prabhupada, as the line-up was all your spiritual daughters. The wonderful thing is that through technology, Vaishnavas from all around the world were tuned in, and we all connected to the very house that you built for all of us, Srila Prabhupada.

I was in awe of all their shared experiences and close connections you had with each of them. Being in female bodies, you made no material designations towards your spiritual daughters, and there was no task that they could not do, equally, to that

of your spiritual sons. You were severely criticised for allowing female-bodied disciples to worship the deities, cook for the deities and even sing kirtan. This shows that there are no bounds to your mercy, Srila Prabhupada. All your spiritual daughters mentioned how you literally raised them and taught them everything, just like how you continue to teach us through your examples, your spiritual sons, our spiritual masters and your instructions.

There were too many to mention, but some of the things that stood out for me was when Vishaka and Malati Prabhu took us through some beautiful pictures that captured so many beautiful moments as it was so aptly titled: Srila Prabhupada's shower of mercy. Dinatarini prabhu glorified Yamuna prabhu with the lessons from the life of Yamuna Devi and

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how she managed to perfect everything, including every dish that you liked just to please you. Uttama prabhu, gave us some good relationship advice coming from the Grihastha Vision Team. The final session ended with Mother Urmila - where she gave us practical ways on how to help us stay focussed on Krsna all day, just by appreciating everything that Krsna gives us, like the warmth of the sun or the trees and water that we drink.

It was inspiring to see so much confidence, commitment, humility and most of all, sincere attachment to your lotus feet. Each one of them had individual and unique characteristics, and we all learnt so much from them. The golden thread throughout each of these experiences that everyone shared was, establishing good sound relationships with one another through sadhu sanga.


Thank you, for being the perfect gentleman, Sri-la Prabhupada, because you raised wonderful spiritual daughters and sons and taught them how to become perfect gentleman and gentleladies.

And now that we find ourselves in a different time through COVID-19 and an era of technology, we embrace it, as we try to take your instructions more seriously and take full advantage of the online association that we otherwise would not ordinarily make time for because of our usual rat race.

I am deeply indebted to you, Sri-la Prabhupada and I, thank you for everything that you have given us.

*I beg always to remain your servant of your servants,
Sudevi dasi*

Sukumari Dasi 
Chatsworth
South Africa


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

MY LIFE IS YOUR MERCY. I pray to be a worthy instrument in your hands and in the hands of your dear followers. I am grateful for being part of your glorious family. I know your love carries me every day. Thank you for sheltering and protecting me. I pray

to serve you eternally.

*Your grateful granddaughter,
Sukumari Dasi*

Sundarananda dasa 
Durban
South Africa

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

THE MODERN WORLD came to know Krishna Consciousness because of your kindness, compassion and grace upon all living entities. As a most dear

servant to the Lord, you could not see all the living entities wandering aimlessly and suffering in this material world. Your desire and mission was clear:

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not only to save as many living entities from this material entanglement but also to leave behind the means, the process, and all the facilities and tools for everyone to be saved.

You left everything: the holy name, your books, the temples, your disciples as well as all the devotees. At this moment of the worldwide pandemic, due to the world's confinement, we have the opportunity to see and experience your presence and everything you left everywhere through the internet: we see the holy name being chanted everywhere in the world, we have access to all your books and lectures as well as darshan of your temples, and association with

your disciples and devotees all over the world in the form of classes, darshans, and seminars.

Your presence is clearly and so strongly felt that that the world is surely being affected by it.

We pray at your lotus feet and at the lotus feet of your surrendered and dedicated devotees, that we can always remain connected to your grace and in some insignificant way be an instrument for you to reach more and more souls.

*Your insignificant servant,
Sundarananda Dasa*



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

BEFORE I CAME IN CONTACT with the philosophy of Krsna consciousness, which you tried to share at every moment, I was like a dead body that would sometimes breathe. Deeply unhappy, I was merely existing and questioning why we even have to be in this temporary world full of suffering, and never getting a satisfactory answer. I'm sure that if you didn't arrange for me to receive your books, I was on the verge of becoming a ghost.

I'm eternally grateful that, by your causeless mercy, you captured my mind and heart with your books, which could actually answer all my questions. Finally! I came in contact with a pure personality who told me the truth. My mind was always particularly disturbed by how everything and everyone in this material world is cheating and lying to us, promising love and happiness but never delivering. But you gave me the truth, that there is no actual happiness here, and there isn't meant to be. Real happiness is found in our relationship with Krsna. That simple yet revolutionary fact is my saving grace.

Srila Prabhupada, you injected new energy into my heart. You have given me a life of transcendental

adventure, and during these adventures I see the effect you have on the world. You have given me a glimpse of the colourful, vibrant spiritual realm in the form of Krsna conscious festivals. You have given me the most amazing friend, Krsna, and His compassionate devotees to whom I can reveal my heart. You have brought the greatest gift of Srimad-Bhagavatam to the world, which gives us knowledge about how we can awaken our dormant love for Krsna. You gave us the maha-mantra, which is the key that unlocks the door of our hearts and opens us up to exchange love with Krsna. You brought auspiciousness to every town and village by your transcendental footsteps.

I'll never forget my experience at Tompkins Square Park, a place surcharged with spiritual energy. As I looked in awe at the sacred Hare Krsna tree, I meditated on how trees, just like spiritual masters, give us shelter, but this tree is so special that it gave shelter to you, who then gave shelter to the whole world in the form of this Krsna consciousness movement. Just as the branches of this tree extend in all directions, the creepers of devotional service that you

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South Africa

planted in New York have been spreading throughout the 3 worlds ever since. You took the 'Big Apple' and offered it wholeheartedly to Krsna, and the result is that people all over the world get to experience the treasure of divine love.

Srila Prabhupada, nothing I do can repay the debt I owe you. From a depressed, stagnant and angry person, you have transformed me into an enthusiastic aspiring servant of Krsna. I have a long way to go on this journey, but I'm confident that success is guaranteed only because of your endless mercy. I simply


pray to please you, to dedicate my life to sharing the message of Krsna consciousness with every soul I meet all over the world. I beg for your blessings. Please allow me to spend my life enthusiastically serving Krsna, distributing your books, in the association of Krsna's devotees, and hopefully one day I will be allowed to see Krsna face-to-face.

Your aspiring servant

Surabhi Kunje devi dasi



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Ushakumari
Rishikumar
Bhagyashree
and Prahlad Makan
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 The Most Blessed Event, ISKCON Param Guru,
Founder Archarya Sri-Vyasa Puja Celebrations
and Offerings of Love and Gratitude 2020

SRI VYASA-PUJA OFFERING To Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's, most beloved, most merciful and most confidential servant His 'Mora Senapati -Bhakta,' His Majesty, Srila Jagat Guru, Srila Param Guru, ISKCON Founder Acharya His Divine Grace Srila Abhay Charanaravinda Bhaktivedanata Thakura Srila Prabhupada Swami Maharaja ki Jai!

We, lost souls, were being tossed and turned and kicked by 'maya' and were consequently recycling amongst 8,400,000 different species of life forms, in 'birth, old age, disease and death,' for countless millennia in the ocean of gross ignorance, involved in all sort of 'nonsense things,' like 'mudhas' until somehow or other, and with the mercy of your ambassadors, disciples and devotees and your bona fide Vaisnava Thakura spiritual masters, we somehow or other caught grasp of your warm 'chaddar' covering your lotus feet, and are trying to follow you, in your exalted footsteps, by surrendering our body, minds and words to follow your 'Siksa Gurun & Diksa Guru,' and 'Vani,' instructions, teachings, books, tape and vinyl, CD, DVD and Digital recordings, of your world famous morning Japa Walks, lectures, movies and 'Vapuh' personal sadhu sangha instructions; which you so mercifully

and compassionately poured out, to anyone, who sincerely approached you for your favour; by your relentless travels around planet earth twelve to thirteen times, to all the most paramount 'towns and villages' across the globe, carrying-out the instruction and order of your Guru, HDG Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarawati Thakura Prabhupada, and planting the seeds of the highest perfection of life, the ultimate perfection of life, that is, to surrender 'this one life' to Sri Krishna, as per His instruction in BG 18.66, i.e. "to abandon all varieties of religion, and surrender unto Me, and I will deliver you from all your sinful reactions, 'ma sucah,' never fear, never worry."

In October 1975, Real Spiritual Renaissance hit the shores of our 'apartheid' ridden land, when my father, took our family to get Your Divine Grace's 'darshan' and welcome your Highness to Durban South Africa at the Louis Botha Airport. My pita guru also took us to your programmes in the Durban City Hall and Laxmi Narayan Temple Hall in Mobeni Heights, where we grew-up in our young days. We bought your famous Hare Krishna LP Record which you recorded in New York and your books and Bhagavat-gita As It Is, at that time.

My Srila Prabhupada, you gave us the knowledge

of the highest order, the 'secret knowledge of the Paramhamsa's,' i.e. transcendental knowledge, not worthy to be shared with our class of people. You broke-down class & racial prejudices and barriers, and made Srimad Bhagavatam available to all, irrespective of class, colour, creed, race, gender or nationality.

Your mercy is beyond compare, your magnanimity is unsurpassed in 'Kali-yuga,' that is, you made the change you wanted to see, that everyone, from the lowest class, backwards class, to the higher and aristocratic classes of man, you gave them your 'Midas golden touch,' Surpassing Midas himself, in changing our grossly 'polished animalistic nature and consciousness,' of eating, sleeping, mating and defending to understand, that we are not this body, but we are eternal souls and eternal servitors of 'Guru Parampara and ultimately eternal servants of Sri Krishna.'

We cannot in any material terms, repay you of this noble-spirited debt & generosity in bailing us out, of the morbid clutches of Maya and Her material world. With your compassion, you made us understand, 'how to make good use of a bad bargain,' and make use of at least one-good-quality in 'Kali-yuga,' that is chanting of the holy names to Realise God, and perfect our lives. Of course to repay our debt to your magnanimity, we are trying to follow, the four regulative principles and safeguarding falling prey to the ten offenses of chanting the holy names, sadhu-sanga, sastra and to follow submissively to the


orders of the spiritual masters, as the prime benediction, of going back to Godhead, Sri Vrndavana dhama, in this one lifetime, following the precepts of Bhakti yoga in full Krishna consciousness, which is beyond even 'mukti or liberation,' in the common traditional architecture of elevated consciousness.

We must celebrate your life abundantly and your Vyasa-puja eternally, by holding unto the fragrant dust of your lotus feet in our hearts, smeared on our body, embedded on our minds and singed unto our soul by imbibing your lessons and your congenial mood; with the 'courage of an Englishman and the love of a Bengali mother,' to serve you more, and serve you better, everyday in everyway eternally, 'ma sucha,' completely and exclusively surrendered to you and your ISKCON. Which we are so proud of and are very grateful to be part of your family, living in 'the house you built, for everyone to live in,' happily ever after, from what little I know.

We eternally remain in your debt, consequently, please always remain in our presence, so that, we always remember Sri Krishna, and to never forget Him.' Jai Srila Prabhupada Vyasapuja ki Jai.

Let us love you eternally, today, tomorrow and forever.

*Your loving aspiring disciples, 'dasa dasanuhdasa,'
Sureshkumar, Ushakumari, Rishikumar, Bhagyashree and Prahlad Makan
ISKCON Pretoria South Africa
14th June 2020*

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



THANK YOU for guiding me to the Lotus feet of Lord Krishna and Shrimati Radharani. Please help me to instill Krishna consciousness into my family, so that they gain pure love of God. Please help me to serve

you to the best of my ability.

*Your humble servant
Surika Civilcharran*



 Surika Civilcharran
Pietermaritzburg
South Africa

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& Other Devotees

Suyesha Choubae 🍷
Alberton
South Africa



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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, I cannot express my deepest feelings on how grateful I am to you upon saving me from this material world that I have fallen in to. You have shown me the greatest gift, the holy name. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for rescuing this fallen soul. You are truly a hero without a cape but you have the holy name that can save the world.

“Devotee means to become fully qualified with all the noble qualities,” – Srila Prabhupada, Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta, Madhya-līla 20.119-121 - New York, November 24, 1966.

*Your fallen aspiring granddaughter,
Suyesha*



Svasti dasi 🍷
Midrand
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada, Please accept my humble obeisances.
All Glories to your lotus feet.

ON THIS MOST BLESSED EVENT of your appearance day, I once again find myself in sincere gratitude and appreciation for having come across your wonderful ISKCON Movement. I still cannot understand the good fortune that I have had: to be chosen to be a part of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu’s mission. Only by your mercy. I ask myself regularly, ‘Where would I be without the shelter of ISKCON and the wonderful devotees?’ I am so fortunate to have had this opportunity to live my life in this wonderful way of servitude.

I cringe to think that I would have been like the millions who are lost and who are so bewildered and do not understand right from wrong. The more I associate in material nature; I see how people are not even aware that they are suffering. I always give thanks then to be given this knowledge. For I to recognise that I could have been entangled, just like all those souls, who believe that they are happy and living life as it should be.

As the years’ past, I have seen a change in my character. I recognise my mindset taking on a higher thinking attitude and losing taste with this material plane. I have changed for the better. ISKCON has made me change for the better. I understand more

the importance of devotional service and living a life of surrender. Being fully engaged in family life, I look forward to the pockets of time I can get to be of some service to ISKCON, apart from my parental duties, which I understand is also my primary duty.

I know without a doubt; I am not merely doing enough to help ISKCON. I am merely grabbing more than I can ever give back. My prayer is that in the future, I may have some good fortune to make a more profound impact for ISKCON. I see the wonderful projects being undertaken all over the world by your glorious servants and how I wish to be a part of those Līla. I am often hoping that should I have the opportunity to have the natural progression of growing older, then to be a part of these activities and communities. To live out my days being fully submerged in Krishna Conscious activities from morning to night. It is the only time I am truly happy and fulfilled. The material energy is draining me. I am merely surviving day by day with the hope that someday I can serve joyfully in the manner my heart wishes, and if that day does not come, then I pray to be given the opportunity in another life to make some impact in ISKCON.

I give thanks to all your wonderful servant who

inspires me, motivate me and awe me daily, to help me reach my goals of becoming a devotee. They are like jewel droplets sent to relieve the anxiety and ache of this hellish place how I long to be of service to these exalted souls and how I pray, that I too, can make a change.

I remain forever in gratitude to you, my master, for saving this poor ignorant fool.

*Begging always to remain a servant,
ISKCON Midrand, Svasti dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada

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



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

I CONSIDER MYSELF ONE OF THE MANY FORTUNATE SOULS who benefits from your tireless efforts to bring Krishna consciousness to the Western world. This splendid offering from you to your Divine Spiritual Master has made positive spiritual impacts on many lives, including mine. I am eternally indebted to you.

My humble prayer to you on your divine appearance in this material world is to please assist me through my weak moments, help us co-operate together despite challenges and difficulties, force

me to read as I have major difficulty in this area and keep showering bits of mercy on this fallen soul.

I promise to continue with what I have been able to offer and with the help of all the senior Vishnavas, to still do more.

I fall at your lotus feet and beg to remove my various shortcomings.

*Your Spiritual Granddaughter
Sveta Manjari Devi Dasi*



Sveta Manjari Devi Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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



YOUR VYASA-PUJA CELEBRATION is fittingly described as “The Most Blessed Event.” It is the occasion I most cherish for it is saturated with blessings and mercy and anyone who participates in it is favoured with grace. They are all exalted souls; eagerly assembling at your lotus feet. And I get to be in their midst!

Why most blessed?

Sincere gratitude and appreciation for the mercy of the pure devotee in one’s life and in the lives of

countless others is a sure way to attract the attention of Lord Krishna. The glorification of the pure devotee is like the most exquisite symphony giving pleasure to the Lord’s ears. He eagerly resides in those places where such blessed events are happening. And His personal excitement floods the arena with His mercy.

From an objective assessment, we can declare that in recent history no one has pleased the Lord



Swarup Damodar das
Durban
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as Your Divine Grace. Appreciating your achievements, your sacrifices, and your love is consequently so pleasing to the Lord.

Appreciation of Your Divine Grace is transcendently multifaceted. Who else can be faithfully appreciated from many different perspectives by such a diverse array of people from all over the world, from different cultures and races, ages, and genders, from different socio-political viewpoints, levels of education, and degrees of commitment? It is simply amazing. A true expression of unity in diversity.

Your immense impact in all our lives makes it somewhat effortless for a diverse array of followers to appreciate you. Yet we often neglect to recognize that one of your most important forms of impact in each of our lives is each other. You have given us to each other. Your mercy permeates our lives both directly by your divine instructions and example as well as through the association of your followers. Mercy in the form of your followers is our most valuable possession and we must protect it at all costs.

ISKCON is a canvas for you to capture a dynamic painting, one that is impactful and evolving, that you can offer at the lotus feet of Lord Caitanya. It is a painting full of exciting colours, textures, and strokes, moods and styles coming together in a harmonious way to be relished by the most discerning connoisseurs - the previous acaryas and the Supreme Lord Himself. From your vantage point, I can imagine that the diverse gathering at your

lotus feet the world over must be a delightful sight to relish.

However, deeply layered under various types of social conditioning, we all too rarely break out of our artificial bodily groupings and alignments to offer genuine acceptance and appreciation for all your diverse loving and sincere followers. When we fail to recognize all your followers, regardless of their temporary bodily coverings, as sincere carriers of your mercy, the harmony of your ISKCON offering to Lord Caitanya is disrupted.

The kindness of some of your followers has enabled me to realize that I have often detracted from the harmony of your beautiful painting of ISKCON by not recognizing and appreciating all the receptacles of mercy in the form of your followers - in all their diversity. For this, I am deeply regretful.


Srila Prabhupada, I am now ever so thankful for your kindness in still engaging me in your service and I pray that your followers will accept my insignificant offering in their service. Then I will have some hope to contribute to the harmony of your offering to our parama karuna, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Hare Krishna.

All glories to Your Divine Grace! All glories to the devotees situated at your divine lotus feet!

*Your regretful, yet ever so grateful servant of your eternal servants,
Swarup Damodar Das*

Syama Kanta Dasi 
Durban
South Africa

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

HAPPY VYASA-PUJA TO YOU, SRILA PRABHUPADA.

While thinking about what to write in this Vyasa-puja offering to you, I thought about how grateful I should be for the blessings in my life.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for being everyone's ever well-wisher. Had it not been for the

determination you had and the sacrifices you made so that you could fulfill your Guru's instruction, we would not have had the good fortune of being surrounded by so many of the well-wishing disciples you created and the many other well-wishing devotees here in ISKCON. I am very grateful to you for

this. The mercy of well-wishers is one of the greatest fortunes I am blessed with in my life. I earnestly pray to always be a recipient of your mercy and the mercy of the devotees of the Lord, and also to be an instrument of mercy in the lives of others.

*Your servant,
Syama Kanta Dasi*



My Dear Srila Prabhupada

I bow down at the dust of your lotus feet and offer my most humble obeisances unto you.

 **Syama Vallabhi Devi Dasi**
Chatsworth, Durban
South Africa

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

*Sri-Caitanya-mano-'bhistam, stapitham yena bhū-tale
svayam rupah kada mahyam, dadati sva-padantikam*

*Vande 'ham sri-guroh sri-yuta-pada-kamalam sri gurun vaisnavams ca
sri-rupam sagrajam saha-gana-raghunathanvitam tam sa-jivam
sadvaitam savadhutam parijana-sahitam krsna-caitanya-devam
sri-radha-krsna-padan saha-gana-lalita-sri-visakhanvitams ca*

MY DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA, and my spiritual grandfather, no amount of words is enough to thank your Holiness for the gift you have given me and the benedictions you have left behind.

You have literally opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge, for, as I study your books and the translations of so many Vedic literatures, this becomes more and more evident. Although, I never had the good fortune of physically meeting you, I feel your presence through your books, as you live forever in them.

I thank you a multitude of times for the sacrifices you have so selflessly and tirelessly made to bring such nectar into our otherwise useless lives. I was drowning in this madness of maya and thought that I was lost forever, that there was no hope for me, until one day, an angel appeared. Your disciple, your son, and your messenger was sent to me in the form of my spiritual master, His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya

Swami. I was saved! Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

On this special occasion of your Vyasa-puja, I pray that you always remain at the lotus feet of Sri Krsna. You are so dear to Him.

Please shower your mercy too, upon the other living entities in this material who are suffering from the effects of maya. Tears well up in my eyes to see my very own loved ones devoid of this beautiful science. Bless me, Srila Prabhupada, so I can help them understand this transcendental and most profound knowledge of Krsna consciousness. Bless me so I can serve my spiritual master more efficiently.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, lastly, please be so kind as to bless me from Goloka Vrindavana so that I too may attain the perfection of life and come back home to you and all the wonderful gopis, so that I may once again engage in the transcendental loving pastimes of Lord Sri Krsna and Srimati Radharani.

All glories unto you, my dear Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.
All glories, all glories, all glories!

*Your humble servant, grand-disciple and
grand-daughter,
Syama Vallabhi Devi Dasi*



Syama 🌸
Waterkloof, Pretoria
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
I bow my head with all respects unto your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you Srila Prabhupada, the saviour of the whole world.

I AM MOST GRATEFUL for the invaluable treasure that you have brought to us fallen souls in this material world. I beg for your blessings in my service to guru, Lord Krishna and the Vaisnavas. I offer my humble prayers at your lotus feet and I beg you to keep me connected to my Guru and the Vaisnavas. Please

bless me on this most auspicious day with devotion, knowledge and realization so that I can become a worthy devotee.

*Your humble servant
Syama*



Advaita Acharya das 🌸
Gandharvika devi dasi
and Syama-behari dasa.
Lotus Park, Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada, Our Saviour and Master.
Please accept our most humble obeisance's.
All glories to you on your Vyasa-puja and always.

SRILA PRABHUPADA whilst you have given us the meaning of our lives as spirit souls, and our goal to return home back to Godhead, there is so much more.

Everyday there is so much bliss. A deeper understanding can be found in relation to our Vaishnava calendar. When we pay our obeisance's to you every morning, we become more grateful to you knowing it's an auspicious day.

We awake to the appearance or disappearance of great Vaishnava, great personalities or the appearance of the Supreme Lord Himself in His various forms. Each of these days have incredible meaning and there is so much mercy available.

Everyday itself - Navami, Tithis, planetary movements...

There is unbelievable mercy - overflowing our lives with real value and it's all through you.

And holy places - apart from our own sampradaya, you introduced us to all holy places. Devotees of other sampradayas are generally accustomed to their respective teachings and miss out from other sampradayas.

Your teachings does not exclude us out from the mercy of other sampradayas. In fact, you gave us a deeper understanding of other sampradays compared to the respective followers themselves.

This is only a little drop of the unlimited mercy you have created for us.

Thank you again Srila Prabhupada.

Please always guide us. You remain with You Forever.

Your servants

*Advaita Acharya das, Gandharvika devi dasi and
Syama-behari dasa.*





Hare Krishna Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you!

THANK YOU for giving me the most sublime method for becoming Kṛṣṇa conscious. I am unable to fully appreciate this incredibly valuable treasure you have given me. Indeed, I often take it for granted and do not practice as seriously as I should.

Please help me to become more sincere in my own practice. I have also understood that you and Kṛṣṇa are extremely pleased when your

transcendental books are distributed therefore, I desire to become more eager to find the means to share your books with others.

Thank you Śrīla Prabhupāda.
Hare Krishna

*Your insignificant servant,
Śyāma-kunḍa das*



Hare Kṛṣṇa Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories unto you.

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

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami, 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.

YOU ARE RESTLESS BECAUSE YOU DON'T READ. I am laboring so hard for you, but you don't take advantage. Don't take advantage of eating and sleeping. Take advantage of these books. Then your life will be successful. My duty--I have given you so valuable things, day and night trying to convince you, each word to word. And if you don't take advantage of this, then what can I do for you?

Lecture on Srimad Bhagavatam 2.9.14, Melbourne, April 13, 1972

Yes, that is nice that you are distributing many books. I do not want money, or buildings or anything else, I simply want to see that my books are being distributed and because you are doing that I

am quite happy.

Letter to: Prahladananda - Bhaktivedanta Manor, 28 August, 1973

You have taken the right view of the importance of my books. Books will always remain. That was the view of my Guru Maharaja, and I also have taken it. Therefore I started my movement with my books. And we shall be able to maintain everything with the sales of the books. The temples will be maintained by the book sales, and if there are no more temples, then the books shall remain.

Letter to: Hamsaduta - New Delhi, 8 November, 1973

I have no personal qualification, but I simply

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tried to satisfy my guru. That's all. My Guru Maharaja asked me that „If you get some money, you print books.“ So there was a private meeting, talking, some of my important Godbrothers also there. It was in Radha-kunda. So Guru Maharaja was speaking to me that „Since we have got this Bagh Bazaar marble temple, there has been so many dissensions, and everyone thinking who will occupy this room or that room, that room. I wish, therefore, to sell this temple and the marble and print some book.“ Yes. So I took up this from his mouth, that he is very fond of books. And he told me personally that „If you get some money, print books.“ Therefore I am stressing on this point: „Where is book? Where is book? Where is book?“ So kindly help me. This is my request.

Arrival Address - Los Angeles, June 20, 1975

When we hear these words from you, we become strong, surcharged and full of life. This is what is sustaining us and giving us impetus to keep going - you and your books.

If we simply take what you have said and apply these instructions, then success is assured, and all will be in order but at this time things are not in order and we are fighting a struggle you and the Lord are well aware of.

When all is said and done, from what we have

heard and understood from you, your books take precedence over everything else, and that is reading, publishing and distributing them.

We are humbly appealing to you, Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu and the discipic succession, to give the society and ourselves, the strength, intelligence and ability to put more focus on book distribution/sankirtan which is the prime benediction for humanity at large.

We are by no means 'big time' book distributors, etc. but we know we have to do our small part somehow or the other, so we appeal to you to empower us to do our bit and stick with this service in this life and the next if you so desire.

We know that this pleases you and your Guru Maharaja the most and will bring about all auspiciousness and success for not only us but the whole world.

We remain forever in your debt life after life.

Thank you for everything Srila Prabhupada, thank you.

Hare Krsna.

*Your struggling servant,
Syamananda das*



Syamananda Krsna dasa 
and Premalila devi dasi
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet on this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

All glories to Your Divine Grace.

IN THIS KALI-YUGA, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu appeared in the guise of a devotee. However, because of the degraded nature of this age, He did not reveal His concealed identity as the Supreme Personality of Godhead to the people in general. If anyone publicized that He was the Supreme Lord, He would cover His ears as if He had heard the worst kind of blasphemy. Even so, He could not hide His identity from His true devotees; they recognized Him and broadcast His actual identity to the world.

Similarly Srila Prabhupada, you also came to

this world, but you did not reveal your true identity. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu came to distribute the greatest treasure of the spiritual world, krishna-prema, but He only did so in the land of India. Nevertheless, He wanted to flood the world with this treasure. This is clear because He predicted that Krishna consciousness would spread to every town and village. Today it is obvious to everyone that you, Srila Prabhupada, are the embodiment of that prediction. It is also clear that this is due to the divine arrangement of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

When understood in this way it becomes clear how great you are, and how dear you are to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Why else would He award you the credit for achieving something even greater than His own achievement? We can understand how dear you must be to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu because He reserved that glory for you. Therefore your true identity is practically inconceivable.

Srila Prabhupada, your greatest glory is that you have spread Krishna consciousness all over the world and established ISKCON as the institution that will continue to spread it in the future. This is practically an indescribable achievement and as mankind becomes aware of it, you will be known as one of the most important personalities of this age.

From Srimad-Bhagavatam we learn that although there are many controllers with various specific powers, Lord Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead is the Supreme Controller, one without a second. Similarly within ISKCON there are many spiritual leaders with specific spiritual potencies, but Srila Prabhupada you are one without a second because you are the Founder-acarya, and as such your position is unique.

As members of ISKCON, the more that we can recognize your pre-eminent position and glorify you for creating this wonderful institution, the more ISKCON will thrive and become potent in spreading the sankirtana movement of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. For us you are our sampradaya-acarya.

Although the Vaisnava sampradayas have their original acaryas “Brahma, Laksmi, Siva and the Kumaras” sometimes due to the passage of time the teachings become covered. When this happens Lord Krishna arranges that a powerful personality descends to revive the true teachings again. This

has occurred in the past in the case of Srila Madhvacarya, Srila Ramanujacarya, Srila Visnuswami and Srila Nimbarkacarya. They were not ordinary living entities; Srila Ramanujacarya is understood to be an incarnation of Sesa, whilst Srila Madhvacarya is recognised as an incarnation of Vayu. Srila Prabhupada you are undoubtedly an acarya of at least this category; all the more so because your identity has not been revealed.

Actually Srila Prabhupada, not only are you the pre-eminent siksa-guru for all ISKCON devotees, but you are our deliverer guru. Everyone is ultimately dependent on Your Divine Grace in their spiritual life, and in ISKCON everyone must ultimately be brought to you through their diksa guru. This is the meaning of Founder-acarya, and the more ISKCON members understand it and uphold it the more unified ISKCON will become.

When one is standing on a mountain, or one is very close to it, one may not immediately appreciate its greatness. It is only as one begins to move away from it that one attains a true picture of its stature. Similarly the passage of time will act in this way to reveal your greatness. There will come a time in the future when devotees will lament, “if only I had been alive 200 years ago I could have met Srila Prabhupada.” or, “I wish I could have been alive 1000 years ago when Srila Prabhupada was present on this planet.” Therefore every member of ISKCON has the duty to spread the awareness of your greatness and your great gift to this world. At the present time when there is much suffering and turmoil there is an urgent need for that.

*Your servants,
Syamananda Krsna dasa and Premalila devi dasi.*



Sybil Dantu 🇿🇦
Cape Town
South Africa

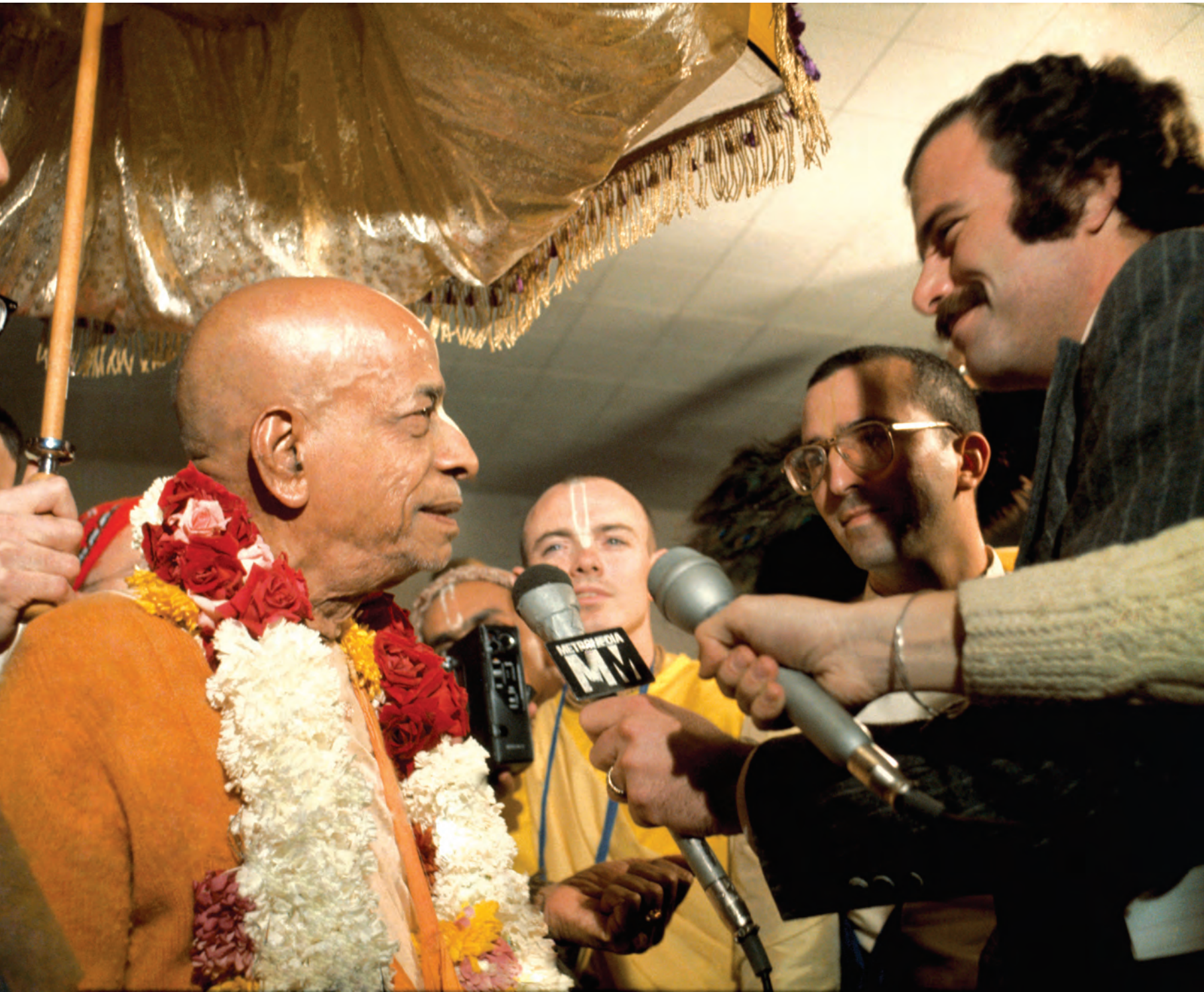


Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances and respect.

THANK YOU for your daily inspiration, thank you for all your faithful public talks that helps so much to get through our happiness and distress. Thank you for your transcendental knowledge! Always encouraging us to listen and not talk nonsense or listen to negative talk. What uplifts me is that I know now

that there is the Supersoul in my heart and that the spark of my soul is also there.

*With gratitude and love,
Your eternal servant,
Sybil Dantu*





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

THE PAST YEAR has seen some changes in our grhas-ta lifestyle. We realize how spoilt we were at our second home, Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple. A sanctuary that we could walk into at any time to get the mercy of Their Lordships, yourself and be greeted by the magnanimous, smiling faces of the community there.

Even though we are not too far away, our saving grace was finding a Temple nearby which imbibes your mood and spirit. We are too fickle minded to create this atmosphere ourselves, so we rely heavily on your establishments, strategically placed at various points around the world - a safe haven wherever we may venture to.

This year also sees a new chapter in our family lives. We feel inadequate in that we might not be able to push on your ISKCON movement in the capacity that we used to, but pray that you may still

allow our family your mercy and guidance to keep Lord Krishna in the centre of all our endeavours.

*vande gurūn īśa-bhaktān
īśam īśāvatārakān
tat-prakāśāṁś ca tac-chaktiḥ
kṛṣṇa-caitanya-saṁjñakam
(CC Ādi 1.34)*

By offering respects to our spiritual masters and the Vaisnava devotees, can we obtain the mercy of Lord Krishna. Although we may not be able to directly serve you, please bless us so that we may always have the association of the Vaisnavas who will allow us the most prized jewel of devotional service.

*Sincerely your servants of the servant,
Tamohara das and family*

 Tamohara das and family
Cape Town
South Africa



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

WE ARE ALL CAUGHT UP IN THIS WORLD CRISIS of the covid-19 virus. On the one hand, it has brought suffering and loss on the material platform but on the other hand it has brought out the best in many devotees as they have embraced technology and are very innovatively preaching Lord Caitanya's mission all over the internet.

As this world crisis has emphasized the struggle for material existence, it has also emphasized the need for spiritual knowledge. While I was reading in the fourth Canto of Srimad-Bhagavatam it really dawned upon me why it is said that the pure

devotees of Lord Kṛṣṇa is sometimes more merciful than Lord Kṛṣṇa.

*ŚB 4.29.62
mamaite manasā yad yad
asāv aham iti bruvan
grhṇīyāt tat pumān rāddham
karma yena punar bhavaḥ*

Translation: The living entity labors under the bodily conception of "I am this, I am that. My duty is this, and therefore I shall do it." These are all mental

 Tanumadhya dasi.
Moorreesburg
South Africa

impressions, and all these activities are temporary; nonetheless, by the grace of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the living entity gets a chance to execute all his mental concoctions. Thus he gets another body.

Purport: “As long as one is absorbed in the bodily conception, his activities are performed on that platform.All these activities are going on under the name of advancement of civilization. There are many plans for making the body comfortable, and these plans are carried in the subtle body after the destruction of the gross body.When the gross body is finished, the plans of the living entity are taken by the mind, and by the grace of the Lord the living entity gets a chance to give these plans shape in the next life.”

This is exactly the ignorance of most of the people, this is why you came to the West and this is why a pure devotee like yourself is more merciful than Lord Kṛṣṇa. It is by Lord Kṛṣṇa’s grace that the living entities get a chance to execute whatever concoctions they can think of, lifetime after lifetime. Wasting their time trying to fulfil useless material desires. You came to teach that although the material world is a place of struggles, the only worthwhile struggle against maya begins when one takes on the struggles to get out of this material world.

You came to teach the process of devotional service that is the way out of this material existence. It is by devotional service that one can awaken his Kṛṣṇa consciousness. It is then that one can awaken his dormant relationship with the Lord and work on the basic principle of always remembering Kṛṣṇa and never forgetting Him. It is then that our struggles to gain material comfort and pleasure will change to struggles against the very same material comforts as to not be drawn back to the

material platform. It is then that our struggle will be to stay faithful, to stay focused and to stay absorbed in devotional service. This struggle will continue until we increase our faith by knowledge, appreciate the association of devotees above other entertainment, and when we seek more service to stay fully absorbed in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

In the purport of SB 4.29.76-77 it is written: “This great Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement is the greatest boon to human society because it is teaching everyone to think always of Kṛṣṇa by executing devotional service. In this way, at the end of life one may be transferred to the association of Kṛṣṇa.” This is what a pure devotee comes to teach, and it is our highest benefit. Kṛṣṇa consciousness can take us to the spiritual world at the end of this life. It is contrary to so many religions that keep the followers on the material platform. However, it is by Kṛṣṇa’s grace that they attain these material gain and comfort. Unfortunately, so many desires on the material platform stay unfulfilled, thus they get another chance to come back and try again.

In the purport of SB 4.29.82 it is mentioned: “One who is struggling against māyā is a hero, and one who is sober enough to understand his position is a dhīra. Without becoming sober or heroic, one cannot attain spiritual salvation.”

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for your causeless mercy, for your example of how to preach this message to the world and how to live a spiritual life in the material world.

Please be merciful so that we can all follow in your footsteps and become sober and heroic.

*Your servant,
Tanumadhya dasi.*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance.

YOU ARE THE LIGHT that has taken away the darkness from my mundane existence. Your books, Temples, disciples and your efforts to spread Krsna consciousness has changed my life completely. Where would I be without your tireless efforts? Definitely lost in this material existence, feeling the restlessness, searching for happiness in all the wrong places.

Now that I have found Krsna consciousness

through your efforts, I have lost the restlessness, my search is over. I have found the happiness that had eluded me for years. I feel so blessed to be part of your legacy.

I am eternally grateful to you my Dearest Prabhupada.

Thamani Naidoo

 **Thamani Naidoo**
Durban
South Africa



Most revered jagad -guru Srila Prabhupada,

YOU HAVE GIVEN US, ALL THAT WE NEED TO REACH THE LORD. Yet, oh Srila Prabhupada, with your guidance, I shall continue to strive to seek and reach the mastering of the mind and to embrace the mercy of the Lord. We remain desperate in these desperate times and yet we continue to remain surprised in these times. You have shown us the way and armed us with what is required to navigate through our journey. We shall always remain humble through your

learning in the knowledge that we know nothing and are just specks trying to become like a sponge to absorb all that we can from you.

Oh Srila Prabhupada, please nudge us closer to the Lord, we beg of you.

*Your forever servants,
The Dhayalam family.*

 **The Dhayalam family**
Edenvale
South Africa



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

BY YOUR EXAMPLE you showed how one should treasure the instruction of the spiritual master. You showed us how to execute his order and place his desires at the forefront of all else. You endured numerous hardships and challenges, yet still you persevered. You brought with you the greatest treasures in the form of your books which you shared with all the world. Who can understand your

generosity or the magnitude of the love which you carry within your heart?

We have spent lifetime upon lifetime struggling within the darkness of the material world, lost and alone. What great fortune to have taken birth in a time when the radiant mercy of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu has been carried forth and causelessly shared by His very own Senapati Bhakta.

 **Tirumala devi dasi**
Fourways
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples
& Other Devotees

„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 Caritamrita Anya-lila 3.181


Without your mercy Srila Prabhupada, I would most certainly have remained lost within the abyss of material existence. But instead due to your love, generosity, and mercy, I have the great fortune of

being sheltered in your home, ISKCON. It may take many lifetimes before I am able to chant the holy name with a drop of love, yet I feel safe knowing that there is no loss or diminution on the path of Bhakti. I pray to always remain engaged in your service as the servant of your servants.

With love.

*Your servant and great grand daughter,
Tirumala devi dasi*

Trishna Patel 🌸
Johannesburg
South Africa

 Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your most merciful lotus feet.

AS TIME PASSES by we can all see that what you taught is the most sublime message of Godhead. You strove to present the transcendental teachings of this illustrious lineage with all your heart and soul, despite so many obstacles you pressed on to serve the order of your spiritual master.

Thank you for giving your mercy and guidance. Thank you for all your wonderful kirtans and lectures and most of all thank you for showing us appreciation and love for the holy name.

*Hare Krishna Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare*

I pray to continue to always serve at your lotus feet.

*Your servant,
Bhaktin Trishna Patel*

Tulasi devi dasi 🌸
Tongaat
South Africa

 My dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU IS NOT AN ADEQUATE MEASURE of my deepest heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your mercy - but it is all I can say in humble repetition for your causeless mercy, kindness and compassion, unto all the living entities that are the beneficiaries of your compassion.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for your books,

temples, instructions, lectures, commentaries and above all, your perfect example of a perfect vaisnava. You are the epitome of humility and wisdom and the personification of mercy.

As wretched as I am, I am the most fortunate to have received your mercy and compassion. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for everything.

I remain eternally indebted to you for your love and compassion.

*Begging to remain the servant of your servant,
Tulasi devi dasi*



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

 Ujjvala Prema devi dasi
Midrand
South Africa

THE NOVELIST AND POET CHRISTOPHER MORLEY WROTE,
„When you give someone a book, you don't give him just paper, ink, and glue. You give him the possibility of a whole new life.“ This is what you have done Srila Prbhupada, gifted us with a whole new life through your books.

You wrote in one letter: 'Our only motto in ISKCON is to read and distribute books'. You knew that if your books were not studied carefully, your followers would not have the spiritual strength to continue distributing them under often difficult conditions.

Please give us your mercy and blessings that we may carry out your instruction through the guidance of your most sincere disciples and continue this legacy eternally.

Most grateful, thankful and eternally indebted to you Srila Prabhupada. Will always love you eternally.

*Your unworthy granddaughter
and servant of the servant,
Ujjvala Prema devi dasi.*



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

 Ujjvala Rasa dasi
Durban
South Africa

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

I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU for creating my good fortune. Living in Krishna Consciousness is my good fortune! BG4.2: 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.

In the purport to this verse you have written:
“Five thousand years ago it was detected by the Lord Himself that the disciplic succession was

broken, and therefore He declared that the purpose of the Gitā appeared to be lost”.

“Since there is a great need of an edition of the Gita in English, as it is received by the parampara (disciplic succession) system, an attempt is made herewith to fulfill this great want”.

Thank you dear Srila Prabhupada for giving us Bhagavad Gita As It Is, which you have said that “if accepted as it is, is a great boon to humanity.”

Indeed! It has been a great boon in my own life!

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples
& Other Devotees

The lessons learnt from the verses of this great book has very significantly elevated my consciousness to a spiritually knowledgeable and peaceful state of being.

I would like to offer a few verses as an expression of my gratitude to you.

BG2.13: “As the embodied soul continuously passes, in this body, from boyhood to youth to old age, the soul similarly passes into another body at death. A sober person is not bewildered by such a change.”

Thank you for teaching us (me) that we are spirit soul by nature and we are not this body. The soul is spiritual and eternal, yet our body is made up of matter and is temporary. Now it is much easier to accept death because I have knowledge that the spirit soul transmigrates from the old/diseased body to another body, a new body. There is no cause to lament! Thank you for this knowledge Srila Prabhupada.

BG2.20: “For the soul there is neither birth nor death at any time. He has not come into being, does not come into being, and will not come into being. He is unborn, eternal, ever-existing and primeval. He is not slain when the body is slain.”

This verse had been recited many times at funerals. Through your eloquent purports, I have learnt that consciousness is the symptom of the soul and that the soul is eternal, ever-existing and primeval, ever-fresh, youthful and blissful! The soul does not perish when the body perishes, instead, the soul journeys onward to another new body. There is no cause to lament yet again! Thank you for this knowledge Srila Prabhupada.

BG4.34: “Just try to learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. Inquire from him submissively and render service unto him. The self-realized souls can impart knowledge unto you because they have seen the truth.”

In the purport of this verse you have taught us that, to receive knowledge, one should approach a bona fide spiritual master in the line of disciplic succession from the Lord Himself, accept such a spiritual master in full surrender, render service unto him

like a menial servant, without false prestige, and hear and inquire from him submissively.

Again, you have created my good fortune by sending a bona fide spiritual master in the form of your illustrious son, your disciple. By your mercy and the mercy of my spiritual master I have taken initiation in your ISKCON. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for this knowledge.

BG9.2: “This knowledge is the king of education, the most secret of all secrets. It is the purest knowledge, and because it gives direct perception of the self by realization, it is the perfection of religion. It is everlasting, and it is joyfully performed.”

Thank you once again Srila Prabhupada for giving us Bhagavad Gita As It Is, wherein we learn that the process of devotional service consists of *sravanam*, *kirtanam*, *vishnoh smaranam*.

Simply by engaging in hearing about the glories of the Supreme Lord Sri Krsna, chanting His holy names Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare, and remembering and meditating upon His all-attractive form, we can purify our consciousness and become eligible to go back home, back to Godhead. Thank you for creating this opportunity and giving me the privilege of engaging in devotional service in Krishna Consciousness. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for this knowledge.

BG18.66: “Abandon all varieties of religion and just surrender unto me. I shall deliver you from all sinful reactions. Do not fear.”

In the purport to this verse you have written: “One should be confident that in all circumstances Krsna will protect him from all difficulties. There is no need of thinking how one should keep the body and soul together. One should always think himself helpless and should consider Krsna the only basis for his progress in life.”

You are our param-guru dear Srila Prabhupada and I am sincerely trying to follow your instructions, albeit with many faults. Nevertheless, Lord Sri Krsna reciprocates as depicted in verse BG9.22: “But those who always worship Me with exclusive

devotion, meditating on My transcendental form-
to them I carry what they lack, and I preserve what
they have.”

This is my realization. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for this knowledge.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for the shelter at
your lotus feet.

*Your humble servant, your grand-daughter,
Ujjvala Rasa Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



SRILA PRABHUPADA you are Krishna's pure devotee.
Srila Prabhupada you are our father, our leader
and our mentor.

Srila Prabhupada you are our guru, our teacher,
our saviour, we love you.

Srila Prabhupada you are so great; you are
Krishna's eternal companion.

You gave us everything there is to give; you gave
us more than a father, a leader or a mentor can give,
Srila Prabhupada, we love you.

You gave us more than a guru, a teacher or a sav-
iour can give, Srila Prabhupada we love you.

Srila Prabhupada you are so great; You taught
us everything there is to teach; You taught us how
to read and how to write; how to learn and how to
teach; how to listen and how to preach; how to sit
and how to stand; how to walk and how to run; how
to lead and how to follow; how to sing and how to
dance; how to sleep and how to wake; how to cook

and how to eat and above all, how to live and how to
die, Srila Prabhupada you are so great, we love you.

Srila Prabhupada but you have left us so soon.

Srila Prabhupada, where are you now, are you
in Vaikuntha or Goloka? Wherever you are please
arrange for us to come, Srila Prabhupada we love
you.

Srila Prabhupada we miss you.

Srila Prabhupada, we your grand and great
grandchildren are saying thank you for all that you
did for us and for all that you gave to us and for sav-
ing humanity.

Srila Prabhupada, I am eternally indebted to
Your Divine Grace. Thank you for allowing me the
opportunity to make this insignificant offering on
this your auspicious Vyasa-puja.

*Your lowly grandson,
Utpala Das (BTS)*

 Utpala Das (BTS)
Port Harcourt
Nigeria



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



HOW CAN WE EVER THANK THEE!

At Radha Damodhar Temple You prayed into the night
For guidance and mercy to end the living entities plight
You endeavoured under such difficulties to make us see
That this material world is not the place to be
Srila Prabhupada, you are the greatest saviour that this world will ever see

 Vaisnava Priya dasi
Pinetown
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples
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How can we ever thank Thee!
 Your purports teach us the art of devotional service
 Appealing to both the old and the youngest novice
 Guiding and steering us as if by the hand
 So that one day before Krishna we will be able to stand
 Srila Prabhupada, you are the greatest saviour that this world will ever see
 How can we ever thank Thee!
 Eating with Krishna and dancing with Krishna is the Goal of life
 In total bliss away from the misery of material strife
 Against everything that Maya has to display
 The path of Bhakti is what you came to convey
 Srila Prabhupada, you are the greatest saviour that this world will ever see
 How can we ever thank Thee!
 The value of devotee association is what you taught,
 Relishing Prasadam and the joy of kirtan to our hearts you brought
 The age of darkness has a ray of light
 Never before has going back home been such a delight
 All glories, all glories, all glories to the greatest saviour that this place will ever see
 Srila Prabhupada, how can we ever thank Thee!

*Your servant,
 Vaisnava Priya dasi*

Vaisnavi Mistry 
 Midrand
 South Africa



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



SRILA PRABHUPADA, this ISKCON movement is existing because of your mercy.
 If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't be who I am today.
 I love ISKCON. It's the best place ever.
 I did a presentation on you about how good of a leader you are.
 My teacher loved it and because of your unique life story I got 20/20.
 Srila Prabhupada, your life story is amazing.
 I learnt a lot about your glorious life.
 All the achievements ISKCON has accomplished thus far
 is all because of you, Srila Prabhupada.

*I Love You Srila Prabhupada.
 Your great granddaughter and servant always,
 Vaisnavi Mistry (10 years old)*

Śrīla Prabhupāda
 Vyāsa-pūjā 2020





My Dear Ever Well-wisher,

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

ON THIS DAY OF YOUR VYASA PUJA, I would like to extend my gratitude to you for expanding this Krsna Consciousness movement throughout the world. If you did not make the effort, at that tender age, we all would have been stuck in this cycle of birth and death. I am ever thankful to you for leaving your home, your family and your comfort to show and teach the world about The Supreme personality of Godhead. You made a whole new home in every town and village; you made new families all around the world. You circled the globe in 12 year building Temples for your Lord; you were definitely an empowered Soul.

Recently I have found pleasure and comfort in listening to your pastimes, your appreciations and about childhood. They enliven me and make me appreciate you even more; I wish I could have met you...Just once! I relish the nectar about You, the person you where, your humorous side, your stern side, everything you did...it was Krsna Conscious...from the way you dressed, the way you spoke, the way you put on your tilak, the way you played instruments,

the many books you wrote...You surely have left a legacy and an imprint in our heart.

Once asked in a lecture "Sri Prabhupada, what if at the time of death we remember you and not Lord Krsna?" and your answer was "that's OK". It is so much easier to remember Your Divine Grace Sri Prabhupada than Lord Krsna. We know you are once again with your Lord, relishing the pastimes with Him. I eagerly await the day you take me by the hand and introduce me to the Lord! Until then I will continue to read and listen about you, relish the nectar you left behind, try and follow all the principles and co-operate with the temple authorities! In this way I hope I can someday please you.

Thank you for your mercy, for all the Temples, for the nectar in your Books, for making all the devotees but most importantly we are eternally indebted to the Lord for sending us YOU!

*Aspiring to be your eternal servants,
Vamsi Gita Devi Dasi, Premanaja,
Bhaktilata and Vibhavari*



I offer my respectful obeisances to His Divine Grace, A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Śrīla Prabhupāda, the most confidential disciple of His Divine Grace Bhaktisiddhānta Saraswati Thakur Maharaj. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, all glories to your divine appearance day.

IT IS YOU WHO SHOWED what cent per cent dedication to the guidance of a pure devotee can accomplish.

I thank you so much for your compassion and dedication and I aspire to please you and your dedicated servants, my spiritual masters.

Thank you for the blessing of a lifetime! You delivered me an incredible spiritual master who

always brings me closer to you and Krishna. My debt in this regard is insurmountable.

Please be kind to me by excusing my offenses which are committed out of lifetimes of conditioned madness. If, no matter where, no matter how big or small, you always give me some type of space in your movement, then my existence will have real



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Premanaja, Bhaktilata
and Vibhavari
Durban
South Africa



Vasanti Devi Dasi
ISKCON Cape Town
South Africa

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& Other Devotees

meaning. Please keep me under your shelter.

You are the transparent glass-door to Lord Krishna's name, fame, qualities, past-times, entourage and abode. I long for the day where I am chanting the holy names as a means of loving exchange, instead of just as a means to clean my eyes so I can see that doorway.

Thank you for every magnanimous volume of your divine writings and translations! I always feel so connected to you through your words. That is your special mercy. Please can I always be engaged as a postman delivering your message to the world through book distribution and other preaching methods?

You have showed me that this is my real

happiness, because it is my spiritual master's biggest happiness, because it is your true happiness, because it is your spiritual master's deepest happiness.

May my every thought be remembrance of your words, which deliver remembrance of Krishna.


May my every word be glorification of your glorifications of Krishna.

May my movements be holy pilgrimages to the footprints you've left on the Earth which, when followed will surely lead me to the actual holy pilgrimage places of Sri Krishna.

Your servant

Vasanti Devi Dasi


Vasu Ghosh das 🍷
Lenasia
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to you Srila Prabhupada.

I THANK YOUR DIVINE GRACE for giving us Krishna Consciousness. Dear Srila Prabhupada I am indebted to your ISKCON. I will continue to serve ISKCON to the best of my ability, health permitting.

Your humble servant,
Vasu Ghosh das

Veronica Panday 🍷
Morningside
South Africa

 Hare Krsna my dear Jagad-guru, Srila Prabhupada

I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN. We are currently in lock down, and thanks to modern technology that longing to visit our temples, is slightly fulfilled. All ISKCON temple world-wide provide such an elaborate, uniformed style of worship and delivering of lectures. All this is only possible because of you my Dear Jagad-guru. Thank you for carrying me in my tough moments of life. Thank you for your wide

variety of books, audio, and the list goes on. Thank you for your unconditional love and care. Please continue to bless ISKCON and its devotees. Please bring more and more genuine, devoted people into our organisation.

Your forever well-wisher and servant,
Veronica Panday

Śrīla Prabhupāda
Vyāsa-pūjā 2020



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

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

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your appearance day, may I say a few words in glorification of your personality.

In the little time that you have been on the planet, you have marked the world with some profound positive transformations and healing. And yet my mental is still struggling to fully grasp what you have done for all of us irrespective of caste, creed, country or any other material qualifications. In fact, your mercy was unconditional devoid of who is qualified or not qualified to receive it. A pure exhibition of love, compassion and kindness to humanity at large and to all living entities.

With the torchlight of the Vedic knowledge, you have illuminated many paths to many and carefully and relentlessly guided us on our journey. A journey that yet extends beyond this material realm back

home to the spiritual world as you would often say.

As engrossed as most of us are in this bodily conception of life, you have taught the ultimate truth by not only saving the clothes of a drowning man, the body, but to save the drowning man himself, the soul. You have taught the eternal journey of the soul, thus reestablishing our spiritual identity and our spiritual relationships. The true mission of the spiritual master and teacher. And having done this in such an explosive way with such a bold and spiritual vision, that no ordinary eyes envisioned what you were about to achieve in your journey as saviour of the whole world.

Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada ki jay.

*Yours,
Vikash Bunjun*



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

THIS YEAR, 2020, is arguably one of the most catastrophic years' of our lifetime, where uncertainty and unrest has affected the world at large. In these difficult times we are highly favoured by your mercy for granting us shelter of the Holy Names, scriptures, places of pilgrimage and the association of devotees.


We are indebted to your commitment in fulfilling Lord Chaitanya's Mahaprabhu's prophecy.

Your astounding feats have transformed our lives and those that are yet to arrive. Every time we read your inspirational purports, we thank Lord Krsna for allowing you to accomplish your goal. Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your insignificant servants, Virachandra Das,
Keli-Kunja Dasi and Subhadra*




 Vikash Bunjun
Vacoas
Mauritius

 Virachandra Das
Keli-Kunja Dasi
and Subhadra
Durban
South Africa

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& Other Devotees

Vishaka devi dasi 🍷
Lenasia, Johannesburg
South Africa

 Hare Krishna Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari.
All glories to Your Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

I BOW DOWN MILLIONS OF TIMES TO YOUR LOTUS FEET.

What you have left for us is a real gem. I thank you millions of times Srila Prabhupada for clearing our doubts by giving us scriptural knowledge 'As It Is', thus transforming our hearts to love Krishna and all living beings.

It is amazing and unbelievable how this Covid 19 virus has taken over the whole world. It is teaching man

to become humans. It is amazing how your

beloved devotees are taking this opportunity to serve your mission, especially Food for Life as they are breaking records in serving nutritional meals.


Srila Prabhupada I cannot thank Krishna enough for bringing me and my family to your lotus feet. I pray over and over again to be at your lotus feet eternally and to one day serve Krishna eternally.

Your servant.

Vishaka devi dasi



Vishek Deeplal 🍷
Tongaat
South Africa

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

O DEAR SPIRITUAL MASTER. I am your most fallen servant. I am amongst the lowest and most unqualified of people in the remarkable spiritual platform that you have created for us, but even amongst this category and all others, you are so dearly treasured to all the devotees across the world for all that you have done for us.

When I sometimes drift in thought about your pastimes and ponder on all you've accomplished and unraveled in the material world, I think of them as miracles. You have given the world Krishna consciousness and you have shown us how people that were formerly addicted to the most sinful ways of life have become pure Vaisnava devotees of the Lord who now set an example for the rest of the world to follow in your footsteps.

I am grateful for the association of many of your

disciples that continue to propagate your profound teachings and play an instrumental role in my spiritual upliftment that has become my desire.

I beg at your lotus feet for the association and blessings from all Vaisnava devotees, especially yours, to allow myself to someday be worthy of being a pure Vaisnava in the line of your disciples.

My heart hankers for the spiritual path you have set ahead for us to achieve in this life of ours so that we can relish the exquisite pastimes of Radha and Krishna in Vrindavana that you have enabled us to envision through love and devotion.

All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada.

Your servant,

Vishek Deeplal





Dear Srila Prabhupada

Please accept our humble obeisances.

All glories to your merciful lotus feet. All glories to you on your most auspicious appearance day.

DURING THIS TIME OF THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC, with everyone being in isolation and all temples being inaccessible, we are unable to perform our regular temple services or associate physically with the devotees, which is very sad, however with using technology as yukta vairagya, we are able to see devotees and have live interactive sessions, which has really been enlivening and so beneficial to all of us as well as the public in general. It has created such a great platform for preaching and so many people have been attracted to the preaching initiatives by the dear Gurus in our movement.

This has only been achieved by your causeless mercy

and through the books which you have strived so hard to provide for us. Srila Prabhupada, you are our saviour, our dear grandfather, our teacher, our guide and our very life. You may not be physically present before us but the amount of love we feel from you is as if you are right here with us. Your books give us life, hope and so much comfort in this miserable material world. May we always have the shelter of your lotus feet.

Your servants eternally

Vishnu das, Laksmi Priya dasi and Sudama



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to your holy Vyasa-puja, the day you appeared on this planet to execute the instructions of Lord Krishna.

OVER THE YEARS, so many devotees have expressed their feelings on this great day, and I am so pleased to belong to this unique ISKCON family. You gave us temples, books and spiritual tips related to almost everything. We are all eternally grateful. I have digested your divine instructions and universal values and principles, and the change has been immense.

Many devotees and also non devotees struggle to understand the world and indeed they sometimes have doubts and cannot find solutions, with growing cynicism on core ideologies. Indeed, there is an intellectual void and without your support, they are simply lost, confused and jumping around.

I wish to thank you for your holistic instructions and the core spiritual message that we must put Krishna first and gradually our thoughts, words and actions will be divinized. There are many ways to put the Lord first but as you elaborately explained,

we must chant the Maha-mantra and it will clear the mind, cleanse the heart and increase inner bliss and abundance.

I have witnessed how many wander aimlessly as they are unaware of your teachings and messages. It has been already stated many times how you made our key spiritual texts lively and useful to anyone who is ready to read your translations and purports.

I wrote a 35-page chapter on some of your achievements in my book entitled 'Building Spiritual Strengths' last year and realized how profound your teachings are. I learnt from you that we write books to purify ourselves and not for fame, name glory and material benefits.

I sincerely hope more read your books and elevate their consciousness in these difficult and challenging times. This tribute is being written when the world is experiencing serious problems with the Covid-19 virus. I have faith that you will help us and



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Laksmi Priya dasi

and Sudama

Midrand

South Africa



Vishnu Das

Phoenix Temple

Mauritius

appeal to the Lord to alleviate the pain.

ISKCON has continued to grow and is a highly respected spiritual organization. Thank you for giving such a lovely gift. Many underestimate the structure you left behind, particularly the divine Governing Body Commission (GBC).

The world is contradictory and full of dualities. There is no other way apart, from implementing your instructions. Ethical reasoning, clean behavior, sincere chanting of the names of the Lord, avoiding bad association, taming the ego and the mind, not relaxing spiritual standards, giving up ritualistic fruitive activities, eating spiritualized food, avoiding meat and fish, illicit sex, alcohol, gambling and loving and pleasing the Lord are some of your teachings.

The pace of global warming is very worrying. Economists, scientists, politicians and philosophers are slowly realizing that the only solution is ‘Simple Living and High Thinking’. There are difficulties to implement this priceless and, in the end, the unavoidable solution. Your mercy is required so that we get out of this unprecedented global emergency.

I have a long way to travel but I am confident

that you will empower me so that I reach higher spiritual heights. I will like to share some quotes for the benefit of readers. These show that you are truly a spiritual giant and gives an indication of your grandeur and qualities.

“Gradually the mind should be trained to obey the orders of the soul.” SB 5.11.17

“We are not this body; we are spiritual beings trapped in the body.” SB 6.15.3

“Unless the Lord is pleased by the service of a devotee, the Lord does not reveal Himself...” SB 7.9.9

“The soul is a sample of God. If you can understand the sample, then you can understand the whole” Life comes from Life.

“Actual life begins after the completion of this material life.” Bg. 2.72


“The material energy can act only when empowered by the spiritual energy.” CC Ādi 5.66

I beg that you always keep me under your shelter and thank you again for your wonderful contribution.

*Your Servant,
Vishnu Das*



Visvambhara dasa 🌸
Cape Town
South Africa

 Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most respectful obeisances at the dust of Your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to your Vyasa Puja celebrations!

I FEEL MOST BLESSED AND FORTUNATE to get an opportunity to write a few words of appreciation on the occasion of your Vyasa Puja celebrations in 2020.

I was reflecting on some of the many gifts you’ve offered us during your stay on this planet - your bottomless books, transcendental temples, sumptuous prasadam, magnanimous followers and insightful lectures to name a few. All your gifts have added so much value in my life and they keep on increasing in value. Some may argue that any gift we receive is valuable and should keep on increasing in value. This is not necessarily true.

I’ll use this analogy to explain: the earliest gift I remember receiving was a tricycle for my birthday as a young child. During the span of my life, up until now, my mother like any loving parent, naturally offered me many other gifts as well, in addition to this tricycle. The other gifts that stand out, for example, in my twenties, she gave me a piece of gold jewelry and again in my forties she did the same. I clearly remember the tricycle being used right until the end of its life - the seat had come off so it was re-purposed (with the help of my elder brothers) to make it function as a makeshift manual scooter. In this

way, we got maximum use out of this gift. But this gift had a life span and then perished by the influence of time. It had a limited value.

The gifts of jewellery that I received, however, just increased in value. They are worth so much more than when they were initially gifted to me [without me doing anything different to it]. They have continually grown in value. Even the effect of time just increased the value of the jewels. This is quite different from the tricycle.

If I had to think of the many gifts you left us, were some of them like the tricycle and some like the jewellery? No, actually they are all like the jewellery as “they keep on increasing in value. They all have continuous growing value. Having said that though, I do feel that there is one gift that keeps on giving me more and more every day - the gift that I am talking about is the gift of the association of your devotees.

I feel that the association of your sincere followers is probably the most valuable one that I have received from you. This to me is the gift that keeps on giving. Every day it just keeps growing and growing. I'll try and explain why I feel this way.

We are currently under a mandatory national lockdown in South Africa, pretty much like so many other countries in the world that have been affected by the COVID-19 virus. During this time, it is so difficult to sustain our physical self (by keeping fit) and what to speak of keeping our mental and spiritual ambitions on the up. Not meeting devotee friends, taking darshan of the Deities and serving in general is so important to help nourish our spiritual

lives, yet these life-sustaining activities cannot be performed at this time. There are many restrictions or challenges at this time. The one thing that comes through so strongly, however, is the availability of so many devotees through on-line media platforms. Your followers have been so innovative to take advantage of the many methods they can reach out to teach and share the knowledge you so painstakingly developed for our benefit. You sacrificed so much to ensure this knowledge is available to us all, yet it has been difficult for us to take this gift from you - to simply take is a problem as well. However, the gift of your pure devotees is so wonderful. The devotees, they are there for us in so many ways to share this knowledge. They are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The only shortage is my desire to take advantage of this gift and take seriously what is being shared. Thank you for sharing this unadulterated message from Lord Krishna and Shri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, for this sharing has created so many sincere followers in this world, who keep on sharing further with all of us.

I offer my sincere appreciation to you for all the many gifts you have given me over the years and continue to give me. I pray that someday I may be able to fully realise their true value and use them wisely.

Praying to always stay in the shade of Your divine lotus feet.

*Your aspiring follower,
Visvabhara dasa*



To our dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet

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

 Vraja Priya devi dasi and
Revati devi dasi
Tongaat
South Africa

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& Other Devotees

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL to receive this rare opportunity once again to extend our appreciation to Your Divine Grace on this most blessed event, Your Vyasa-puja. Without you we would have been drowning in this ocean of material existence. You have with your unlimited kindness given us the benediction of your blessings and mercy.

On this most auspicious day, we therefore pray to Your Divine Grace to please bless us so that we can become worthy servants of our Guru Maharaj, your dedicated son, His Divine Grace Bhakti Chaitanya Swami. By pleasing him, we shall please Your Divine Grace and ultimately our dearest Lord Krsna

will be pleased.

Lord Krsna has showered His causeless mercy unto us by giving us the greatest benediction of serving His beloved devotee. We hope and pray that we lead our lives in your service.


We love you our dearest Srila Prabhupada and pray you bestow your causeless mercy onto us. Thank you very much our Beloved Father. We love you our dearest Father. All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your appearance.

Your insignificant servants

Vraja Priya devi dasi and Revati devi dasi



Vraja Sakhi Devi Dasi 
Quatre Bornes
Mauritius

 My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you, all glories to your lotus feet and all glories on your Vyasa-puja.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, THANK YOU SO MUCH for giving this insignificant soul like me an opportunity to honour you on your special day.

I pray on this auspicious day to give a fallen soul like me your mercy to continue with your mission. Please bless me so that I can become your servant by becoming the servant of the servant. Sometimes I wonder where I would have been if you didn't build a house for us. I'm so grateful and also so thankful for what you have done for us. Despite all the difficulties you have faced, you never give up spreading the message of Godhead to the world, and you

set the example. Each time when I faced a difficult moment, I always remembered what difficulties you have faced, and this give me lots of courage to continue in my sadhana.

Please continue to bless me when I go out on book distribution so that I may do nice service and continue to please you and my Guru Maharaj.


Thank you for everything Dear Srila Prabhupada.

Your Eternal Servant,

Vraja Sakhi Devi Dasi



Vrajabasi dasa 
Cape Town
South Africa

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

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

“I WAS BORN IN THE DARKEST IGNORANCE, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisances unto him”

In the Srimad Bhagavatam (SB 12.3.51), Srila Sukadeva Goswami tell Maharaj Pariksit, “My dear King, although Kali-yuga is an ocean of faults, there is still one good quality about this age: Simply by chanting the Hare Krishna maha-mantra, one can become free from material bondage and be promoted to the transcendental kingdom.”

After mentioning the innumerable faults of this age of Kali, Srila Sukadeva Goswami now mentions its one brilliant aspect. The Holy Name is so powerful that it can destroy all the contaminations of this age.

The world is going through difficult times right now, and there has never been a greater need than now for the spreading of the Holy Names. People that had sought shelter in the material energy are now questioning their priorities.

The world is fortunate to have had you appear and give us Sri Krishna in the form of His Name.


CC Adi 17.22, “In this Age of Kali, the holy name of the Lord, the Hare Krishna maha-mantra, is the incarnation of Lord Krishna. Simply by chanting the

holy name, one associates with the Lord directly. Anyone who does this is certainly delivered.”

“The holy name of Krishna is transcendental blissful. It bestows all spiritual benedictions, for it is Krishna Himself, the reservoir of all pleasure. Krishna’s name is complete, and it is the form of all transcendental mellows. It is not a material name under any condition, and it is no less powerful than Krishna Himself. Since Krishna’s name is not contaminated by the material qualities, there is no question of its being involved with maya. Krishna’s name is always liberated and spiritual; it is never conditioned by the laws of material nature. This is because the name of Krishna and Krishna Himself are identical.” CC Madhya 17.133

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving us the Holy Name. Thank you for giving us this wonderful process of Krishna Consciousness and Thank you for allowing us to serve you by spreading the chanting of the Holy Name: Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Vrajabasi dasa

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



MY DEAR SPIRITUAL FATHER, what can I say - without your sacrifices, without your blood, sweat and tears, we wouldn’t be the people we are right now.

If you didn’t open my eyes, I would still be lost in a world of complete misery. Still, sometimes, I feel miserable, but a lot less than those who do not have the knowledge you have given me. That I can guarantee. At least now, I have a sense of direction, a purpose - and because of you, I know that my purpose is to go back home, back to Godhead.

You saved me. Not only did you save me, but you saved all my ancestors, and all the generations to come. That is the power of this Krishna conscious process. Thus, I am grateful to you. I truly am. Please continue to bless us to always remain at the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha and Krishna.


I love you tremendously.

*With love from your servant,
Vrinda Kund devi dasi*

 Vrinda Kund devi dasi
Equestria Estate
South Africa



Vrndavana Dasa Thakura Dasa and
Caitanya Lila Devi Dasi
Randburg
South Africa

 Our dear lord and master Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Divine Grace's appearance, kindly be merciful to us and accept our humble offering at your lotus feet.

Srila Prabhupada, you are an ideal acharya because you know the purpose of the revealed scriptures, and act according to their injunctions. You also taught your students to adopt these principles. You further devised ways to capture all kinds of atheists and materialists. Every acharya has a specific means of propagating his spiritual movement with the aim of bringing people to Krsna Consciousness. Therefore, one method may be different to the

other, but the ultimate goal is never neglected.

Srila Rupa Goswami recommended that an acharya should devise ways by which people may somehow or other come to Krsna Consciousness and you perfectly followed his recommendation.


Srila Prabhupada, please grant us service unto your lotus feet and the privilege of devotional service.

Your servants

*Vrndavana Dasa Thakura Dasa and
Caitanya Lila Devi Dasi*



Yadhunatha Dasa 
Nigeria
Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to your most divine, compassionate lotus feet.

I WANT TO FIRST, THANK YOU. Thank you very much for giving us this very great fortune, this ISKCON movement. At your old age, you established this movement amid all difficulties, and you compassionately gave it to us to enjoy, and you instructed that we should not spoil it. We cannot repay you for the great fortune you created for us, and I pray to you to please always keep me in this mission despite whatever may come my way. I have been given the service to manage a temple; please give me the necessary

intelligence to do the right thing and to do only, which will enhance the continuous growth of the movement.


Please help me to develop good qualities, help destroy my bad qualities and assist me to kindly maintain my good qualities.

Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for me.

Your unworthy grandchild, Yadhunatha Dasa



Yavat Das 
Centurion
South Africa

 My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Hare Krishna. Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you on this most wonderful day of your appearance.

I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN. I've always used this platform to bare my soul to you, recommit myself to our glorious institution, and attempt

to express the incredible debt I owe you, in words.

Yet this year is different. Every year seems to mark some progress on this bhakti path, however, in

Śrīla Prabhupāda
Vyāsa-pūjā 2020

the last twelve months, I've acted selfishly, irresponsibly, and without consideration for all the wonderful Vaisnavas who are committed to your lotus feet.

I have no way to justify my behavior either. I've broken many of my closest friendships within our society. I've put my selfish interests first, trying to squeeze some kind of 'happiness' out of my temporary situation, and I've let many of my friends and family down.

I lost my way dear Srila Prabhupada.

Over the years, when asking devotees about friends who we haven't seen in a while, I would often hear the following statement – “oh yes, such-and-such devotee has fallen down.” I always took it very lightly, never thinking much of such words.

Yet today I honestly feel I rest in that very same boat - falling. Falling. Again, and again. Falling rapidly. Falling so recklessly, that only your warm embrace and divine intervention can save me.

Please help me my dearest Srila Prabhupada.

Fifteen years ago, when I was a mere sixteen-year-old “know-it-all”, I felt my world fall apart, and there you were, rescuing me at every step. From the world. From my aggressors. From myself.

Fifteen years on, I find myself in an even more painful situation. I've lost everything pertaining to this body, subtle and gross. Integrity, trust, camaraderie, friendship, love - these have all deserted

me, and I find myself alone again. Institutionally, and personally, everything has been painfully taken away.

Factually I have nowhere to turn but you. Who else could mend and nurture such a delicate and frail heart? Who else could embrace me and confidently say, “It's okay my son. Everything is going to be okay. I'm here now”.

I fall at your feet my beloved Prabhupada.

No one knows me as you do. Somehow, I always feel that I have good intentions at heart, yet I manage to cause chaos and destruction everywhere I go. This has been my footprint ever since I was a young boy. I thought that this bhakti process was reforming me, yet I clearly have a long way to go. I desperately hope and pray that you will be there with me, at every step, else I have no hope.

Without you my dearest Srila Prabhupada, I have no one. Please never leave me. Please forgive me. Please empower me so one day I can stand before you - you can smile upon me, proud and emotional, ready to entrust me with the most confidential devotional vigor, as you once did.

With all the love, tears, and emotion I can muster in this broken heart,

Yours always,

Yavat das



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā,
cakṣur unmlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhaktivedānta svāmin iti nāmine*

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

 Yogendra dasa
Durban
South Africa

Granddisciples, Great-granddisciples
& Other Devotees

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

OUR RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES ARE UNTO YOU, O spiritual master, servant of Sarasvati Goswami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

Hare Krishna! All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada, on this most auspicious day of your Sri Vyasa-puja!

This year for your Vyasa-puja I want to offer some appreciation for your most amazing contribution to the world, that is, your books. Every time I read your books, especially the Srimad Bhagavatam, I feel as if it was just written for me specifically. It's a feeling that I cannot describe; I feel as if you are talking to me personally via your purports. And, in these purports I just get "slapped" with so many different and wonderful realizations and for me to stop my nonsense. It seems that no matter what I am currently experiencing and going through in life, reading Srimad Bhagavatam always has an answer for me to soldier on no matter what the problem is. I could pick up any Canto, turn to any chapter and read any verse and I am 100% fully convinced that I will find an answer to assist me with whatever problem I am currently experiencing. That is the power of the Bhagavatam and the words of Krishna's pure devotee, which is you, Srila Prabhupada. you are Krishna's pure devotee who took Lord Caitanya's Sankirtan movement to the Western countries and then later to the whole World.

I would like to share this one purport of Srimad Bhagavatam that I find particularly amazing and which allows me to appreciate the Bhagavatam and you even more. The purport is:

"Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam is filled with descriptions of the characteristics of various devotees, with reference to the service of the Lord. This Vedic literature is called Bhāgavatam because it deals with the

Supreme Personality of Godhead and His devotee. By studying Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam under the direction of the bona fide spiritual master, one can perfectly understand the science of Kṛṣṇa, the nature of the material and spiritual worlds, and the aim of life. Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam amalāṁ purāṇam. Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam is the spotless Vedic literature, as we have discussed in the beginning of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam. Therefore, simply by understanding Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, one can understand the science of the activities of the devotees, the activities of the demons, the permanent abode and the temporary abode. Through Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, everything is perfectly known." SB 7.10.43-44

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving us the Bhagavatam, and I pray to you that I develop a genuine and enduring taste to always read your books, it is through this said reading that I can associate with you intimately as your books are full of instructions. By following these instructions, I can associate with your vani. In a letter to Satadhanya, Feb. 20, 1972, Calcutta, you mentioned

"So far personal association with the Guru is concerned, I was only with my Guru Maharaja four or five times, but I have never left his association, not even for a moment. Because I am following his instructions, I have never felt any separation. There are some of my Godbrothers here in India who had constant personal association with Guru Maharaja, but who are neglecting his orders. This is just like the bug who is sitting on the lap of the king. He may be very puffed-up by his position, but all he can succeed in doing is biting the king. Personal association is not so important as association through service."

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for everything, but especially for the Srimad Bhagavatam. I pray that every time I read the Srimad Bhagavatam, as well as your other books such as the Bhagavad-gita As It

Is, Sri Caitanya Caritamrta and The Nectar of Devotion that I can always get “slapped” by your striking purports; I consider it to be such special mercy and a most wonderful and indescribable feeling.

May I always remain at your divine lotus feet

and within the safety of your merciful glance.

*Your most useless grand disciple,
Yogendra dasa*



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-desatarine*

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

Thank for spreading Krsna Consciousness throughout the world. It really inspires me. There are many life lessons I've learnt on this journey. I've learnt that I should always be thankful for what I have, as many people don't have as much as I do materially. I've learnt this through Food for Life, which you founded, and for that I am grateful.

I have also learnt to show my appreciation to Krishna and to you by serving the people that I am appreciative of. Through you I have learnt that being materially successful and rich doesn't matter if you are not happy and serving others. I have learnt to be kind and generous to others, and this

has sparked a feeling inside me which I never knew I had. It sparked the willingness to help people, to show them that if they are faithful, their lives will get better.

I want to show everyone that by helping people, you can change the world for the better. And this is all thanks to you, because you were always in the mindset of helping everyone. This is my appreciation and offering to you.

Thank you very much dear Srila Prabhupada

*Your humble servant
Bhaktin Zara Deva (age 13)*



 Bhaktin Zara Deva
Cape Town
South Africa







OFFERINGS BY ISKCON CENTRES





Our Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to you, on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja.

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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, this year marks ISKCON Botswana's 25th anniversary. By Your grace a small ISKCON centre was started on the 16th of March 1995. A purpose-built temple was later constructed and in September 2012 Sri Sri Krishna Balaram moved into their brand new home.

Since the start, we have been running a regular Food for Life, Harinama and Book Distribution programs. The children have been facilitated by Balgopal and youth classes. School children from the surrounding towns come to visit the centre and hear about Lord Krishna and His pastimes. In the recent years, we have also been celebrating Ratha Yatra festivals.

To celebrate the 25th year anniversary we had an amazing three-day festival, which included a Kirtan mela, Rathayatra, and a special Gaura Purnima festival. We are running a Govinda's restaurant, inspired by Your instructions to provide delicious Prasad to the general public. You have blessed us with a great opportunity to share Krishna Consciousness through festivals like Sri Krishna Janamashtami, Radha-ashtami, Balaram Jayanti, Gaura Purnima and others. These festivals and the regular Sunday program give us the opportunity to come together to sing and dance for the pleasure of Sri Sri Krishna Balaram. None of the above would be possible, had you not brought this Sankirtan

movement to the west. We would like to express our utmost gratitude to You, as without Your grace none of this would be possible.

You are the Commander in Chief of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. You brought this movement of Love of Godhead and devotional worship to every part of the world. You have blessed us with your books, which are filled with pearls of wisdom, nectar of pure love and the complete science of self-realisation. Your philosophy of personal relationship with Lord Krishna and pure devotional service is a beacon of guiding light to the wondering souls. So many souls have been saved from the disaster of impersonalism. Your instructions on Deity worship are the lifeline of the devotees serving Sri Sri Krishna Balaram in Botswana.

Today we fall at your feet and pray that you keep us in your shelter. We endeavour to continue following Your instructions. We pray that we are able to please You with our actions and behaviour. Please bless us with love for Sri Sri Krishna Balaram and the care for the devotees that you personify. Let us all become Your instruments to fulfil the mission of Your Gurumaharaja.

*Always praying for your causeless mercy,
Your insignificant children from ISKCON Botswana*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories unto you on this auspicious day of your appearance.

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

“MAY THERE BE GOOD FORTUNE throughout the universe, and may all envious persons be pacified. May all living entities become calm by practicing bhakti-yoga, for by accepting devotional service they will think of each other’s welfare. Therefore let us all engage in the service of the supreme transcendence, Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, and always remain absorbed in thought of Him,” Prahlāda Mahārāja. (ŚB 5.18.9)

The heart of the saintly person is such that he cares for the wellbeing of all. In his heart, in his mind, and eventually in his activities, his life embodies this selfless generosity. In the same mood of the great Prahlāda Mahārāja, you thought of others, you thought of the generations to come in South Africa.

On 21 October 1972, in a Nectar of Devotion class, you spoke of how you’d received a newspaper article about Durban, South Africa. Your disciples had arrived in South Africa, with the primary purpose of sharing bhakti-yoga despite the political circumstances. Bhakti-yoga was relevant especially at that time because true unification is born from the heart of devotion, which is accompanied by the eyes of purity. Bhakti-yoga is still relevant now and will be in the future. You gave us the basis of true unity and you have united so many across the world.

You were enlivened by the devotees arrival in South Africa because it meant that the flourishing of this process had begun here. That now, the opportunity to live a life beyond the monotony and fruitless struggles, was here. Later, in 1975, you visited South Africa but for the many generations to come, they did not get to meet you, yet they live in the benefit of your generosity and this is one way how we can meet you.

You thought about us not for any self enhancement but purely because you care. Those things which don’t matter, don’t make an impression in the mind yet you invested in us, as small as we are.

You invested in us, you sent your disciples, you gave literature, you gave the process, you gave the essence, you gave and continue to give us Kṛṣṇa and you gave us one of the greatest gifts — yourself. These invaluable things are incomparable to anything of this world. To give time, to give oneself and to give a place in the heart to others, that is only found in the character of a saintly person. These expressions of selfless generosity, on a spiritual platform, are not restricted by the limitations of this ordinary dimension, in fact you made everything extraordinary.

We pray that you will be pleased with our attempts at trying to become devotees and our attempts at sharing the bhakti-yoga process. When our weaknesses surface and our determination falters, remembering your qualities and sacrifice rejuvenates our momentum. Perhaps, we may not yet have love, but we have undoubtedly been bound by your love — even though we may never fully understand how far reaching it is, still we are graced by it.

The central focus of our lives is to somehow please you and your sincere servants. Our life without this purpose would be empty, bleak, and pointless.

You have perpetuated and secured your generosity, through those who are sincere and transparent, in this way we are always guided.

This incredibly beautiful Temple of Understanding, with its fresh modern architecture, and

beautiful rolling gardens full of exotic fragrant plants, as described in the Bhagavatam, is attractive to so many people. This lovely place is the home of the youthful, elegant, and graceful Sri Sri Radha Radhanath. They are the very embodiment of beauty within this temple and beyond. How is it that we, with all our material tendencies and many shortcomings have the opportunity to live in the spiritual world?

“The Supreme Lord, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, is always fully satisfied in Himself. Therefore when something is offered to Him, the offering, by the Lord’s mercy, is for the benefit of the devotee, for the Lord does not need service from anyone. To give an example, if one’s face is decorated, the reflection of one’s face in a mirror is also seen to be decorated,” Prahlāda Mahārāja (ŚB 7.9.12)

The saintly person, the spiritual master is the mercy manifestation of Kṛṣṇa (ŚB 3.31.16), it is by your kindness that this opportunity is available to us. Though we lack so much, they are here by your prayer. In every temple, Kṛṣṇa is there because your devotion brought Him and you connected us to Him. We are not able to serve Kṛṣṇa but rather by the prayer and merit of the Acarya, these things are happening.

Every temple is a gift because it is your desire to create facility for every person to have the opportunity of the gift of devotional service. The heart is

not won by external opulences but the opulence of the character of a saintly person. Everything you gave is so cherish-able, even if some of us are won over through prasada, some through philosophy, some through music, some through art, whatever it may be, the real thing that wins anyone over, is when they feel sheltered and nurtured – and you gave that. So now, we are bound to you by your love. Again and again when we are won over by you, the more we appreciate the depths of your character.

Simply, by the thinking of us, you have made arrangements for our welfare, even though we have no claim to your kindness, still you give. It certainly is causeless mercy.

If everyone forgets us but a saintly person considers us, we have gained everything.

We are living the experience. Your thoughts and activities have shaped our lives. The care of the Acarya has an incredible depth. You made a place in your heart for us, we pray that you enter and remain in our hearts and that we remember you at every moment. Let our lives be dedicated to you always so that we may never forget you.

We offer you our repeated respects again and again.

*Your servants at,
Sri Sri Radha Radhanatha Temple*



Hare Kṛṣṇa dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja.

*vidya-vinyaya-sampanne
brahmane gavi hastini
suni caiva svapake ca
panditah sama-darsinah*

“THE HUMBLE SAGE, by virtue of true knowledge, sees with equal vision a learned and gentle brahmana, a

cow, an elephant, a dog and a dog-eater (outcaste).” (BG. 5.18)

More recently we have been watching the “Following Srila Prabhupada series.” When watching this series, it becomes obvious that only a pure devotee could have done what you did. That is, travel the whole world to give the holy names of Kṛṣṇa

 ISKCON East London
South Africa

to everybody, irrespective of their material backgrounds. You displayed your equal vision by achieving your objective of giving everyone an opportunity to take to this Krsna conscious movement.

So ISKCON East London was also very fortunate to have received your mercy through the guru parampara system that you put in place. As a result, the chanting of the holy names of the Hare Krsna Maha Mantra, transcendental book distribution, and prasadam distribution have been going on in East London and King Williams Town by your mercy.

It is now almost seven years since Iskcon East London has been established. What the future holds only you know. As the devotees of East London in

conjunction with the King Williams Town devotees, our bhajan is to please you, by focusing on the present, to each day humbly and sincerely increase the quality of our sadhana, make more of an effort to try to distribute more of your books, do more harinaam, and more prasadam distribution.

We are eternally grateful to you Srila Prabhupada for giving us an opportunity to try to serve you in East London. Please be merciful to us, so that we are able to humbly serve the servants of your servants.

Acyuta Kesava Dasa
Chairperson
ISKCON East London



ISKCON Ibadan
 Oyo State
 Nigeria



My Dearest Srila A. C. Bhaktividenta Swami Prabhupada,
 Please kindly accept my most respectful obeisances, prostrated at your divine lotus feet
 thousands and thousands of times. All glories to you.

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

BY YOUR EVERLASTING LOVE for humanity at large, I am most fortunate to have been part of this wonderful ISKCON family, for this I am very grateful.

You are patita pavana, you shared your causeless mercy, throughout the world even to the Africa regions deep and today we are enjoying that mercy and love.

My dear Srila Prabhupada we cannot thank you enough for your books you have given us, we cannot thank you enough for the wonderful deity worship standards you are giving us, we cannot thank you enough for giving us Krishna, Lord Jagannatha as our companion, we cannot thank you enough for the wonderful devotee family you have giving us, we cannot thank you enough for giving us prasadam, we cannot thank you enough that despite we are fallen so deeply in Maya you are giving us the

opportunity to free ourselves and also help others, I personally cannot thank you enough for giving me my spiritual master who has actually by your mercy redeemed me from the depths of miseries. My dearest and ever well-wisher Srila Prabhupada, been a part of your mission is the best and will ever remain the best decision in my life. By your mercy we are surviving in the battle against Maya here in Ibadan Nigeria, we are doing very small preaching but by your mercy it is been magnified.

I humbly pray that you help us here to achieve great things for your pleasure, I pray that we be able to increase our preaching here, it is our desire to have a wonderful Ratha Yatra festival here in Ibadan so that all the citizens of Ibadan can get the special mercy of Lord Jagannatha and become devotees.

Thank you very much Srila Prabhupada for

everything you have done for us, we cannot thank you enough, all we can do is try to serve you, try to please you and try fulfill your desires for ISKCON in Oyo state Ibadan.

*On behalf of ISKCON Ibadan your great grand son
Hari Lila Amrta Das*



Hare Krishna Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet
All Glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to Sri Sri Nitai-Gaura Hari.

 ISKCON Lenasia
Johannesburg
South Africa

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY of your divine appearance we at Lenasia temple would like to thank you for allowing us to be part of your ISKCON movement. Literally, we are not qualified but still by your causeless mercy Divine grace allowed us to manage ISKCON Lenasia.

Srila Prabhupada this year ISKCON Lenasia had the new management. Since early November the new management has taken responsibilities in running the temple.

On this the auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, we need to highlight some of our activities of the past year. To begin with, our Sunday Love Feast program has grown in larger number and the feast prepared by the congregation devotees is of very high quality. The newcomers or whoever participates, relishes our prasadam and always leaves the temple by saying the prasadam is the best that our temple provides in the Sunday Love Feast.

This year one of our main highlight was opening of our Govindas which we operating on weekends. With a bunch of sincere devotees, we kick start this project. Our aim is to run Govindas on a daily basis. The response which we received from congregation members and the general public is very good. Our Food for Life project is going very nice we keep increasing our distribution of plates. Our aim

for next year is to have FFL every week in comparison to once a month. This year, Book Marathon was commendable we had good participants of devotees who distributed Bhagavad Gita on a large scale in parts of Lenasia and nearby areas. Our yearly Ratha Yatra pulled a good crowd with a mix of new members partaken in festival our theme for this year was the Food Festival. The main motto to bring different ISKCON satvik vegetarian cuisine a festival to attract more newcomers to festival as prasadam always attracts people.

This year Srila Prabhupada the whole world suffers from covid-19 pandemic, because of the virus we had to shut down our temple for public and to the congregation members who were coming to render the service to our deities. We managing to cover our deity services with a handful of resident devotees.

Their love for doing services is quite appreciable. Please bless them Srila Prabhupada so they can continue doing the services with the same love.

Srila Prabhupada please bless us so that we may be inspired to do more and manage your temple to your standards.

Thanking you. Hare Krishna

*Yours Humble Servants Always at,
Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari Mandir*





Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to the dust of Your holy feet.

IT HAS BEEN SO MANY YEARS SINCE YOU LEFT THIS PLANET, but for us at ISKCON Midrand, our new relationship with you in your murti form is only commencing.

We have always read about you, listened to your glorious past times by your steady disciples, offered flowers to you at different temples and even saw movies made of you – and now through the absolute mercy bestowed upon us, we have the greatest fortune to serve and glorify you on a daily basis.

You have been with us for just over a year and we already feel the mercy flowing from you. In your murti form, you are blessing us and helping us overcome our difficult times. Yet you give us so much joy that sadness must constantly surrender.

We are a relatively new centre with very few senior devotees in our congregation. We are blessed to have the association of your disciples and other senior Vaishnavas that visit us throughout the year. These devotees are a pillar of strength to us and keep us inspired and motivated in our spiritual practices. By Krsna's grace, we have been blessed by sincere and competent followers in our congregation who are keen to push your agenda of preaching Krsna consciousness to all that comes in our path.

Despite the difficulties, we always find the strength and willingness to overcome. We want to succeed because we understand what it took for you establish ISKCON and spread this Krsna conscious movement. We have to work hard to establish an environment of love and care, and have a lot to do in this regard and will continue our efforts to establish

the infrastructure where everyone feels enriched for having associated with the Hare Krsnas. Our biggest concern is to let you down. We sincerely don't want to do that.

Your good legacy is not dependent on us, but out of our absolute love for you we will do our best to keep your Midrand centre in good reputation with all its stakeholders. We will build up to the point where preaching is synonymous in everything we do. In this way we feel that you will be pleased.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, we thank you so much for connecting us to Sri Krsna via our Gaudiya sampradaya. We would be lost and drifting with little purpose if it were not for you. We are indebted to your disciples, your organisation: ISKCON, your disciples' disciples and all your well-wishers. Without them everything is struggle, with them everything is possible.

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

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

*Your servants at,
ISKCON Midrand*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

ISKCON Port Harcourt
Nigeria

IT'S YET ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR US your grandchildren to say 'Thank you Gurudeva for all the good things you have brought for us in this part of

the world to know and experience. For what are we thankful? For these:

- For the gift of your blessed son, HH, Bhakti Tirtha Swami.
- For spiritual food (prasadam) that helps us conquer over the tongue and other senses.
- For the highest prayer (Maha mantra) to dissipate our illusion of the highest prayer to say to God.
- For making us to know the Supreme personality among the 33million devas.
- For teaching us how to worship Him in His arca vigraha form.
- For making us to know that we have to aspire for a higher place to attain than the heavenly planet at the end of our lifetime.

And more so we thank you for making us to know that we don't have to deal on materialistic tendency which is also available for animals so as not to uselessly spend this our human forms of life.

to us. Please accept our humble obeisances and kindly bless us the more.

Srila Prabhupada, we thank you for all these and many more rare gifts you have mercifully given

*We are your grand disciples in
ISKCON Port Harcourt*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our humble obeisances on this most auspicious day of Your Vyasa-puja.

All glories to Your Divine Grace.

ISKCON Sandton
South Africa

ALL GLORIES TO YOUR DIVINE GRACE who is the mercy manifestation of Lord Nityananda and Srila Sanatana Goswami - who together unbolted the treasure-chest of divine love.

difference in man's thinking about humanity based on the colour of one's skin and the level of oppression that emerges as a result thereof. The environmental crisis shines the light on the differences in experience of the capitalist class and working class and how greed drives one to destruction.

This time in the world is a tumultuous one. We are confronted with the coronavirus, a civil rights movement to addresses the equality of treatment of blacks and Africans in America and the world over. There is an environmental crisis as a result of man's greed and excessive consumption.

While we have democratic institutions in place across most countries in the world, at the gross and subtle level we create differences among ourselves to establish Othering. This is due to lifetimes of conditioning to exist of the platform of the ego, and the nature of the ego is to be the supreme being albeit faux. However, at a spiritual level and at the level

The coronavirus illuminated socio-economic differences across and within all nation-states. The Black Lives Matter movement highlights the

of one's soul, we are all intrinsically different yet the same - We are all a part and parcel of the Lord, the same in quality but different in quantity. While the nature of the soul is spirit and that connects all living entities across all universal platforms, we each nonetheless have a unique spiritual identity which is superlative in an off itself.

Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu personally explained Vedic theology and extolled the glories of Lord Krishna to Srila Santana Goswami at Ramakeli. This is detailed in Srila Krsnadas Kaviraj Goswami's Sri Chaitanya Caritamrta. Of the many books written by Srila Sanatana Goswami please may we have Your permission to discuss Sri Brhad Bhagavatamrta.

In Sri Brhad Bhagavatamrta Part I, Narada Muni travels from earth to heaven and the spiritual world in search of the greatest recipient of Krishna's mercy. As he proceeds on his journey, Narada meets many pure devotees of Krishna and gives evidence to show how that devotee has been favored by Krishna. Each devotee, embarrassed to hear himself praised, recommends that Narada visit another devotee. Narada Muni sees greater and greater manifestations of Krishna's mercy, until he finds those pure souls who embody the complete manifestation of Krishna's mercy – the exalted gopis of Vraja.

In the beginning Narada Muni is attracted to the opulent worship of the salagram sila of a brahmin-king and his family. After praising the brahmin-king for being the perfect devotee, the brahmana with humility extols the virtues of a South Indian king whom the brahmana considers the most elevated devotee with the highest virtues.

Upon reaching South Indian and extolling the virtues of the king, Narada Muni is directed to the King of Heavens, Lord Indra whom the South Indian king considered the most advanced devotee. Narada Muni praises Purandara Indra as being the king of the universe and having Trivikrama as a younger brother and as a result always having access to the Lord and darshan of the Lord. Lord Indra explains several missteps in the course of his service and

denies that he is a favorite of the Lord, let alone a fortunate family member of the Lord. In fact it is Narada Muni's father, Lord Brahma who is the unparalleled devotee. Upon approaching his father and glorifying His father, Lord Brahma laments on the mistakes he has made in the course of his service, and how he was reprimanded by the Lord. However, Lord Brahma explains, Lord Shiva holds the most esteemed position in the eyes of the Lord and is loved in the most superlative way by Krishna Himself. Narada Muni thereafter travels to the western side of Mount Kailash to meet Lord Shiva to direct Narada Muni to Prahlad Maharaj, who directs him to Hanuman, who directs him to the Pandavas, who directs him to the residents of Dwarka who finally directs him to the gopis of Vraj-bhumi.

While Sanatana Goswami expertly narrates and directs us to embodiments of devotees who optimize perfectional aspects of devotional service, at a subliminal level, we are also taught the importance of accepting each devotee in totality. For example, Prahlad Maharaj praises Hanuman for demonstrating action in serving the Lord, whereas He (Prahlad Maharaj) only offers prayers and is passive in his service. Prahlad Maharaj is one of the twelve mahajans and epitomizes vandanam – the perfection of offering prayer.

Each devotee is whole and complete, and on the platform of absolute perfection represents an aspect of devotional service. Yet despite being different in the way they love and demonstrate their love for the Lord, the Lord accepts them in totality and becomes bound by their love.

Srila Prabhupada, in this time we thank you for giving us access to the treasure-house of divine love and through your literature and the literature of the gosvamis we can anoint our eyes with the salve of knowledge. Furthermore, through vaidhi-bhakti and mercy we can anoint our eyes with the salve of love. In doing so we can show compassion to all living entities and instead of using our differences as a means of causing segregation, we can tap into each individual's unique ability and cultivate

Radha-Krishna prema. Srila Prabhupada, in this world of difference, we pray that we draw on the literary body of Srila Sanatana and apply it to the way we serve humanity and all living entities. We pray that through Your mercy we accept difference not as a divisive mechanism, but as an ornament, the combination of which forms a beautiful offering we can present at Your lotus feet.

Srila Prabhupada, your ISKCON Sandton started just under 7 years ago and in this time the center has grown significantly by Your mercy. 2020 was another year dedicated to fervent preaching in dynamic ways to attract people from different economic and social groups to unite and fulfill the vision of Bhaktinod Thakur. Bhaktinoda Thakur envisioned devotees from different nationalities chanting 'Jai Sacinandana, Jai Sacinandana, Jai Sacinandana' with their arms raised. At ISKCON Sandton we are aiming to fulfil the dream by having South Africans of different sexes, races, sexual orientations and all walks of life, raise their arms, united by the Holy Name and Your Divine will, in unity chanting the Maha-mantra.

Srila Prabhupada we have always understood this movement as an active one, not a passive one. A movement wherein devotees demonstrate their love via activity. Yet in this time in history when a magnifying glass is presented over difference, there is an urgency and necessity whole-heartedly accepting difference and accepting various ways of being. At the level of the gross and subtle body, we need to accept people's individuality and not collapse all difference under 'we are the spirit soul'. Similarly, at the level of the soul, each devotee is at different stages in their Krishna consciousness and has different attractions and different forms of offerings to the Lord.

We pray that we have the open-minded and broadness of thinking – a characteristic Your Divine Grace poisedly possessed – to accept every living entity, and to dovetail their innate qualities into glorifying the Lord.

*Your servants at
ISKCON Sandton*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our prostrated obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga!

 ISKCON Togo

JAYA SRILA PRABHUPADA! Truly, your glories have spread all over the three worlds! I'm so gladdened to see that your Vyasa Puja offering for this year, from your spiritual descendants in Africa, is tagged 'Pan-African'. So timely, as nothing seems to be relevant here on the continent, or anywhere else, unless it is identified with the cultural aspirations of the people.

In this same vein, I'd like to submit a brief report of our sankirtan activities in this small country in West Africa. In pursuit of making Krishna consciousness relevant to the people where we preach,

we have embarked on translating your books into local languages. By this time next year, we will be here to give a report of how the distribution of your Bhagavad-Gita edition in Yoruba is being appreciated by the Yoruba speaking people. We seize this opportunity to implore your empowerment for your great-grand disciples that are busy translating the Gita into Ewe, so that we can complete this edition of Bhagavad-Gita in Ewe within a reasonable time limit.

Many other books are also undergoing translation presently; Krishna Book, Your Biography and

Chant And Be Happy. The compilations of research work and your teachings on the science of reincarnation in the book known as Coming Back, has already been translated into Yoruba language and it's presently being distributed. We pray that your mercy

and that of your illustrious son, HDG Sripad Bhakti Tirtha Swami will enable us to make a meaningful contribution to the preaching in West Africa through this effort.

FOOD FOR LIFE TOGO

By the mercy of your illustrious son Srila Bhakti Tirtha Swami, and His Holiness Kavicandra Swami, we have embarked on daily distribution of Krishna prasad to the local populace here in Togo since the year 2004.

For the past sixteen years this activity of food distribution has been going on non-stopped. Hundreds of people wait patiently on a long queue to receive Krishna prasad everyday in the city of Lomé and its environs.

By your mercy Srila Prabhupada, many souls in Africa are enjoying the fruits of your transcendental labour. They eagerly look forward to see the Food For Life van arrive at the different spots in the city. They chant the holy name offenselessly as they welcome the harbingers of hope bring them hot meal daily. The livelihood of many of them depend on this daily ration of prasad; Srila Prabhupada without

you and your visionary projects for the poor, what would have been the fate of these people who have grown used to the biting pain of hunger in the midst of plenty.

Srila Prabhupada, you are truly the savior of the World. We are blessed to be connected to your mission and more so to be extensions of your instruments to carry on the mission of Lord Chaitanya.

We pray for many more Pan-African realizations of Krishna conscious projects! Every other faith has flourished on African Continent, why not Krishna consciousness. Only by your mercy and that of your beloved representatives can this be achieved. Praying for more blessings to fulfill your mission.

*Your grand disciple and your great-grand disciples,
ISKCON Togo*



ISKCON Warri 
Nigeria



Dear Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept my obeisances at your exalted feet.

All glories unto you and all glories to His Holiness Bhakti Tirtha Swami.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your transcendental books, beautiful Temples, international family of devotee's and their association, Lord Krishna, prasadam and Deity worship amongst many others. Forgive us for not satisfying you with the high pace and legacy you

left behind. And kindly bless us to always be in good Krishna consciousness.

*Your servants from,
ISKCON Warri*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

ISKCON Zambia

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

YOUR ISKCON ZAMBIA IS 5 YEARS OLD and Kṛṣṇa consciousness activities are growing gradually. With your mercy, the outreach activities have spread beyond the borders of Lusaka, to other towns.

*bhārata-bhūmite haila manuṣya janma yāra
janma sārthaka kari' kara para-upakāra
jīva nistārite prabhu bhramilā deśe-deśe
āpane āsvādi' bhakti karilā prakāśe*

With these two instructions to motivate and lead us, we are trying to establish and support ISKCON centres in other towns. One such town is Kitwe, Zambia, and the other is Lubumbashi, on the border of Congo. In addition to supporting book distribution and Food For Life events, we are assisting these two centres financially. These centres are very small and a few devotees are making efforts to practice Kṛṣṇa consciousness. With utmost faith and sincerity, the members of ISKCON Zambia are trying to reach out and share the gift of Bhakti.

Srila Prabhupada, there is no moment of the day that we don't remember you as our savior. The knowledge we have received through your books, your lectures, and your biographies is unbelievable. It is so scientific and appealing. Thank you Srila Prabhupada, for bringing knowledge of the scriptures to us and giving us the opportunity to engage in pure loving devotional service to the Supreme Kṛṣṇa. We shall always remain indebted to you for showing us the right path otherwise this Maya has been dragging us into the darkest regions of Kali-yuga. We definitely have hope for returning back to godhead

with your mercy, the mercy of Guru and Gaurāṅga. Please continue showering your mercy to fallen, conditioned souls like us.

Here in Zambia, many individuals' lives' have been transformed after coming in contact with your Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement. They are practicing devotional service by chanting the holy name and reading your books, Bhagavad Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam etc. We have regular book distribution events not only in Lusaka but also in other towns. We have installed many Srimad Bhagavatam sets in a number of homes. The community is gradually growing, and more are becoming eager to serve your movement. We are trying to strengthen ourselves by engaging in sadhana bhakti.

The year 2020 marks the 6th annual Lord Jagannatha Ratha Yatra festival. It is your mercy that Lord Jagannatha is showering His mercy in Lusaka also. The congregation in Lusaka is busy making a new chariot so we can conduct the festival in other towns as well. Despite the current worldwide pandemic situation, we are still hoping to hold this year's Ratha Yatra in June.

Our goal for the upcoming months and years is to learn and practice spiritual life nicely and help many others take up this process as well. We are grateful to you for your constant compassion, guidance and protection. You are our savior and inspiration.

A couple of years ago we began a weekly program for the children and youth. Almost 35-40 children attend this class. They are learning Kṛṣṇa consciousness and become experts at reciting Bhagavad

Gita verses. Last year on Gita Jayanti, the children played riddles with verses from Bhagavad Gita. The event was very impressive and successful. Among other important festivals being celebrated at the centre, this event has been added to the list.

Srila Prabhupada, please continue showering your mercy unto us so that our effort to build a new ISKCON temple is successful. With your blessings, Govinda's restaurant is successfully distributing

prasadam to many and supporting the temple activities financially.

Srila Prabhupada, please bless us so that we can continue to be a part of your preaching mission to serve you, your movement and please you and Lord Caitanya.

*Your insignificant servants at
ISKCON Zambia*





**OFFERINGS FROM
THE BHAKTIVEDANTA
BOOK TRUST**







Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.

YOU CAME TO THE WEST carrying within your heart the instruction of your spiritual master to spread Lord Caitanya's teachings. This treasure which you distributed so freely and its impact, is incomprehensible. Yet even now, you continue to turn crows into swans and make crippled men dance. Through your books, you continue to open the eyes of the blind and illuminate the dark. The African BBT remains ever indebted for the opportunity to serve you through the production and translation of these most treasurable books.

The team remains committed to fulfilling its mandate to have your books translated and published in as many African languages as possible. Thus far we have made your books available in Amharic, Chichewa and Lingala. With more books in local African languages in the production process, we gratefully continue the service of increasing the accessibility of your books across the African continent.

In 2019 we published *Easy Journey to Other Planets* in Amharic (a language spoken in Ethiopia) and reprinted the English *Science of Self-Realisation*. We also produced the second pan-African Srila Prabhupada Vyasa-puja book.

As of 2019, we have 24 titles in production.

The African BBT continues to encourage the distribution of the *Back to Godhead* magazine.

Through the Sastra Dana project, your books and magazines have been placed in over 500 public libraries in South Africa, Swaziland, Ghana, and Kenya. Books and magazines have also been made available to approximately 130 South African prisons. In 2019 a Sastra Dana Trust was created. This included the appointment of directors as well as registering Sastra Dana as a non-profit organisation.

The African BBT remains grateful for the invaluable association and guidance of His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami. His commitment to fulfilling your desires for the production of your books, serves as a constant reminder of the weight attached to this important service.

Oh Srila Prabhupada, we offer you all our efforts and pray to remain under your shelter so that we may continue to serve you through our service to the sankirtan mission.

Your servants,
BBT Africa



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

GRATITUDE SEEMS LIKE SUCH A SMALL WORD to use to express our appreciation to you for the gifts you have bestowed upon all of us living entities. But, we are useless and cannot express ourselves in any other way but to say a heartfelt Thank You.

Thank you for your books and for beautiful temples.

Thank you for giving us a home.

Thank you so much for reaching down to the future generations and giving us the handbooks to guide us back to Krishna.

You sacrificed so many things to give us ISKCON, the BBT and Sri Krishna and still we come back to you, year after year begging for mercy:



The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust Africa
Johannesburg
South Africa



Global BBT
Executive Manager's Office
Durban, KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa

To increase our desire to serve you day by day,
To your merciful Lord we simply pray:
That we get to dive into your service deeper
And experience your presence become sweeter
and sweeter.

Building this relationship with you has always
been our dream,

For we know you will lead us back to the
Supreme.

Please continue to bless us with Your mercy so

that we may continue to serve You and your glorious
BBT with sincerity and intelligence.

We at the Executive Manager's Office at
the Global BBT wish you a Happy Vyasa Puja!

We pray that your glories resound throughout
the three worlds!

Your indebted servants,

Bhaktin Radha Vinode, Bhaktin Sunira,

Radhadyuti devi dasi, and Sadhu Seva dasa







OFFERINGS FROM OTHER SOURCES





Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.

 Bhakti Yoga Society
University of Pretoria
Pretoria
South Africa

We thank you for your limitless mercy.
We thank you for engaging us in devotional service.
We thank you for giving us your books and allowing us to distribute them.
We thank you for being the rope that connects us to Krishna and His mercy.
We are grateful for all that you have given us, and we want to repay you in whatever way we can.

2020 HAS BEEN ROUGH YEAR, and with all that is going on, our preaching has come to a standstill. We pray that this time in isolation will only strengthen our team for the better. We want to be stronger for the next time we are on campus. Please empower us and let us be your puppets, we only want to serve you in

this way. Dearest Srila Prabhupada, please give us your mercy. We need it.

Your Servants
BYS Team UP



Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept our most humble obeisance.
All glories to your divine grace.

 Krsna Balaram Youth Group
Johannesburg
South Africa

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

"I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, who is very dear to Lord Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet. Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanya deva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism."

This Vyasa-puja offering serves to acknowledge the most phenomenal role you play in the lives of many youth and supporters of the Krsna Balarama Youth Group. You are the

reason we came into being and to acknowledge this, the year 2020 was themed as 'The year of Prabhupada' by KBYG.

KBYG has achieved much, as we have recently come to celebrate 16 years of existence. This youth group has been a safe space for many of the youth in Gauteng over the several years. It has brought many individuals together, through various programs and events. This was however not possible without your mercy. KBYG has hosted numerous retreats, Ratha Yatra's, kirtan festivals, celebrating milestones, weekly sessions, and supported our local temples as best as we can. All of

this was to ensure the youth are brought together in a Kṛṣṇa conscious manner. We serve to expand your movement. All these many initiatives were successful from the support of the youth, who have developed such a deep love for you. This is greatly evident, during these very difficult times. 2020, was the year of Prabhupada, and the first six months has seen a strain on KBYG's normal programmes. Due to the Corona virus pandemic, KBYG is currently engaging with youth over the digital platforms. There is a weekly session, to host various Vaishnavas on different platforms to engage in discussing your books, lectures and kirtans.

However difficult the external circumstances may be, KBYG remains dedicated to serving the youth. The possibilities seem endless and

promising. We pray that we can achieve something wonderful and that is to attract more youth and engage them all in the process of bhakti. The youth have such a deep appreciation for the you.

You have been a saving grace, a personality who has shown us the true essence of life. You have given us your unconditional and everlasting love, of which we do not deserve. Thank you Srila Prabhupada. We have so many ideas of how to approach the youth. We pray to you to bless us and guide us in our endeavours. Please give us a few drops of your mercy. We are grateful that you allow us to be your servants. May we always remain in your service.

*Your humble servants,
Kṛṣṇa Balaram Youth Group*



Team Food for Life 🍷
South Africa



Our dearest and most beloved Srila Prabhupada!

Please accept our most prostrated obeisances at your lotus feet on the most auspicious occasion of your 124th Vyasa-puja celebration.

All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada, and to your compassionate mission to deliver this universe.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, YOU CORRECTLY PREDICTED with incredible vision, “So you are suffering. You are maintaining so many slaughterhouses, and when it will be mature, there will be war, the wholesale murder. Finished. One atom bomb---finished. You'll have to suffer. Don't think that “Innocent animals, they cannot protest. Let us kill and eat.” No. You'll be also punished.” (Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 6.1.32)

In a lecture in San Fransisco, Srila Prabhupada, you said that nature is perfect and any deviation will lead to suffering. In this lecture you spoke about disease and used the word “quarantine”. In South Africa, we have just completed 100 days of isolation where the government has taken unprecedented steps to declare laws of lock down to prevent the spread of a pandemic that has to date killed almost half a million people worldwide. This global gridlock has meant the closure of everything apart from selected essential services. This

more importantly meant, that amid the devastating COVID-19 pandemic, the challenge of increased hunger and starvation among the poor has become very real. We were aggrieved by the hunger and suffering, and immediately began reinstating the distribution of prasadam which had to be halted. We did as you did, as per your injunction in 1974 Srila Prabhupada, when you were struck by hungry children scrambling for food remnants.

With the declaration of a national state of emergency, food distribution meant that official approvals and affidavits had to be sought, stringent codes of cleanliness had to be developed and followed, and rules regarding distribution had to be adhered. The official approval had to be sought and our 500 volunteers, attired in protective outfits began preparing prasadam and liberally distributing to people who would have ordinarily gone hungry for days. Through your mercy, Srila

Prabhupada, Food for Life SA members successfully followed the judicial protocols required to continue feeding and distributing food.

Srila Prabhupada, your Food for Life SA has in the last 100 days, distributed over a million plates of sanctified food to starving families across the country! Together with this mass distribution we have received testimonies of how prasadam has changed the lives of people, and as you suggested Srila Prabhupada, has freed them from material contamination.

You will be pleased to know Srila Prabhupada, that we received national media coverage for our feeding efforts. Televised interviews with members of Food for Life were screened across the country, watched by several million viewers. We also received extensive coverage in the print media by the largest circulated newspaper and made headlines. Srila Prabhupada, you would have been extremely delighted to see the photographs of devotees at work, emblazoned across the first page – a first for Food for Life SA.

The extent of the coverage saw an increased interest in our organization, and its work. This

feeding frenzy heralded a new development in the program's growth. It is through your mercy Srila Prabhupada, that within the 100 days, we secured over a million rands from corporates and well-wishers to increase our distribution, and to complete outstanding projects. This also meant a proliferation of donated goods for prasadam preparation by popular stores in the country.

Srila Prabhupada, your instructions on how to prepare food, how to offer it to the Lord and how to honor sanctified food continue to guide us in our daily endeavors during these challenging times. Food for Life SA joins the sixty other countries globally, who have been feeding those who have been impacted by the lockdown.

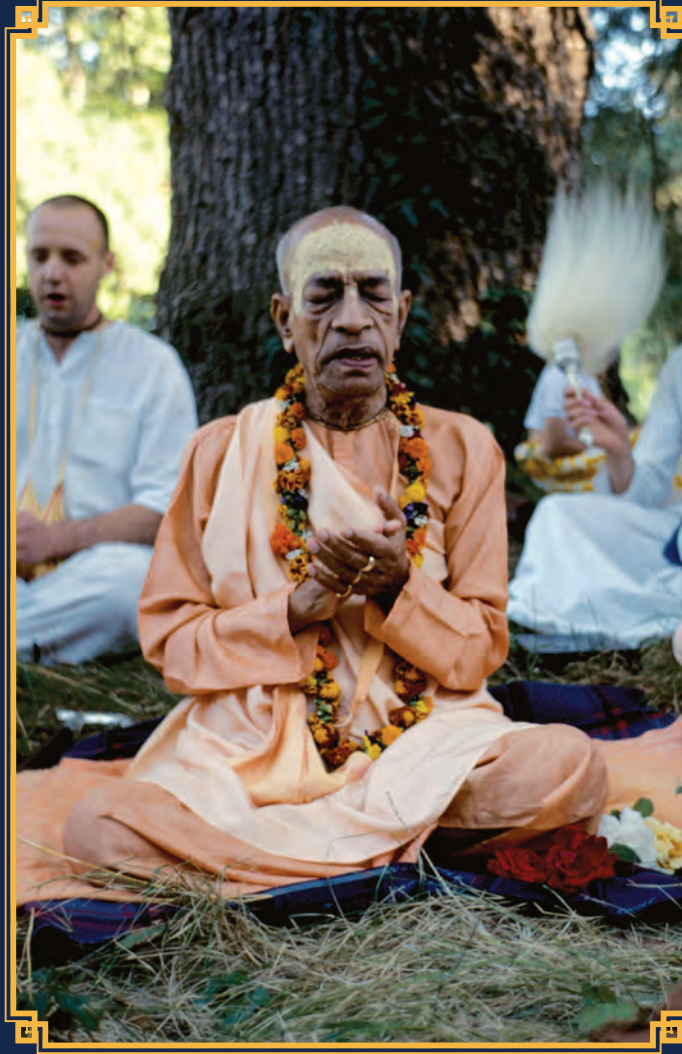
On this auspicious day of your appearance, Srila Prabhupada, we affirm our determination to continue with the liberal distribution of prasadam as prescribed by you. We ask for your blessings to carefully follow your mood and mission, and to give us the intelligence to always follow in your footsteps.

Your eternally grateful servants
Team Food for Life SA





*yasya deve parā bhaktir
yathā deve tathā gurau
tasyaite kathitā hy arthāḥ
prakāśante mahātmanah*



“Only unto those great souls who have implicit faith in both the Lord and the spiritual master are all the imports of Vedic knowledge automatically revealed.” (*Śvetāśvatara Upaniṣad* 6.23)