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THE TWO TRACKS OF SPIRITUAL PROGRESS

To stick to the principles advised by the Spiritual Master and serve Krishna under the direction of the Spiritual Master is the only hope of our advancing in Krishna Consciousness. The Spiritual Master and Krishna are two parallel lines. You have to make your progress on these two parallel lines, you cannot avoid one in preference of the other. The train, on two tracks, moves forward. The Spiritual Master and Krishna are like these two tracks, they must be served simultaneously. Krishna helps one to find bona fide Spiritual Master, and bona fide Spiritual Master helps one to understand Krishna. If one does not get bona fide Spiritual Master, then how he can ever understand Krishna? You cannot serve Krishna without Spiritual Master, or serve just Spiritual Master without serving Krishna. They must be served simultaneously.

Letter to Mahapurusa, February 12th 1968, Los Angeles



SIGNIFICANCE OF SRI VYASA-PUJA

BY PADMANABHA DASA

In a recent phone call with Uddhava we spoke about relationships and friendships. Actually we spoke about how we do not really know each other. We have a god family of a thousand (980 disciples - Uddhava told me) but how many of these nine hundred and eighty people do we actually know? And even if we know them by name and country, do we really know them? Do we know what's going on for them? I suggested we create an album online where everyone can introduce themselves and we can get to know each other. Like Facebook? Uddhava replied. "Yes, I guess. But not that useful."

I said, "Well, it would be hard to know all these people." "Guru Maharaj did," Uddhava said. That hit me. Guru Maharaj knew everyone. And everyone knew him. And also, he still does, so it is more appropriate to say Guru Maharaj knows everyone. Because he's still knowing. Spirit does not die when the body does. And we still know him as well and can get to know him better. One purpose of Vyasa-puja is for us to recommit to our service and our knowing of our Guru Maharaj, Srila Prabhupada and Krsna. We can easily let go a bit of our commitment. We can find many reasons. We should not because the connection is live. It is alive if we want it to be.

Okay, we cannot just walk into his room anymore and have a good chat as Jananivas said at Vyasa-puja in Radhadesh last year. But we can walk into the room in our heart that we built for Guru and Krsna. And we can keep that room clean, paint it, expand it. Find a service to do that we know would please Guru Maharaj. Vyasa-puja is there to remind us of our commitment, to (reconnect with our god family and with the relationship we have with Guru Maharaj.)`

When we keep the room clean we mean we clean up our relationships, with ourselves and with others. So much struggle and suffering comes from badly maintained relationships. We also clean up our anarthas, those things that no longer serve us. We look at our anger or resentment and talk to someone about it. Holding on means holding back. We owe it to



ourselves, to Guru Maharaj, Srila Prabhupada and Krsna to clean up. Also when it is hard and there is a lot of dirt. Actually, especially then.

Regarding service. Do something for Srila Prabhupada, do something for Krsna, use your talents and abilities, Guru Maharaj used to say. "If you cook the offering, make it special. If you make the garland, make it beautiful. If you play in kirtan, make sure you reach people." Guru Maharaj gives himself 108% in all he does. He gave us the Forever Present book, meaning he wants to be forever present in our lives and wants us to be forever present with him. What can we do today that will strengthen and ensure that forever connection with him, with Srila Prabhupada and with Krsna?

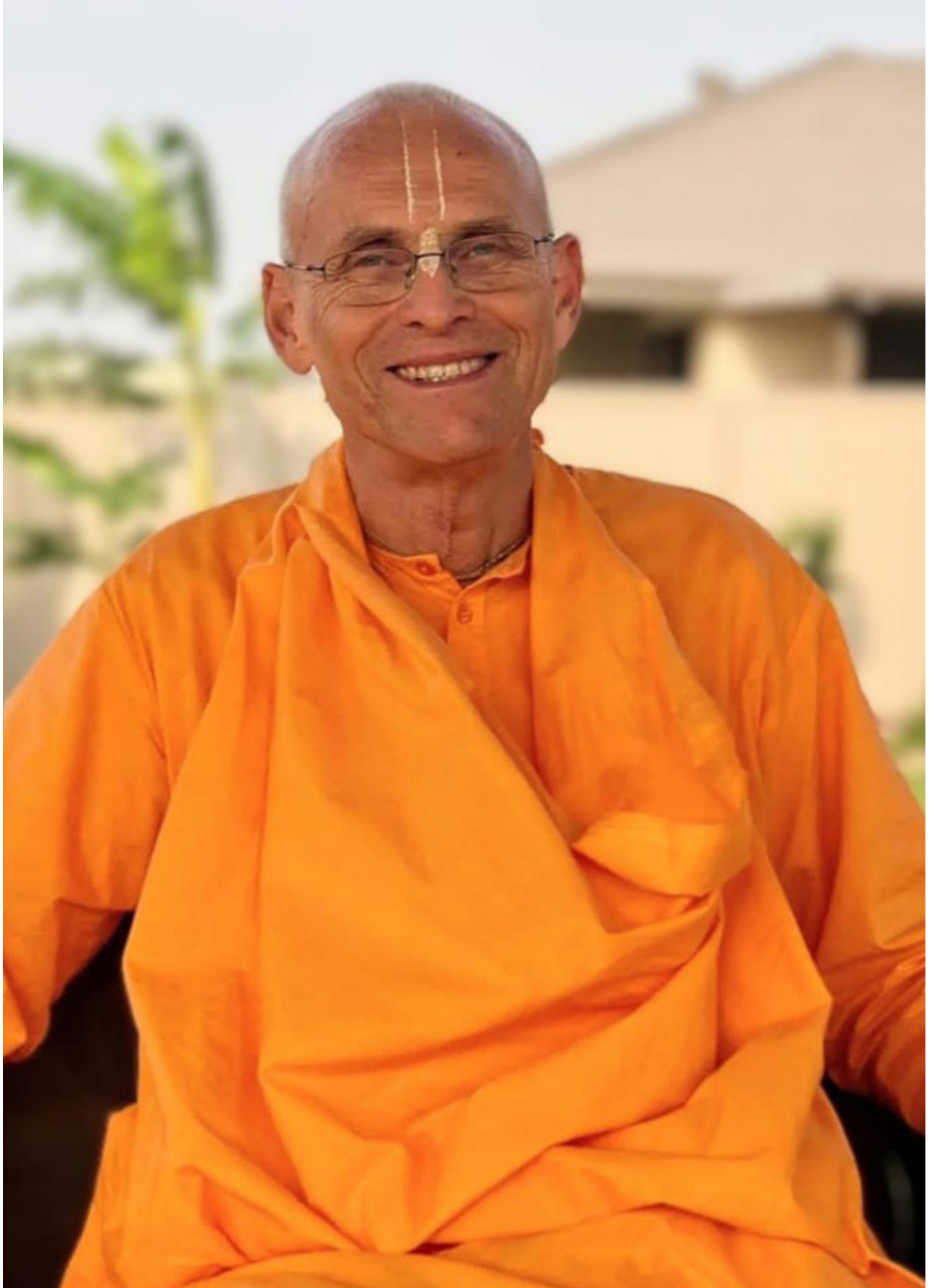
We think in practical ways. We do not think I cannot do what my Guru Maharaj does because he is a pure devotee. No, we do what we can, conditioned or pure. We try every day. Purity comes from sincerely trying. What are others in our god family doing that I can contribute to? Before the Vyasa-puja we organised three episodes of 'The Best Of The Zoom Sessions.' A dozen devotees contributed to this project. Krishna Kirtan put together new Zoom sessions between the disappearance and appearance day of Guru Maharaj. A lot of work goes into that.

On Vyasa-puja day there will be a big fundraiser to raise money for the African and New York preaching. Let's get involved. If we cannot contribute our talent or ability let us contribute some laxmi.

We are 980 individuals connected to the one individual, His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami, that we look up to and follow. We are one and different in a wonderful way. Our good fortune is inconceivable. Let's honour it with gratitude.

This year, let us do something that pleases him. Commit to a new project, help with public relation, translate part of a book; do something. Let us be practical. Let us do something. Join the market place of devotional service. Let there be a good representation of Kadamba Kanana Swami disciples. There are 980 disciples. If we all do something we can do a lot. Wishing you all a wonderful Krsna conscious year in service.

Thank you for your service. Thank god for our service. Thank you Guru Maharaj, thank you Srila Jayadvaita Swami, thank you Srila Prabhupada.





LIVING KRISHNA CON- SCIOUSNESS

My dear disciples, I have in so many ways, emphasized the human side of life. I've always tried to be the guru who is ready to take the human nature on board. But we are not humans at all! It's just temporary, this whole human thing! It's just a covering of mental energy, of intellectual energy, and of physical gross energy. All these energies are coverings of our blissful, eternal soul.

My dear disciples, I've always tried to be understanding for everything everybody feels they have to do. And I said, "Okay, if you have to do it, do it! If you have to do things in this world for your personal enjoyment, alright, but nothing sinful!" Of course, this entangles us in so many ways and here we are with many bills to pay and so many responsibilities that we have taken upon ourselves, because we desired. We desired to enjoy in this material world. Alright, no problem, but let us really take this Krsna consciousness.

I don't care how you want to arrange your life and whether you live high on a mountain or in the middle of the city. I don't care if you want to be a high-rider or low-key, or if you want to be conservative or a little freaky. I don't have a problem with that. Whatever you want, so be it, but nothing sinful. We need to renew our shelter of the four regulative principles again and again. For so long we have lived in this house of the four regulative principles. It has become old; it needs maintenance and repair. Let's just do the simple things: simply taking shelter of the holy name, shelter of the vows of initiation, the Bhagavatam, the Vaisnavas, the Holy dharma, the Deities and build our life around these things.

That is my humble request: let us just simply be Krsna conscious. Completely. Let that be our focus. Let us be so much more serious, my dear devotees. Let my departure, whenever that may come, be a great impetus for you to say, "Now I'm going to be what my guru wants me to be."

(Forever present book)



Acyuta Kesava Dasa

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dearest Gurudeva,

A very special message from a very special person – precious jewels.

At a Zoom meeting on the 19 February 2021 entitled “Sharing precious jewels,” after having read out the offering of Tamal Krishna Gosvami to Srila Prabhupada you said the following.

“All of these jewels are a source of our strength, to also just somehow or other take shelter of Srila Prabhupada and understand whatever Srila Prabhupada wanted, alright, let us do that. Sometimes it is a little difficult, sometimes it is blissful. But it will be blissful, even if it is difficult in the beginning. It will be more and more blissful because actually all the purity and all the empowerment is there. Just this is the secret of Krishna consciousness. To just align ourselves with the desire of Srila Prabhupada. And this is what like I am offering you as a spiritual master. I am trying to point you there. I am trying to inspire you to go there. And of course, I listen to human predicament. Each of us have a human predicament and each of us have a life history, and I try to hear and try to understand and I try to accordingly look with you. How can we somehow or other adjust our life close to what Srila Prabhupada wanted, that is basically what I am trying to do.



And I am not anything more, I am just a messenger. I am a messenger carrying messages. Yes, in the spiritual world amongst the gopis there are messengers, and these messengers they go from one party to another. From the party of Radharani to the party of Krsna and from party of Krsna to Radharani's party. And of course, these messengers are not just carrying, they not just mail men or women who are just carrying a letter. No, no they carry the message and they have to see themselves how to get it across in a way that makes sense in the circumstances. So actually, that is what I am. I am such a messenger. Now you know, and not a very special messenger Tirumala. No, No I'm not a very special messenger but the message is very special. The message is very special, so even an ordinary person like me looks special. That's what makes it special, otherwise I am pretty average you know."

Dearest Gurudeva, the above epitomizes the most special person that you are and the special messages that you have given us and continue to give us. The most precious jewels. Your message in this class, showcases so many of your vaishnava qualities such as humility, you call yourself average (which we all know is not the case).

Your ability to inspire and uplift us even though we are all battling daily with our human predicament (the three fold miseries of life- adhyātmika, adhibhautika, and adhidaivika) is just amazing. Gurudeva, time and again you have given so much mercy. Not condemning or discarding anyone based on their backgrounds or their current circumstances but steering them towards Srila Prabhupada.

You are an example of what it means practically to be the transparent via medium. Srila Prabhupada often spoke of the spiritual master being a transparent via medium between the Lord and the neophyte devotee. As the transparent via medium, you allow us to become trained in transcendental service to the Lord and to be promoted to the spiritual world.

On your Vyasa Puja-pay Gurudeva, I am reminded of the fact that I am eternally indebted to you, and each time I hear your very special messages my indebtedness to you increases.

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

"The spiritual master is to be honored as much as the Supreme Lord, because he is the most confidential servitor of the Lord. This is acknowledged in all revealed scriptures



and followed by all authorities. Therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is a bona fide representative of Sri Hari (Kṛṣṇa).’
(Sri Sri Gurvastaka).

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

Adi Ganga Dasi

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

Hare Kṛṣṇa Guru Maharaj

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

A decade has now passed since I became a devotee and through some kind of good fortune, the blessings of ajnata sukṛti, I was led to your shelter almost immediately. In the preceding years, I had looked for someone to believe in, someone who could give me purpose, someone who knew what they were doing, for I had met very few people of that calibre in material life. I despaired of finding any meaning but I needn’t have worried, the ajnata sukṛti was at work; slowly, inch by inch, I was being pulled towards you, my Guru.

When I met you, I immediately thought, “Here is the person I have been looking for, who knows what they are doing.” Not only were you on an advanced platform but you could relate to all of us on a human level, even while preparing us for the ultimate goal. You have all the 26 qualities of a devotee. You are magnanimous, humorous but grave, poetic and expert. You combine qualities of being a manager well-versed in systems and logic with the artistry of being a musician. Much later, I found out you could cook too. You are multi-skilled and multi-talented, but most importantly, an expert with people. I will never forget how kind you were to me as I was regaling you with tales of my painful experiences. You know just what to say and what to do, how to move us forward step by step. As a teacher, I learned much from you. I have a teaching certificate but you are the one who is qualified in every way.



When you left your body, I prepared myself for service in separation, which I learned was the highest form of service, and so I clung to your instructions like a life raft in the turbulent material ocean. But what I did not expect was to feel your presence every day. You are there, you are around, looking out for all of us. Whenever I pray to you in confusion, you answer my questions. In so many ways, because of your love and dedication to us, we still have your vapu as well as vani. Even during this turbulent anartha nivrtti phase, I have never felt alone.

Through you, I have received a plan for the rest of my life, one that involves progress, preaching and purification. I feel that you are arranging all my services and introducing me to your disciples who may need me on hand. I laughed when one of my god sisters told me that, “Guru Maharaj dialled your number on my phone.” You have lined up so many opportunities for me and I feel your hand in everything. Through your guidance, I am trying to haul myself out of kanishta onto the madhyama platform, learning how to preach and contribute to the movement. I would stumble, I would flail around but you make things simple and straightforward. You cut through the confusion and provide clarity.

In reading your books, it is heartwarming to see how devoted you are to Prabhupada. I felt an affinity with Srila Prabhupada right from the beginning and the more I read his books and hear your lectures, the more I see how you are emphasising the things he emphasised while encouraging us all to have a personal relationship with him. Our branch of the tree, Keshava Maharaj, your exalted self and our param-guru Jayadvaita Swami are all Prabhupadanugas and I feel so fortunate to be a tiny little leaf there.

Thank you Guru Maharaj, thank you for picking me up from the material ocean and being such an extraordinary, outstanding, exemplary captain of the boat.

Ever your servant,
Adi Ganga Dasi



Adirasa Dasa, Citra Malini Devi Dasi & family

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisance

All glories to you on this auspicious day of your appearance day.

When we remember the times we had your personal association, it fills our heart with enthusiasm and bliss. Those are the most precious moments in our lives.

Your exemplary life as one of the great vaishnavas of this age you left us a legacy following which we can learn how to fully surrender and dedicate to Srila Prabhupada's mission. You have practically demonstrated to the world how to stay firm adhering to devotional principles without any compromises.

You have recommended us to live in the association of devotees and that will protect us from dangerous calamities. We always try to keep this in mind and with that we are on track, or else without devotee association we would be struggling to be Krsna consciously alive.

Under the guidance and care of Sudama Prabhuji we have a very nice devotee community and from time to time we come together, celebrate spiritual retreats, and take part in various services which keep us surviving in our spiritual journey. With your blessing and mercy, many new people are being connected to our community who are very enthusiastic in serving the Lord and his devotees.

This year we are taking advantage of a new initiative called Nitya Bhagavata Sevaya, a daily reading of Srimad Bhagavatam chapter by chapter to dive deeper in Krsna consciousness. This helps us with sravanam, kirtanam, and smaranam of the Lord's pastimes every day.

Although you have blessed us with such a caring and loving sadhu sanga, we miss your vibrant personal association. We miss those Fridays that are filled with your motivating and inspiring talks, empowering kirtans, your relishing humours. In one of your classes, you mentioned that a spiritual master, when physically present, is like a pump that fills the air in a car's flat tire, giving it the boost it needs to go forward (sorry don't remember the exact words). We are missing that boost in our lives. Please give us the ability that we can steer and boost our sad-



hana with your inspiring classes, divine kirtans, and transcendental books. Many a time when we think of you, an image of you comes into our mind that you are dancing and doing kirtans with Mahaprabhu and His entourage.

We would like to eternally hanker for your causeless mercy to be able to stay on the path of Krsna consciousness and develop a strong attachment for devotional services. Please bless us so that we can follow your instructions sincerely and seriously, and can render some menial services in the mission of Srila Prabhupada.

We are very grateful for everything you have given us and wish we could serve you better.
Thank you Maharaj

Your insignificant servants,
Adirasa Dasa, Citra Malini Devi Dasi, Gauranga Dasa and Mohini

Aditya Devi Dasi

Dearest Kadamba Kanana Swami,

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

On this sacred day of your appearance, we offer our deepest gratitude for the gifts you so lovingly left us.

The greatest gift you gave us is each other—a devotional family united by the holy name, bound by love and service to Krsna. Through your guidance and example, you built a community where we uplift and inspire one another, carrying forward your legacy with devotion and joy.

On this King's Day, the world's biggest harinam will fill the streets in your honour. This is our offering to you—a celebration of the holy name, which you so beautifully embodied. Your love for kirtan continues to ignite our hearts and reminds us of the transformative power of sankirtan.

You also gave us another gift, the gift of New York - a temple transformed by your vision. Through your inspiration, many of us have put aside our circumstances and have joined the project to serve Sri Sri Radha Govinda, Srila Prabhupada and you, Guru Maharaj.



This journey of faith has helped us to understand more about ourselves, our desires and strengths. And has bore fruit via the efforts of some of your students preaching efforts namely the bhakti school.

By the time you will receive this offering we will have opened the 'Kadamba Kafe', an offering which came together through the vision and influence that you left behind in the hearts of those whom you met, and which will continue to reach those who you are yet to meet.

You always provided a space for those who showed interest and formed the bridge to take us closer to the association of Krsna's devotees.

You showed us how to boldly take Krsna consciousness everywhere, and for that, we are eternally grateful. Your life was a shining example of devotion and service, and your departure reminds us of the urgency to embrace and share the path of bhakti. May we continue to honour you by staying united as a devotional family, always chanting, serving, and spreading the mercy you so graciously gave us.

Forever indebted to your love and kindness.

Your servant,
Aditya Devi Dasi

Advaita-candra Dasa

Hare Krsna my dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances unto you.

I offer my obeisances to Srila Prabhupada, to whom you were so attached.

I offer my obeisances to Srila Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all of our previous acaryas, without whom, I am lost. All glories to you.

Srila Krsnadas Kaviraja Maharaja describes 26 qualities of a Vaisnava in the Caitanya-caritamṛta, by which one discriminates who is a Vaisnava and who is a non-Vaisnava. You exemplified these qualities throughout your life and therefore your position as a



dear associate of the Lord is established. Certainly those who possess good qualities are very dear to the Lord.

(1) A Vaisnava is very kind to everyone. You were able to connect with all types of people from all backgrounds, this is no secret. All the way from Africa to Asia, and in between, people will certainly testify to the strength of your uplifting association. You spoke many languages, as did Sri Rupa and Sanatana goswami. This helped you to meet people where they are. Babas in Vrndavana knew of you, and came to visit you in your final months on this planet.

(2) He does not make anyone his enemy;

(3) He is truthful;

(4) He is equal to everyone;

(5) No one can find any fault in him;

(6) He is magnanimous;

(7) He is mild;

(8) He is always clean;

(9) He is without possessions;

(10) He works for everyone's benefit;

In the sastra it is enjoined that a human being must work for others benefit. What is the work? Pure devotional service, bhakti, Krsna Consciousness. And what is the benefit?

Relief from suffering due to forgetfulness of the relationship with Krsna. These days people are not educated about real work and real benefits. The national governments, organisations such as the UN and so forth, are engaged in so many activities of so-called welfare. Real welfare work is providing someone with the means to exit the cycle of birth and death. Every living being is bound by duty to engage their wealth, body, words, mind, intelligence, and life in real welfare work.

You took sanyasa at the order of your spiritual master. Obtaining the nectar of Lord Caitanya's mercy in the holy dhamas of Vrindavan and Mayapura, you ceaselessly enabled the people of this world to drink this nectar. Thus you worked for everyone's benefit.

(11) He is very peaceful;

(12) He is always surrendered to Kṛṣṇa;

You saw many challenges in your life - indeed even an average human life is traumatic! - yet you always surrendered to Krsna. Shortly after joining, you were thrust into restaurant management and found yourself cleaning up managerial messes of the mafia kind. After ballistic bullets and mosquito maladies times 12, you came to Australia,



becoming a ‘mouse’ again. All of these seemingly unrelated activities had one commonality - surrender. Your surrender to the wishes of your spiritual master and Kṛṣṇa within your heart. Surrender means we say to our superior, “Your desire is now mine, and my desire is not so important because my desire is self-centred, self-conscious.” It has KGB tonalities alluding to self-identity catastrophes. However surrender really means shelter and shelter you took. How else could you have stood up to challenge the material energy and won?

(13) He has no material desires;

(14) He is very meek;

(15) He is steady;

You were very steady in your devotional life. You once explained to us your morning routine in your annual Mayapura trips. “The best rounds are chanted before mangala” you used to say. wherever you went, japa was the ultimate priority, and seva too. Your beloved Giriraja Govinda experienced your bhakti infused puja - seva. Like an anchor, you were the support for many devotees. We came to you with whirlwind psych and felt the stabilisation of your character, shaped by sublime service and sadhana.

(16) He controls his senses;

(17) He does not eat more than required;

(18) He is not influenced by the Lord’s illusory energy;

(19) He offers respect to everyone;

(20) He does not desire any respect for himself;

(21) He is very grave;

(22) He is merciful;

(23) He is friendly;

(24) He is poetic;

(25) He is expert;

(26) He is silent;

Real silence is talking about Kṛṣṇa. You exemplified this by speaking Kṛṣṇa katha ceaselessly.

yāre dekha, tāre kaha ‘kṛṣṇa’-upadeśa
āmāra ājñāya guru hañā tāra’ ei deśa (CC Madhya 7.128)

“The sage Kardama accepted silence as a vow in order to think of the Supreme Personality of Godhead and take shelter of Him exclusively. Without association, he travelled over the surface of the globe as a sannyāsī, devoid of any relationship with fire or shelter.” (SB 3.24.42 translation)



The above two references are exactly what you embodied throughout your life. Like the goswamis, you accepted a new shelter practically every night in order to preach the message of Krsna. Such a person is surely very dear to him. Perhaps I can become dear to you and thereby dear to Krsna through transitivity.

Thus, my dear gurudeva, you have decorated the crown of your life with an immoral blue sapphire as the primary gem, followed by the innumerable gems of your transcendental qualities, who are your servants. I worship this crown with my life and soul and aim to surrender my heart cent per cent to the service of your desires.

Your lowly servant,
Advaita-candra Dasa
(Cranberra, Australia)

Akshobhya Dasa

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

namo om viṣṇu-pādāya
kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tāle
śrīmat-kadamba-kānana
-svāminn iti nāmine

gaura-kṛpāmṛtaṁ prāpto
vraje māyāpure'pi yaḥ
prabhupāda-priyo lokam
pāyaty anivāritam

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you.

Importance of the spiritual master in the life of a disciple cannot be overstated. And you are the most important personality I met. If I am able to render some little service to Krsna, then it



is because of your mercy. If every day I am able to chant 16 rounds of Hare Krsna mantra and follow regulative principles, it's because of the strength I am getting from you. If somehow I am surviving in the process of Krsna consciousness, that's because of your inspiration. But you inspired us not just to survive, but to do something wonderful for Krsna. To not just survive in devotional life but to thrive. And you yourself did so many wonderful services. You are a perfect example of a wonderful devotee, to follow. Your personality is courageous, bold and yet thoughtful and humble.

Guru Maharaj, this time I made a humble attempt of distributing your books to please you. And your books were liked and appreciated by so many devotees. In fact several devotees who purchased your book, came back again to purchase more copies for their friends. Eventually we ran out of stock. Maharaj each and every word in your books is a gem. Each and every instruction is powerful and can prove to be life transforming. And one can feel the heavy realization of yours behind these words in your book. One can feel a personal touch and connection with you while reading these books. I am sure that these books will be useful for the generations of devotees of our movement. And appreciation for your teachings will keep on growing as more and more people will explore them.

Your books are one more proof of the fact that whatever service you did, you put your heart in that. You exemplify the teachings contained in your book. You are an acarya. You practiced what you preached. I wish I could develop even a drop of sincerity like yours. You dedicated your whole life for the benefit of others. Your compassion knew no boundaries. Your complete existence is the mercy of Srila Prabhupada.

I humbly accept my frailties in following your instructions. But I sincerely desire to follow all your instructions. As following your instructions is the only sure shot path of perfection.

guru-mukha-padma-vākya, cittete koriyā aikya,
ār nā koriho mane āśā
(Guru Vandana Prayers)

I beg you to keep on guiding me, inspiring me to take right decisions in life and to always follow your footsteps. Please protect me from maya. And give me strength and willingness to dedicate myself completely for serving Krsna.

Your eternal servant
Akshobhya Dasa



Amrtavani Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to you,

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

You have so often spoken about Brahmananda Prabhu, the dear disciple of Srila Prabhupada, who was once asked if he considered Srila Prabhupada to be god. Bramananda Prabhu had replied, “No, Srila Prabhupada is not god; he is as good as god.” But then, Brahmananda Prabhu went on to tearfully say, “But these days I think that Srila Prabhupada is better than god, because he came down to the Lower East Side, to save me.”

I can say the same about you, Guru Maharaj. I do not really know Lord Krsna; nor do I even know Srila Prabhupada personally, but you came as that saintly person with whom I and so many others could have that personal relationship, and thus Lord Krsna, his devotees and the spiritual world have become more real to us.

Although a saint deeply absorbed in transcendental remembrance, you agreed to become our friend, our father, our guide who laughed and joked with us, who understood and accepted our humanness. Like Lord Nityananda, whose heart goes out even to the most fallen, you showered us with your mercy even though we are completely undeserving. Like Prahlada Maharaja, you constantly prayed for the ultimate good fortune of all living entities. Like Bhishmadeva, you faced the arrows of cancer with astonishing valour, and like Srila Prabhupada, you travelled the globe innumerable times with boundless energy, rescuing so many from the clutches of maya, regardless of creed, culture or qualification. I cannot conceive of how it was possible for you to have deep, heartfelt relationships with so many people, while still managing huge projects for Srila Prabhupada, whether it was saving temples, constructing buildings, or engaging in legal debates. And of course, wherever you were, you created a festival of explosive kirtan.

Thank you for filling my world with colour. Thank you for being my best friend and caring so deeply for my entire family. Thank you for making endless arrangements to bring us closer to Krsna, even now, in so many unseen ways.



How can I ever understand your qualities which are as deep and expansive as an ocean? I can only stand on the shore in awe and beg for a drop of your enthusiasm to serve Srila Prabhupada, a drop of your purity to focus always on pure devotional service, a drop of your compassion to understand the hearts of others and make Krsna consciousness accessible to all. Most of all, I pray to be a chaste disciple, to reflect your mood and your desire, especially in this service you have given me.

On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I take strength from your promise to be forever present and I renew my commitment to continue to serve you according to your instructions. This is my saving grace and I remain eternally indebted to you for the great gift of Krsna consciousness.

Your servant,
Amrtavani Devi Dasi

Anakulya Devi Dasi

nama om visnu-pādāyākṛṣṇa-presthāya bhū-tale

śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om visnu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-presthāya bhū-tale

śrīmate guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om visnu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-presthāya bhū-tale

śrīmate bhaktivedānta- -svmin iti nāmine

Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada

om ajnana-timirandhasya

jnananjana-salakaya

caksur unmilitam yena

tasmai sri-gurave namah



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

On this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my dearest Gurudeva, who has mercifully guided me on this spiritual journey. Your unwavering devotion and boundless compassion have been a beacon of light, illuminating the path and inspiring me to strive for the highest ideals. Words cannot express my gratitude for your selfless love and the transformative wisdom you have imparted. I pray that I am able to remain faithful to your teachings and carry them forward with sincerity and humility.

As a small offering, I remember the beautiful verse from the Srimad Bhagavatam (11.29.26) which speaks of the qualities of a true devotee and resonates with your exemplary character:

maitraḥ karuṇaḥ praśanto
nirvairaḥ sarva-dehinam
ajata-śatrur upaśantaḥ
sādhur akṣubdha-manaḥ samaḥ

‘A devotee should be friendly, compassionate, peaceful, without enmity towards any living being, free from malice, tranquil, and equipoised.’

These qualities, so beautifully exemplified by you, remind me of the importance of cultivating kindness and compassion in all endeavours.

My faith in Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, whose boundless love and mercy are the foundation of our path, grows stronger with each passing day, thanks to your guidance. I take solace in the knowledge that His grace is always available to those who sincerely seek it. I pray that I may always remain a humble servant of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and, by your grace, continue to deepen my understanding and practice of his teachings.

With deepest respect and devotion, I offer this small token of my appreciation.
Happy Vyasa-puja dearest Gurudeva.

Your insignificant servant,
Anakulya Devi Dasi



Ananda Vrindavan Devi Dasi (JG)

Dearest Kadamba Kanana Swami,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Maharaj all glories to you who mercifully remains forever present in and guiding the hearts of the countless aspiring devotees of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

When we hear or read about how one should chant the Lord's holy names in such a state where the incessant stream of tears spring from our eyes, submerged in an uncontrollable pattern of roaring cries and sobbing sighs like a small child hankering for their mother's affection, completely dependent and helpless, unable to be consoled by anything else than the reassuring presence of their mother, I simply cannot help but think of you and feel so grateful to you for teaching me what that looks like.

How can this be? Especially considering how I am clearly not developing genuine interest in becoming the Lord's servant, no repentance at neglecting him constantly, no remorse for always prioritizing my own needs and stubbornly engaging my senses in personal sense gratification. I cannot explain it other than that you are a merciful mystery; only you can conjure up that soul stirring feeling of being completely lost and hopeless in this world here without you.

After your departure from this world, I catch myself driving in my car, seemingly by myself, until the moment your penetrating voice echoes from the speaker (straight from the spiritual sky) pouring transcendental sound vibrations straight into my dormant and dull heart. As the rhythm of your sweet yet powerful play pulsates through my veins, reaching my heart which is pounding in sync with the mrdanga yet unable to keep up with your devotion, you rightfully pull (and cut through the) strings (of material attachment). As you strike exactly the right cord, you hit the right key at the right time, it is time, there you go, mission successful. You have unlocked an unknown yet familiar and deep sense of melancholic separation and despair. You allow us to let go of all our inhibitions and there they come, tears are gathering in corners of our eyes waiting to catch glimpse of and bathe your divine lotus feet. Crying loudly, yearning to be near you our dear Father, tears transform into bliss as we see your radiant and mysterious smile. Only you can be this magical honestly.



His holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami provides the topmost shelter, he is strong and bold yet tolerant and humble and so much more. I realize it now more than ever that I love and miss you dearly and thank you again for being an ever more present force of prema bhakti, flooding the hearts of all those who were immensely blessed to have had your association and those that still do. I cannot help but be in awe of your greatness, yet simultaneously you make me feel so incredibly close to you. You are just too kind.

What would I give up to be in your presence again? Or better to ask, how can I reach the levels of humility and sincerity to deserve being in your presence? There is nothing I can do other than praying to always remember and follow your instructions and never forget nor take for granted your merciful side long glance. Please continue to cast your spell on me, do not give up on me even if I give you countless of reasons to do so.

If there is anyone that makes me truly believe Krsna is here, it is you:

Your deep faith is contagious, and you cure us with your medicinal chanting.

Your pure voice penetrates through the thick layers of dirt and darkness.

Your musical display releases the soul from all its accumulated misconceptions and useless desires.

Your wisdom shared so generously, give us the right vision of our eternal position.

Your reasoning and sayings like, "What to do?" Quiets the noisy and confused mind.

Your childlike cheeky smile reveals your ease with which you surrender to and conquer Krsna.

Your attitude has been to cultivate raw talents, encouraging us to do something for the mission.

Your kindness and compassion for all the living entities is beyond comparison and inconceivable.

Your mercy sustains, empower and uplifts us so that we are able to fly so high to one day reunite.

Aspiring to be where you want me to be, aspiring to be your loving servant.

Yours forever,

Ananda Vrindavan Devi Dasi (JG)



Andal Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I would like to offer my deep gratitude to you for accepting me into your wonderful family. You have truly remarkable disciples in whose hearts you have sowed the seed of bhakti, and now it has blossomed into a beautiful flower. It is such a blessing for me to have the opportunity to associate with each and every one of them! I manage to see a piece of you in each of them.

Unfortunately, I did not have many opportunities to associate with you, dear Guru Maharaj, but I am very happy that through the association I have. Thank you for your example, inspiration and merciful support. And last but not least, thank you for the incredible name you have given me. With my god brothers and god sisters, even if indirectly, I receive this causeless mercy to associate with you.

Hare Krsna.

With love and gratitude,

Andal Devi Dasi

Anonymous

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

You left this world in 2023, but you have never left my heart. You are present with me, and when life gets too out of hand your magnanimous and merciful smile reminds me that I will never be alone. You told me that our talents are a gift from Krsna, and because of your mercy, I have so many opportunities to do harinam sankirtan.

On this auspicious day, I beg and seek your blessings; please help me do more, harinaam.



Please always keep me engaged in your service. I am full of faults and far from perfection, but your kindness and generosity keep me moving forward.

Your servant,
Anonymous

Antaranga Dasa

My dear spiritual master,

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

As days pass, we continually look to you for guidance and pray to embody the instructions you have given us. We reflect on the teachings from your classes, meditate on your insight, and seek your permission to perform devotional service, asking ourselves, “What would you say and do in these situations?” You have skillfully bound us with ropes of affection, and now we find ourselves unable to escape the divine plans you have for us.

It is truly a great mystery to witness how you are meticulously arranging our services and using this humble servant in your grand designs. Whenever we think of you, we are reminded of your strength, clarity, kindness, vision, determination, and most importantly, your devotion. Just as Uddhava says in the Srimad Bhagavatam (11.29.6): “O my Lord! Transcendental poets and experts in spiritual science could not fully express their indebtedness to You, even if they were endowed with the prolonged lifetime of Brahmā, for You appear in two features – externally as the ācārya and internally as the Supersoul – to deliver the embodied living being by directing him how to come to You.”

You have blessed our lives in ways we never could have imagined, and for that, we are eternally grateful to you. We humbly ask for nothing more than to be in your personal presence once again.

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

Your servant,
Antaranga Dasa



Anuttara Devi Dasi

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

Haribol, Hare Kṛṣṇa,
offro I miei umili omaggi e tutte le glorie a Srila Prabhupada,

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

Carissimo Gurudeva, mi inchino e ti porgo i miei omaggi.
Ti ringrazio tanto e continuo ad omaggiarti nel mio cuore.

So che mi hai osservata in questo ultimo anno e hai visto lamento e turbamento in me. Ho vissuto dei momenti di confusione e come Arjuna non ero più certa del mio dovere; oltretutto ho indugiato su quei dubbi e su quelle distrazioni. Tu parli dei dubbi che si insinuano in chi non ha sviluppato una profonda fede, questi dubbi sono in particolare riguardanti il valore e in ultimo la possibilità di successo nel servizio che facciamo. Questo è stato verissimo per me: un velo di ignoranza e disperazione avevano coperto la visione che tu mi hai dato con la torcia della conoscenza. Nonostante io sia stata presente alla cerimonia dell'inaugurazione del samadhi a Vrindavana e abbia potuto sviluppare una relazione intima con il tuo sacro samadhi, poi sono tornata in Germania e ho arrancato soprattutto mentalmente. Tutto sembrava una sfida troppo grossa, ma sono fortunata perché Kṛṣṇa carana daśa è con me e sono in una generosissima comunità di Vaishnava. Simhachalam e il Signore Prahlād Nṛsimhadeva si occupano diligentemente degli ostacoli sul cammino spirituale dei loro devoti e accettano il servizio anche di chi, come me, si sente mentalmente fuori posto.

Ti ringrazio di darci grandi occasioni di riunirci per celebrare le tue glorie e King's day è quella che davvero è vicina al mio cuore perché so che lo è al tuo. Ti vedo e sento la tua presenza nella forza della predica di un momento indimenticabile come questo. Grazie.



Mi sono persa, ma ho chiesto aiuto e l'aiuto è arrivato nella forma di un grande maestro e guida, nella forma di grandi e costanti realizzazioni e nella forma di servizio.

So che ti prendi cura di noi personalmente ed individualmente perciò non posso far altro che confermare la mia fede in tutti i tuoi insegnamenti, in te come persona integra e come modello, nel tuo impegno nel movimento di Srila Prabhupada. Il tuo servizio riecheggia nell'universo come un grande ruggito e attira tantissime persone. Mi stupisce sempre come tanti ti abbiano solo visto online o ti abbiano incontrato

solo una volta e ti vedano come una guida costante ed imprescindibile per il loro percorso spirituale. I limiti non esistono più. Mi manchi Gurudeva, ma non posso più lamentarmi. Il lamento deve finire perché la verità è che chi si è autenticamente amato non lo perdiamo mai, così come chi ci ha amato veramente non ci perde mai.

Ricordo che nella prima email che mi hai scritto dicevi: ora c'è Krsna nella mia vita e non mi devo più preoccupare. Tutte le cose che mi erano accadute in precedenza erano un insegnamento che mi ha portato a comprendere come in Srila Prabhupada e nel suo movimento avrei trovato delle risposte vere ed autentiche. Gurudeva ora sai che va tutto bene, continuerò a seguire le promesse che ho fatto, il gusto per il servizio si svilupperà, i dubbi si stanno dissolvendo e mi sento molto meglio. Per favore aiutami a vedere e trovare in dettaglio come amare Dio autenticamente.

Ti voglio tanto bene e quel poco servizio che riesco a fare in realtà sei tu a farlo, è un'offerta e te che tu puoi offrire a Srila Prabhupada e a tutta la parampara. Rendi migliori i nostri sforzi con la forza della tua grande devozione e per questo non c'è modo di ripagarti.

Grazie eternamente di essere per sempre presente.

Your servant,
Anuttara Devi Dasi



Arjuna Dasa & Indukanti Rai Dasi

Please accept our humble obeisances.

All glories to you Guru Maharaj,
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

To our beloved Spiritual Master. Happy Vyasa-puja.

Dear Guru Maharaj, We miss your physical presence in our lives. Every day we reflect on all of the precious moments we had with you. How your presence was such an uplifting and electrifying experience. We are so grateful to have those memories now. We are so grateful for how personal you were with us and how much care and love you bestowed on us. We feel so much love for the example you have given in leaving this life in the most perfect way. Tears fill the eyes as we reflect now on your dedication to the path and determined efforts to maintain your rounds despite pain and circumstance.

We see how much effort you put into your books. Especially your book forever present, in which you laid out, so nicely, a handbook to live by, in your absence. We want to deeply thank you for all you have given us. Thank you for allowing us to endeavour to serve you as your disciples. We hope one day we might be worthy of your sacrifice and serve you nicely in a way that pleases you.

Your loving disciples, forever in your debt.

Arjuna Dasa & Indukanti Rai Dasi

Audarya Lila Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.



I would like to thank you for your presence, for the shelter you have given me and for the chance to serve Krsna and the vaishnavas, and the chance to return home to Krsna.

I am eternally grateful. I miss you very much, but your lectures, instructions and kirtans give me the strength to overcome any obstacle. Please Guru Maharaj, forgive me for my clumsiness and please bless me to return home.

I wish you this Vyasa-puja to have a wonderful time in the spiritual world.

Your humble servant,
Audarya Lila Dasi

Bahulasva Dasa

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj.

You would hope you could write an offering with a feeling of progress in spiritual life, with realizations and dedicated sadhana. But it is rather a low profile spiritual life, keeping my chanting as priority. I would have hoped to become a person more in goodness as a start, but notice that is a high goal in my case. I see now that my starting point was from zero almost. I only step on a book from Satsvarup das Goswami



by chance. I found my philosophy there in Srila Prabhupada's books. But to raise above the lower modes of nature, oh it really goes slow. I felt I have been more in the periphery when it comes to sadhu sanga for a while, not really inspired to go to temple, more like keeping friendship with my old friends in the community. I want more personal relationship first from a human level. I find that sometimes more easy outside the community, in different podcast and online discussions.

I have always felt very thankful that you had that human and personal approach, I see I have to fight my laziness and comfort as long as I am so affected by the lower modes. I do not want to stop the process, I think it works under the current of feelings of failure. I do not think I can forget you as my guru or as a person, and I do not think I can forget Krsna, he is to amazing for that. But everything get vaguely sometimes. But I am optimistic being on the path of bhakti that is great by itself. I am happy I met you and I will continue this path, whether it's take one or many lifetimes.

Your thankful servant,
Bahulasva Dasa

Balarama Prasad Dasa & Madhusneha Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept our humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Though almost two years have passed since your departure from this world, your presence remains strong in our hearts, in your words, in your kirtans, and in the inspiration you have given us. Your life was a brilliant example of complete surrender to Srila Prabhupada's mission - fearless, determined, and filled with enthusiasm to spread Krsna consciousness.

Lord Krsna says in the Bhagavad-gita As It Is, chapter 4, verse 34, "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.”

You are that self-realized soul, a torchlight of knowledge who illuminated the path for us and many others who were lost in darkness. You lived with urgency, teaching us by example that spiritual life is not a side endeavour but the essence of our existence. Your lectures are powerful, compromising, and deeply rooted in guru, sadhu, and sashtra. Your kirtans carried an energy that could shake even the most stone-hearted souls, pulling them into the embrace of the holy name.

Even in your final days, you remained fully surrendered, fearless in the face of the inevitable, and determined to serve until your very last breath. You showed us how a true vaishnava leaves this world - with gratitude, humility, and complete faith in Krsna.

Guru Maharaj, your departure has left a void, but your instructions remain, guiding us forward. You taught us that devotion is about commitment, that service requires sacrifice, and that there is no greater joy than giving ourselves fully to Krsna’s mission.

On this Vyasa-puja, we pray for the intelligence and sincerity to truly follow your instructions. May we always carry forward your mood of fearless preaching, deep kirtan, and unwavering service to Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you, Guru Maharaj, for everything. Please bless us that we may one day serve you in a way that truly pleases you.

Yours,

Balarama Prasad Dasa & Madhusneha

Bali Mardana Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to Srila Jayadvaita,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

As I reflect on my life and the days when you were physically present during my early days in Krsna consciousness, I have fond memories of serving you, particularly when I had the



privilege of picking you up and dropping you off at the airport. I feel truly blessed for having had the great fortune of spending time with you and inquiring about various topics related to Krsna consciousness.

One memory that stands out is from when I was in Belgium, recording the harinam. I recall standing quite close to you, and you told me, “When recording the harinam footage, move along with the harinam as it moves forward.” I was a little surprised, as I did not expect you to speak to me, but those words have stayed with me and continue to inspire me. I feel fortunate to have served you over the many years during your time on this material planet. In spiritual life, one of the crucial aspects of making advancement is the guidance of the spiritual master, who helps the disciple progress back to Godhead. The spiritual master accomplishes this through two key means: vani (instruction) and vapu (physical presence). Although I no longer have your vapu - your physical presence, I am deeply grateful for your vani.

Your instructions and guidance continue to shape my life, and I have even had the blessings of seeing you in my dreams. This shows how active you have remained in my life. Truly, there is nothing more I could ask of you.

You once mentioned that the disciple always receives the association of the spiritual master through service to Krsna. Over the past couple of months, I have been serving Krsna by spreading his holy name in different towns and cities, as well as distributing his books, such as the Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad-gita.

Every time I go out for harinam and book distribution, I feel great strength and determination, knowing that you are by my side, helping me to overcome the struggles with maya. It is said that when one takes shelter of the Lord, the ocean of miseries reduces significantly, becoming as small as the hoofprint of a calf. (SB 5.1.19).

By taking shelter of you, through your words, actions, and dedication to the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and the sankirtan movement, I have somehow been able to spread Krsna consciousness and help others do the same. Where would I be without your association?

Thank you so much for accepting me as your disciple. I sincerely hope to be a disciple worthy of your blessings and mercy. I remember during our last meeting, you gave me a card with some writing on it. You wrote, “Giving devotional service to the world.” I am sincerely trying to fulfil this desire of yours, by your mercy.

Your servant,
Bali Mardana



Batu Gopala Dasa

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Dandavats at your lotus feet.

All glories to Gurudasa Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj and to our dear Srila Prabhupada.

I have not had the chance of being very close to you but I have had my share of serving you in the dhamas when it wasn't so advanced and to get something small we had to go through a lot. But it was in those days that kept me humble at your lotus feet.

It is only by your grace that I saw Vrindavan dham because those days you used to take us walking around Vrindavan to various temples and had nice association. Later the number of disciples grew and it was bus parikrama with so many devotees compared to what we had 8-10 devotees.

Thank you Guru Maharaj for showing us the dham and showing us how to live and serve in the dham. There is so much to thank for, but let me end here and keep the others for some other time.

Thanking you with a grateful heart.

Your servant,
Batu Gopala Dasa

Bhagavati Devi Dasi

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

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

I have been meditating a lot on our relationship these past two years, and I have realised that the bond has become so much stronger. Our relationship has always been beyond the limitations of our material bodies, but there seems to be an extra dimension to it now. You are more present in my life than you ever were before.



You gave me your blessings before you left, and I am trying to take those blessings and use them to become what you wanted me to be. I recently read something Theresa d`Avilla said: "Anything good in us comes from the waters of grace near which the soul remains like a tree planted beside a river." I can feel every day how your grace is moulding me into the person I am supposed to become; it is nourishing my bhakti plant and helps it to grow strong and tall.

You told me back in 2007 that the goal of our relationship should be to go back home back to Godhead. But then during your farewell speech here in Radhadesh you told us that you wanted to come back and preach with Srila Prabhupada. At that moment I realised that this is what you are: one hundred percent Srila Prabhupada`s man and always ready to serve Srila Prabhupada.

Now, what can I do? I have wasted many years in the shackles of family life, and once I managed to free myself from that, I spent years fighting my crazy mind. And you tolerated me throughout. And when I was finally ready to serve you and Srila Prabhupada, bad health started playing up. So, I have never been able to serve you fully, with body mind and words; I have never been able to do those big things that you wanted your disciples to do. Therefore, let me use your blessings and become as good a devotee as I possibly can before the end of my life, and use all that spiritual credit that I have accumulated to spend one more life in your service. Let me spend one life completely dedicated to serving you and Srila Prabhupada.

This thought helps me to feel close to you at the moment. I might not be able to do much anymore in this lifetime, but while I am preparing to serve you in my next lifetime I feel closer to you day after day.

Please Guru Maharaj, please keep on blessing me, so that one day I may become that devotee that you expect me to be. This is the only desire that I have left in this life.

Your ever-grateful servant,
Bhagavati Devi Dasi



Bhaja Govindam Dasa

Hare Krsna dear Kadamba Kanana Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to param Guru, Jayadvaita Maharaj. All glories to your divine and intimate involvement in the lives of all of your disciples and well-wishers.

On this Vyasa-puja day of yours, I endeavour to be absorbed in your divine personal mood which is packed with love for all living entities you came and continue to come in contact with.

By your mercy, I have had the good fortune of being in close contact with some of your very dear disciples over the past year. Through this association, I am able to appreciate more and more how you always went above and beyond the call of duty as a guru, to be an intimate friend, a caring father and a loving spiritual companion. You never let your position as a san-yasi, a guru or a manager get in the way of your position of being an instrument of Krsna's love. For you, Krsna is a person to love, living means to be of service, and the heart is to melt for Krsna and his devotees.

Your life perfectly exemplifies this understanding.

Whenever you sing to glorify the Lordships, one who is tuned in can immediately pick up on your deep absorption in the holy names. Wherever you traversed in the world, you always sought the next opportunity to serve. Whomever you met, your compassion and love penetrated their heart, inspiring them to connect and reciprocate.

Over the past year, by your arrangement, I have been able to teach multiple courses for the School of Bhakti, including the Srimad Bhagavatam from this January, and also had a chance to preach in New York Centre in Brooklyn. Beyond being a teacher in the sessions, I am trying to connect as a human, become friends like an equal, and express love by following in your footsteps. If I am able to represent even a fraction of yourself as an instrument of Krsna's love, I will consider my teaching a success. But I am greedy Maharaj. I am not satisfied with just doing a little, I want to do a lot more. You wanted a few lions and I want to be one of them. A lion who roars loudly and supports the revolution that Krsna consciousness is meant to be.

It is only by your desire and help that I can develop the humility, purity and compassion of a devotee to do this. I'm lacking, I am falling short, and I am slipping again and again. But I have faith that your hand is there to hold me and help me to get back up and fight again. And I'm



confident that you're sending me the right help to assist me through that journey.

Please Maharaj, keep showering your blessings upon me, and all of your disciples and well-wishers. Put in a word for us to your dear sweet Krsna, to make us exemplary instruments of his love.

Wishing you a very happy Vyasa-puja day, as you are situated in your eternal service to the divine couple.

Your servant,
Bhaja Govindam Dasa

Bhakta Vijay

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami,

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

You have been in my life even before I was born and your presence was in a special way always around me. Even when I was a small kid you gave me a lot of mercy (for example you allowed me to help you in the worship of your Giriraj Sila) and you showed me more deeply what is love in Krsna consciousness. Since then your kirtans and personal association gave me strength and confidence in bad times. The last time I saw you was in Vrindavan during your last Kartik you let me serve you together with Jagannath Suta and Nitai Pada Kamala. That was an experience I would never forget.

Thank you for letting me be a part of your association and giving me your mercy by instructing me about the importance of cow protection and my future role in it.

Your servant,
Bhakta Vijay



Bhaktilata Devi Dasi

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Finally my mind has to take defeat. I think I heard it from Keshava Swami: What is more beautiful: Sun rise or sun set? In a vaishnava's life it is supposed to be sun set. But my heard revolted. It took me nearly two years to come to a point of a small yes. Now it's there. I can see how the rays of your sunshine-like love and care for us disciples is even more beautiful as you moved on and took another service. It gave and continues to give me a glimpse of your greatness, which I could not see before. You in form of the sun where to close to me, it blinded my vision and enchanted my heard.

Thank you for that. I think it was exactly what I needed to get hooked. Now- after your physical disappearance I feel like I can see you more clear. All the service you have done, the life's of devotees you touched and the hardships you underwent to serve your spiritual master and the devotees.

I am deeply grateful that by your mercy I still chant. I was anxious if, after giving birth, I would still be able to do so. And yes, by your mercy I can. Not the best and, most focused rounds-still, I am chanting. As I recently heard: the goal of chanting is to chant more.

Please show us the way. Please engage me in your service in whatever way possible. Please let me serve the vaishnavas, and let me touch other people's life with the love and care you have given. Please let me continue to clear my vision of you and help me to develop a meaningful connection in service to you.

Your spiritual daughter,

Bhaktilata Devi Dasi



Bhaktin Laura Messina

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

Dear Kadamba Kanana Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Another year has passed. We all miss you like the first day, the entire world is missing you, your teachings, your energy and your kirtans.

Here I renew my vows in Kṛṣṇa consciousness, my vows to serve you. I promised myself to be present every year in Amsterdam to participate at the great harinama sankirtana that you started long time ago on Kingsday, and that you wished your god family would continue. I can feel you there and I can feel that you are forever present.

Through this past year I came in touch with your god family: I shared moments, festivals, emotions, and the desire to continue your mission and projects; they gifted me with the greatest treasure: devotional service to you, that is their kindness, I will never be enough grateful to them:

Every time I see your blue eyes, I see the ocean of mercy of Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu.

Every time I see you dancing in kirtans, I see the unfailing energy of Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu moving like a flame.

Every time I see your smile, I see the sweetness of love between Radha and Kṛṣṇa.

Every time I hear you singing, I see a lion like Narasimhadeva.

You have all the transcendental qualities.

Oh, Kṛṣṇa gave us the brightest diamond. How can I repay all this energy and inspiration that you give me? It's impossible.

Your words became my life and soul, a guiding light. Now I live in a world of separation, yet



they are my hope, my consolation.

Separation is the highest form of love you told us, like Krsna and the gopis, but I still miss you dear Maharaj, like a song without sound. I am begging some mercy from the vaishnavas to remain inspired and continue my devotional service, with the book distribution and any other service, in this way I can connect with you as an aspirant disciple.

If by Krsna's mercy I will find shelter in a spiritual master as a diksa guru you will have always a special place in my heart. Acaryas say that vaishnavas never die, they die to live: but with this truth, my heart still cries – will I be able to see you again? In your instructions, your presence still remain strong. A father's love is eternal, balm for my pain. Oh, if I only could develop a one percent of your love of god, what a miracle that would be.

Dear Kadamba Kanana Maharaj, my cherished wish is to meet you again, please allow me to stay at your lotus feet.

Your eternal servant,
Bhaktin Laura Messina

Bharata Dasa

Hare Krsna,

Aanvaard alstublieft mijn nederige eerbetuigingen,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

De zon kwam op ,zat op het balkon,wilde U, Maharaj vanalles vertellen ,de graag wilde ik U iets warms geven recht uit mijn hart ,nam de gitaar en zong voor U de maha mantra en zond die via WhatsApp naar U door, Uw reaktie verwarmde mijn hart, voelde als een omhelzing, een eeuwige melodie, dank je wel Gurudeva Kadamba Kanana Swami.

tot dan,
Bharata Dasa



Bhargava, Shobhamayi & Tadiya Seva

Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept our humble pranams. All glories to your divine lotus feet.

We miss you Guru Maharaj every single day. It is hard to believe you are not here. That is because you are still here, in a way that matters most. You are our north star, our guiding light. Your kirtans and lectures grow ever fresh every day.

Listening to them makes us feel you are before us. Thank you for these divine gifts. Thank you for bestowing your mercy. Thank you for the wonderful soul that you are. Sorry for all our shortfalls, in our service, in our mood, and for being fallen, unworthy souls. Thank you Krsna for giving us Guru Maharaj.

For your pleasure we started a monthly Food for Life, books and harinaam distribution in a local township called Diepslott close to our house in January 2024. In this time we have distributed 9000 plates of prasadam, 600 of Prabhupada's books and over 100 school accessories to the kids in Diespoot.

We pray that we can continue the spirit of devotion and spreading the holy name in your service mood and dedication, to every town and village. We pray for your presence in our services so that we can bring great joy to the movement.

We love you dearly.

Your fallen servants,

Bhargava, Shobhamayi & Tadiya Seva

Bharuni Devi Dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana svāmin iti nāmine



nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
 guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine
 nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
 śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

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

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
 All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
 All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Maharaj, there are so many things to thank you.

Almost 3 years ago you gave me a shelter in your lotus feet and a new impressive world emerged in front of me. It is such a pleasure to be a pujari and to have the possibility to serve to our beloved Sri Sri Jagannath, Baladeva and Subhadra Devi, Sri Sri Gaura Nitai and Sri Sadbhuja Mahaprabhu. It cannot be compared to anything I have done in my life.

Maharaj, I also would like to thank you about the great example you are giving to us. Every time I am facing some difficulties in my spiritual path, I am remembering about your strong faith, strength, enthusiasm and energy. And I just pick myself up and carry on.

Another thing I am very grateful, Maharaj is that you have created so many nice devotees. Few months ago a senior devotee told me that when the connection between the spiritual master and his disciple is strong, he is speaking through the disciple. Since then I started noticing some of your qualities in my god brothers and sisters. Every one of them has something that reminds me for you. Especially their mood. It is so inspiring and pleasant to serve together with them and to help each other in our spiritual progress.

Thank you for everything you have done for us. We appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts.

Your eternal servant,
 Bharuni Devi Dasi



Carucandi Devi Dasi

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

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

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

All glories to you Guru Maharaj,
All glories to his holiness Srila Jayadvaita Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Dearest Guru Maharaj. On this day of your appearance I would like to offer all obeisances to Srila Prabhupada and our beloved divine couple for introducing me to you and allowing us to cross paths. By their mercy (even though at times not fully appreciated and fathomed) I am aware and somewhat knowledgeable of the pitfalls and miseries of material life. But also simultaneously amazed by Kṛṣṇa's wonders and greatness. This faith is instilled by you.

Guru Maharaj, I can tell you so much about how my life is up and down and how much the struggles increase every day, and how spiritual life is hard sometimes, especially in a place like Soweto but more so without you around. But this is not what today is for, and besides, for as long as I am chanting and have not left the movement, it is not all bad.

The gift you gave me and all of your disciples in your books, lectures and kirtan is what keep us going even though sometimes it feels insufficient. We miss you. We need you. I for one know need to be with you to be complete. At present, I am literally just carrying. There has been many nights when I found myself crying for you and wishing I could just pick up my phone and message you or call you when things get really bad. But then sadly and quickly real-



ize that it is not possible but get solace from your instructions instead. Especially about the importance of chanting and upholding our vows. You used to say: “We have the spiritual world in our bead bag and everything we need is in there.” I hope to truly realize this someday. For now all I know is if I do not chant nothing works. Literally nothing.

Guru Maharaj the other gift you have given me is that of my god family in South Africa and abroad. Those interactions keeps you alive in my life and for that too I am forever grateful. It is hard for everyone I see but their love for you is so addictive that I even when I do not feel like it I cannot help myself but reminisce along with them.

Thank you for Keshava Swami. He’s just spectacular. Ujjvala likes to say he is a gift you gave to all your disciples to soften the blow a bit of your departure and I think he is right. Both Ujjvala and I have taken shelter of his instructions and that of his holiness Parthasarathi Maharaj. From time to time I listen to his holiness Bhakti Rasamrita Maharaj’s lecturers. I like his mood and gentle demeanour.

Anyway, preaching in Soweto still carries on by your mercy even though not so many are enthused since your departure. Ujjvala and I are still trying to remain on the path and in marriage despite all sorts of difficulties. No children yet due to some medical issues but we are hopeful. It is all in Krsna’s hands.

Words can never explain the hole you’ve left in my heart. I am elated every time I see a clip or video of you, or hear your lecture or speak about you, for I know that’s the way to keep you present, until we meet again.

In my journal, I like to plan my day and then later, report in it my Krsna consciousness i.e. chanting, reading, seva and so on and my day but sort of addressing you or sharing with you. In that way I feel I get to share my day and little progress with you. This experiment has made my missing you somewhat bearable.

Guru Maharaj, please bless me on this day and all other days to remain chaste to your lotus feet and teachings. Please continue to inspire me so that I can be a vessel in your legacy, especially in the African communities in South Africa. Kindly petition on my behalf to the Lord to protect and nourish my struggling bhakti and that of my god family and husband.

Your unworthy daughter,
Carucandi Devi Dasi



Citralekha Dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Today marks the third year that we are missing you during the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, a day that celebrates your life, your legacy, your guidance and the way you touched so many people's hearts. Your departure from our physical vision was painful, our hearts cracked. No glue of soothing words of devotees or scripture could heal those intricate wounds. However, you made us strong, you deepened our faith, you are proving to us you are still present with us every day.

Being your disciple feels like being backed up by an enormous energy flow of enthusiasm, strength and mercy. In every kirtan your voice reaches the horizon of my mind, in every sweet breeze I am pulled towards the beautiful Vrindavan which you showed us to, in every conversation your words echo within my heart, on every significant occasion I feel your presence surrounding me, protecting me, sheltering me.

Slowly I begin to realize that your departure was an immense act of mercy. All of a sudden, we had to become mature, we had to take the responsibility of our spiritual lives in our own hands, not relying merely on the mercy, advises and moments of joy we received in your company. We now have an opportunity, and a mission: to continue your legacy, to follow in your footsteps and to meet you on the other side. Since the moment that you left, I feel like I have started to slowly prepare myself for leaving too. My priorities were straightened, the



goal clearer. The realization that life is so temporary and that there is no time to lose to reach that eternal destination by tuning our consciousness on the transcendental frequency, was a matchless gift your departure taught me.

I pray I may always strive to reach that place where every day, every moment is a festival of love by always serving you wholeheartedly in your mission. Once you came into my dream, when I asked you how it was possible that I could meet you there, as you had already left this world, your answer was simple: 'elevation'. I pray I may, too, continuously strive to elevate my consciousness to meet you again very soon.

In your absence I can feel your presence more strongly than before. Now you are not travelling from place to place in the external world, now you are travelling from place to place within my consciousness and heart. I pray that I may never be distracted from your inner guidance, grace and love which is available for each one of us in unlimited amounts. May I always take your hand reaching out to us, pulling us to the spiritual world, where we belong.

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,
May I always serve you with all my heart.

Your unworthy disciple,
Citralekha Dasi

Citta Hari Dasa

Dear beloved Guru Maharaj,

I am only writing this offering because I feel obliged to do so for various reasons. Since you left your body, I have unfortunately had a very difficult time in my life. Remarkably, my whole life has more or less changed completely.

I know that you are always with me and not a day goes by that I don't think of you and draw lessons from our relationship. I miss you immensely and I can not get too caught up in that feeling or I will start crying in heavy pain. I have already lost many loved ones in this life and I know that' is part of it, but I still have not fully come to terms with the separation from you. I do not care what others think and talk about, I have withdrawn a lot and am working on going deep into my meditation on Krsna. It all feels like a fever dream or a strong high at times,



full of mixed feelings of sadness, anger, despair, motivation and ecstasy. I can feel myself making progress. I know that one day, and in this lifetime, I will be of real service to you and our mission. Step by step and following your example. I owe you everything I have and I look forward to seeing you again. I can only hope to please you.

I remain, deeply grateful,

Your servant,
Citta Hari Dasa

Dahani Devi Dasi

Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for gently observing our progress on devotional journey,
and guiding us along the best possible path.
It is challenging, but worth it,
it is difficult, but heartwarming,
filled with melodies of your bhajans,
and showered with petals from your garlands.

You are the divine anchor of our lives;
your lectures and kirtans sustain us,
association of our god family nourishes us,
so we can try to become the best versions of ourselves.

I don't know how you saw
so much beauty and goodness where it is scarce.
Thank you so much for being the change.

Please accept the little things we do,



because you make them great.

Dear Gurudeva,
thank you for your showers of mercy.
All glories to your enthusiasm and persistence.
May we always take shelter in the shade of your tree tops.
All glories to you.

Your servant,
Dahani Devi Dasi

Danakeli Dasi

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All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

We wish you a happy Kṛṣṇa conscious appearance day dear Guru Maharaj.
I would like to thank you dear Guru Maharaj for accepting me as your disciple.

I organised few home programs at home and during a conversation with non-devotees I mostly discuss about Lord Jagannath's pastimes so that they get an opportunity to think of the Supreme Lord. Kṛṣṇa gave me an opportunity to contribute in few charity programs.

I am chanting and reading books. But being in family life I could not spend much time in ser-



vice. Sometimes I feel I am down but after hearing the classes and serving the devotees, I get a lot of energy. You said you will take all your disciples to Goloka, why you have so much affection towards your disciples Guru Maharaj?

Maharaj, you told me once you are never alone. These words gives me lot of strength when I feel lonely in many circumstances being in family life. Please bless me to advance more in the path of bhakti and get more opportunities to serve the devotees.

Please bless us Guru Maharaj.

Your servant,
Danakeli Devi Dasi

Dayalu

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Jay Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to you as you are really surrendered and devoted to serving Srila Prabhupada, Lord Caitanya and Sri Krsna's mission in this world. It is truly inspiring and over and over again reminding us to do the same. Please accept my humble obesiances.

Once you appeared in my dream and you were very enthusiastic. You were singing one of bhajans that is glorifying Lord Caitanya and his qualities. It was some unusual bhajan, we all know it, but I find it hard to remember. You were totally submerged into it, and you were quite free and happy. It was like you were vibrating spiritual energy.

You always had this shakti of spiritual blessings that you carried everywhere you went, because of your utmost surrender to Srila Prabhupada's mission and engaging in the service of Lord Sri Krsna.

But seeing you singing this bhajan and glorifying Lord Caitanya, was something even clearer. It was like this material body was not giving you so much pleasure and you just sang like you always wanted to, to the top of this world and even beyond.

Seeing that you are so happy, finally doing the glorification of Lord Caitanya, his qualities and pastimes was really a joyful sight. This brought emotions of pain, because your physical presence is no longer here, but at the same time a very big ananda.



Hope, that you keep us at your lotus feet till the end of this life and that we rejoice together at the end, so we can help you glorify Lord Caitanya, Lord Sri Krsna and your Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept our service, please bless my wife to become even better devoted and my kid Gourangi that she becomes a good Lord Caitanya's devotee (a harinama sankirtan devotee). Please accept our efforts to be engaged in Srila Prabhupada's and Lord Caitanya's mission.

We opened a side hustle business called "Njami." It is a prasadam baking pancakes, cotton candy and juices business. We distributed around 2,000 pancakes and cotton candy and juices in 10s.

Hope it will bring you pleasure.

Hare Krsna and see you soon.

Your, always be, servant,

Dayalu

(and my family Bhaktin Nana and Gourangi)

Hare Krsna

Devanshi

Dearest Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to your holiness,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Mercy moves mountains - this is what I have learnt since you came into my insignificant life. Your causeless mercy, unending grace, unlimited compassion, fatherly love and inconceivable kindness has touched my heart and soul through and through. You are the ideal example of how to give our life to Kṛṣṇa and become a pure devotee following in the footsteps of Srila Prabhupada. You have so beautifully woven all aspects of Krsna consciousness such as being deep, surrendered and dedicated to being friendly, accepting and all-loving. This makes the entire process so much real, tangible and enjoyable. Thank you Maharaj for everything that you have done and keep doing to inspire lost fallen souls like me who would not have any hope otherwise.



Maharaj, you have made me forever indebted unto your lotus feet. But this debt is so sweet, so nectarian and so blissful. Thank you for giving me your mercy despite my being totally unqualified and unworthy to receive it. As you would like to put it, *I am made of your mercy*. I do not know where I would have ended up if it were not for you to glance upon this fallen soul.

Humbly requesting you to please keep me always under your most loving shelter, engaged in your service faithfully. I have a fickle nature, but I know you can handle it, being the transcendental master manager. Hoping that this life will be of some service to you. Thank you so much for everything Maharaj.

Yours insignificantly,
Devanshi

Devarsi Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

Two years ago, during a class at Balarama Hall in Vrindavan, you spoke about wanting lions as your disciples - disciples who would go out into the world and do extraordinary work for the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, the previous acarya's, and Srila Prabhupada. This statement has stayed with me ever since, and I have often reflected on it. I strive to cultivate and embody the mood you shared.

Last year, I participated in the Winter book distribution marathon 2024, pouring my heart and soul into it, hoping to please you. What I experienced was beyond words. Honestly, continuing this journey without your physical presence has not been easy, but the wisdom and guidance you imparted have been invaluable.

During the marathon, I felt something truly special while distributing books - something I had never experienced before. I now realise this was your close presence, guiding me on book distribution. It



created a synergy in my heart that led to recent realisations: to be brave, to be bold, and to be ready.

Guru Maharaj, your bravery in doing what is right, even when the odds were against you, continues

to inspire me. I remember how you took a bullet to secure the land in Vrindavan - an act that demonstrated the depth of your character. Your example encourages me to stand firm in my own service.

I recall something you once said in the Russian building in Vrindavan: “Whatever is pleasing to Srila Prabhupada, we should do, and whatever is not pleasing to Srila Prabhupada, we should not do.” Though this is easier said than done, I strive to follow your words. The call to service can come at any moment, and being ready means cultivating a heart of surrender and a disciplined mind.

Whatever was asked of you by your spiritual master, you did without hesitation and often with eagerness, even if it wasn’t your natural inclination.

You have been a shining example, attracting countless people to Krsna. Your lectures inspired people to take action, and your kirtans electrified their hearts, making them feel the need for kirtan in their lives. For me, book distribution is not just a mundane task—it is a profound exchange of love and service. During the marathon, I gave my best, and everything I did - both during and outside of that time - became an offering to you. This service strengthened my connection with you. It felt as if you were guiding every interaction I had on the streets, and in a sense, it was the people I met who were teaching me how to be a better person. I realised they were sent by you to help me become a better vaishnava, which is all I have ever wanted. In this way, I felt your blessings, empowering me to serve with humility and enthusiasm.

In conclusion, I realise that the relationship between the spiritual master and disciple is deepened

through book distribution. It is interesting how my life unfolded. The first time I inquired about initiation from you, you spoke about the unique and dynamic exchange between the spiritual master and disciple, which enhances the relationship. Although things did not go as planned, through your

inspiring lectures and books, you have led me back to the path of returning to Godhead.

Though we may be physically far apart, we are united in the service of the Lord.

In this offering, I want to express my deep gratitude and appreciation for all you have done for me. I

strive to live by the words and actions you set as an example. During this Winter book distri-



bution marathon, I have tried to follow in your footsteps, seeking to embody your missionary spirit and contribute to the movement of Lord Caitanya and Srila Prabhupada, who spread the teachings of Lord Caitanya far and wide.

Your disciple,
Devarsi Dasa

Dhanudhar Dasa

My dear Gurudeva,

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

As much as I should be more grateful, on the days I do count my blessings, I am overwhelmed. I am so undeserving of this continuous flow of mercy. You carry Lord Caitanya's banner wherever you go and you are His foremost servant. Because of this, you are immensely powerful, carrying boundless love. Though we may all glorify you, we still fall short in doing justice to your glory. You are a hero beyond this world - you are our hero.

My prayer is that your instructions be engraved upon my heart. I pray that I never forget you and that I may faithfully carry out your will.

I know I have travelled lifetimes to be where I am. I am incredibly fortunate to be here, on the receiving end of your mercy. Please keep me close - without you, I will wither quickly.

Your foolish servant,
Dhanudhar Dasa

Dharmaksetra Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Guru Maharaj,



All glories to Param Guru,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

My heartfelt thank you and dandavat pranams for giving me such detailed instructions at my first initiation. I have had a successful 2024 in that I managed to achieve a very large percentage of items you instructed me to do. Our home has been transformed into a Mandir, with many beautiful picture frames, book collections, our loving deities complete our altar.

We hosted two very senior devotees, one of them for a week and the other a disciples program.

I am now able to serve at the Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple in 4 different departments across 3 days every week. Something I look forward to each week. Also, I relish listening to your Srimad Bhagvatham videos and will commence reading as well.

I pray daily to be with you soon in service.

Your servant,
Dharmaksetra Dasa

Dhira Krsna Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

My most humble obeisances.

With your blessings, Gurudeva, I am a Karuna Care Lay Chaplain, and working towards professional Chaplaincy. I am grateful for your advice that I should remain in control of my false ego while serving people in their crisis situations. I have provided hundreds of compassionate listening hours and served scores of devotees in their life crisis or even challenges in devotion. I am grateful to you for endorsing Chaplaincy as my devotional service to which I remain dedicated.

As per your encouragement, I am trying every day to grow out from being just an ordinary devotee. Please bless me so I can make some contribution to Prabhupada's movement and can pay back a little bit.

At times of doubt, I needed your words of assurance, to hear your voice "You are among the fortunate ones." "I have confidence in you." "Be bold." "Rise to the occasion." "Everything is



blessed on the way.” “What a wonderful life you have been given.”

My continuous challenge is not being able to surrender fully. Last year, I retired early to dedicate fully on Chaplaincy; Additionally, I have dedicated my ancestral properties to spreading bhakti in my native country Nepal. This year, I have started to write journals regularly to keep track of my surrendering, I admit, I am not fully surrendered for many reasons including attachment to family, my position and so on. So Gurudeva, I turn to you today for your blessing so I may not hold back now to rise to the occasion.

Wishing to touch your lotus feet.

Most humbly and sincerely.

Your eternal servant,

Dhira Krsna Dasa

Dhirasanta Dasa

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my ananta-koti dandavat pranams at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories unto you.

It has been five years since I have written my last Vyasa-puja offering. Sad to acknowledge, that was also my first offering. It is a huge difficulty for me to write something formal when I so called, “must to.” But this year I feel the very special urge for writing this one.

Living in Sridham Mayapur for the last 1.5 years my spiritual life has reached a breaking point, when I lost faith and confidence in an external and mundane way of practicing Krsna consciousness. After 10 years of practice and 5 years from the point when I got initiated by you, I must admit, that I do not understand a thing about what is bhakti. I was keeping myself extremely busy in doing more and more service, looking for more and opportunities to preach, making more connections with different vaishnavas – but internally I feel like I failed.

I was so busy that I felt that it justifies not writing yet “another Vyasa-puja offering,” Way better is to do, “something practical,” right? All these things have given me very minute experience of happiness. My taste to the holy name has not increased. My taste to study sashtra has not increased. My taste for serving the devotees hasn’t increased. My taste for preaching hasn’t increased.



The only thing that hopefully has developed in my stone-like heart, is saranagati to your lotus feet.

Being constantly situated under the lower modes of material nature I am very reluctant to listen to your divine katha, what to speak of translating your inspiring words into my mother-tongue. In spite of that, in the end of the day there is you whom I approach and who listens to my desperate prayer. That is you being my shelter and inspiration to stay strong, to continue my endeavour in spiritual life, to chant my daily rounds, to stay in Iskcon no matter what comes. That is you, who told me to teach and preach to others and who believed in me and saw that potential, and by whose mercy I keep trying to inspire others to the process of bhakti (even though the only bhakti I have was gained by your grace).

One of the memories which constantly pops up in my mind during last half a year is our first personal contact, when I was all alone in my search for 'truth' – and I saw you as my guide on this path. I approached you on the Czech Summer Camp after the morning class, and sure enough there were lots of devotees who kept you busy all the way through. Nonetheless, you recognized that I was standing there in a crowd and your glance told me, "I see you. I know you're waiting." After I made it to get closer to you and introduce myself and revealed my desire to have a talk, I remember how gently you grabbed my forearm and said, "Yes, we need to find the time." Suddenly all my fears and anxieties disappeared and I felt tranquillity, peace and love that you were sharing with a complete stranger, whom I was to you at that point. That gentle grab of yours is something that still gives me a feeling of that I am someone, who is worth attention in this world. Feeling of protection, care and indifference.

My heart is still stone-like. My faith is still weak. My bhajan has not even started. Rolling at the dust of your feet. I sincerely pray for that you keep giving me your guidance and protection on this path. I have gotten so far only by your divine grace and compassion, so please do not leave me without your mercy.

Help me to always stay a humble servant of your servants. Help me to find my way to Krsna.

An insignificant beggar,
Dhirasanta Dasa



Dhruva Tila Dasa & Narayani Devi Dasi

namo om viṣṇu-pādāya
kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tāle
guru dasa jayadvaita-
svāmin iti nāmine

namo om viṣṇu-pādāya
kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tāle
śrīmate bhaktivedānta
svāmin iti nāmine

namo om viṣṇu-pādāya
kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tāle
śrīmat-kadamba-kānana
-svāminn iti nāmine

gaura-kṛpāmṛtaṁ prāpto
vraje māyāpure'pi yaḥ
prabhupāda-priyo lokam
pāyayaty anivāritam

“Let us offer our respectful obesiānces to **Śrīla** Kadamba Kānana Swami Mahārāja, who is most dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa, having taking shelter of his lotus feet.

Śrīla Kadamba Kānana Swami Mahārāja, **Śrīla** Prabhupāda's dear servant, obtained the nectar of **Śrī** Caitanya Mahāprabhu's mercy in the holy dhāmas of Vṛndāvana and Māyāpura, and ceaselessly enables the people of this world to drink that nectar.”

mūkaṁ karoti vācālaṁ
paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim
yat kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande
śrī gurum dīna-tāraṇam

“I offer my respectful obeisances unto my Spiritual Master, the deliverer of the fallen souls. His mercy turns the dumb into eloquent speakers and enables the lame to cross mountains.”



Dhyana Moolam Guru Murti
Puja Moolam Gurur Padam,
Mantra Moolam Gurur Vakyam,
Moksha Moolam Guru Kripa

(Guru-Gita - Skanda Purana Dialogue between Shiva and Uma Shakti).

Translation: "The Guru's form is the best to meditate upon; the Guru's feet are the best for worship; the Guru's word is the mantra; the Guru's Grace is the root of liberation."

Dear Srila Guru Maharaj,

On the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, we offer our deepest and most sincere gratitude for your divine grace and transcendental teachings.

Your words have not only enriched our understanding of Krsna consciousness but have also profoundly impacted our lives. Your unwavering devotion to Srila Prabhupada and your tireless efforts in spreading the message of love and compassion throughout the world are truly inspiring, even in your physical absence.

Maharaj, your humility, kindness, patience and directness have always been a source of strength and guidance for us. Your mercy allow us to serve the vaishnavas in South Africa, making a little progress, always remembering you.

We are eternally grateful for the opportunity to have learned from you. Your discourses, kirtans, and association have filled our lives with joy and meaning. We know that you are rejoicing and chanting the holy name in ecstasy in Goloka Vrindavan. We miss you dearly.

Please continue to watch over us and our family. We pray for your blessings and mercy.

With heartfelt gratitude and love.

Your servants,

Dhruva Tila Dasa & Narayani Devi Dasi



Dinanatha Dasa

Hare Krsna Dear Maharaj,
Wish you a very happy appearance day Maharaj.

My heartiest wishes to you. Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhu-pada.

Though you are not physically present in this world but the waves of mercy emanating from your lectures and kirtans still uplift me at various times. I am your insignificant disciple still suffering from lot of internal anarthas and fears in my heart.

Despite several limitations within me, somehow my everyday diety worship connects me with Mahaprabhu movement. This was the essence in your last ever zoom session with your disciples. Somehow I have clung onto the last message.

Whenever I fall down due to my anarthas, you have uplifted me through your lectures and I have truly realised the importance of mercy now much better than the previous times. It was only due to the mercy of senior vaishnavas, I was fortunate in getting opportunities to serve them and the joy of doing service continues to be felt in my heart. I was again fortunate to be part of many Dham yatras last year and somehow your physical presence is always felt.

I wondered now and then how an insignificant soul like me can be so fortunate and I can only say thank you Guru Maharaj for coming into my life.

“Death is just a change of service,” Is a key statement in one of your lectures that reverberates in my mind always and especially when I see devotees suffer physically due to disease & ailments but I find inspiration & courage in the way you had lead the life full of service to Krsna and chanting the holy name till the last breath. It’s a scary proposition for me to see my loved ones (especially devotees) facing death but I find strength in one of your last conversations with his holiness Bhakti Vikas Swami Maharaj in Vrindavan.

I will continue to hold your lotus feet Maharaj dearly to gain courage, strength & avoid fear. Please forgive me for all my aparadhas committed knowingly and unknowingly and with your everlasting blessings I strive to be a better devotee than I was last year.

Once again, wishing you a very happy appearance day dear Guru Maharaj.
Your insignificant servant,
Dinanatha Dasa



Diptiman Prema Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj dandavats,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I have little to say this year. With the family responsibilities. I am just hanging in somehow.

My

devotional seva has been intense in the past and so has been my listening, reading and chanting. My quality of chanting has not been great last years, but some way or the other, I finish my rounds.

When I can, preparing for lectures gives me a chance to read and reflect and that also helps my

sadhana. Unfortunately I do not connect with you all the time but for sure, when I offer bhoga to our deities, I do connect with you to serve the Lordships, I wish my connection with you and your lotus feet becomes constant and more personal.

I also wish to do something just for only your pleasure. Please guide me and show me the way.

I pray to you that all I do in devotional life, please purify my offerings and pass on to Srila Prabhupada, Sri Gauranga and Sri Nityananda.

Your servant,

Diptiman Prema Dasa

Divya Gita Devi Dasi

Gurudeva,

Love you always. There was something lacking in my devotion but your blessings were unlimited.

Your servant,

Divya Gita Devi Dasi



Gaura Bhagavan Dasa & Dvarakavasini Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisance on this auspicious occasion of Vyasa-puja 2025. Though one more year has rolled by and we are feeling separation of your physical presence, we feel very fortunate at the same time that a year is added to our spiritual relationship that is eternal. Your soulful kirtans and nectarian bhagavat katha are our boats to cross over this material world.

Your spotless life teaches us how to navigate through all the complexities of this material world and keep attention to remembering Krishna. How beautifully you had summed up all the instructions in one sentence during last Kartik yatra 2022 in Vrindavan, which still resonate in our hearts: “Conquer Krsna through your devotional service.” Your extraordinary preaching work and going extra mile for the service showed us the way how to please Sri Sri Radha Govindji. Your unwavering stability in handling of serious material conditions by focusing all the energy towards ultimate goal to serve Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga has left many life lessons for all of us.

After initiation, during the previous two years, we believed that we know now many aspects of your spiritual life, but that’s untrue. During our last year’s participation in King’s day harinama in Amsterdam as well as in the Vyasa-puja celebration 2024 at Radhadesh temple, we heard from our senior god brothers about your inspirational earlier life. At very young age, you had decided to head towards Vrindavan in search of spiritual realization which reveals your genuinity and a heart of a devotee. Later afterwards, as a great saint from Vrindavan, you had travelled all around the earth tirelessly to preach the message of Bhagavad-gita and lovingly gave the gift of your precious association to each and every one by making yourself available, even in your very busy schedule. In the previous year, with your blessings, we could offer following menial services at the lotus feet of their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Madan Mohan:

- Conducted and finished Ramayana katha for devotee kids
- Took part in Sunday programs, cooking service and harinama at Iskcon Hamburg center
- Attended zoom lectures (Bhagavad-gita and Srimad Bhagavatam) conducted by his grace Sudama Dasa (Duisburg)



In this year, we are aspiring to do following sewa:

- Learn musical instruments to do bhajan kriya
- Study scriptures more deeper through Bhakti sashtri course
- Take more services at the temple such as doing Puja, harinama and preparing garlands for their Lordships.
- Conduct Mahabharat katha for devotee kids.

Without the mercy of Guru there is no way to cross over this infinite ocean of material ne-science. O'Vaisnava Thakur, your heart is overflowing with compassion for fallen living beings, hence kindly bestow upon us good fortune of taking the shelter at the lotus feet of Sri Hari.

Your servants,

Gaura Bhagavan Dasa (Hamburg, Germany)

Dvarakavasini Dasi (Hamburg, Germany)

Gayatri Devi Dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.



Dearest Guru Maharaj,

I feel very humbled to be able to write this Vyasa-puja offering to you as your disciple.

In August 2022, you accepted me as your disciple via Zoom call and such a sweet initiation call with a small pool of devotees who were also receiving initiation from you. I have the recording for my portion of the initiation and it is a cherished memory. My life has changed from that day on and I am forever grateful for your mercy.

I have always been drawn to your kirtan and lectures. I have relished and continue to relish the recordings of your Zoom calls with disciples, unlimited recordings of your lectures, YouTube kirtans and so much more. This gift is not only cherished for the disciples but also for so many other human beings who have access to these most precious jewels.

I am grateful for the valuable the interactions that I have had with you, so humble and uplifting, you just had a way to connect with your disciples and that connection will forever stay with me.

Thank you Guru Maharaj, may I always be connected to you in the service of Krsna.

With humility and gratitude,

Your servant,

Gayatri Devi Dasi

(New Jersey, USA)

Gita Govinda Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my sincere and humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Reading my favourite prayers of Queen Kunti to Sri Krsna, Kunti being bewildered by Krsna within and without, present and not present and so on. My thoughts today went to your final



book, “Forever Present,” underlining that you will always remain in our hearts and our lives, although having departed from the material world. Following your instructions is the chain which still will connect us in your vani form. And it is not only that. In your final speech you not only promised to remain with us, to guide us, but to also meet us again. Like the promise Krsna made to Arjuna in Bhagavad-gita, verse 18.65, “Always think of Me, become my devotee, worship Me and offer your homage unto Me. Thus you will come to Me without fail. I promise you this because you are my very dear friend.” In your final speech - although we being fallen conditioned souls - you also considered us your very dear friends, waiting for us to meet again.

You tirelessly bestowed your mercy upon us, upon the whole universe consisting of sudras. Prahladha Maharaja prayed for their benefit, Haridas Thakur did the same, out of compassion. But you are also a Haridas Thakur, humility personified. You act in a kind, liberal, sometimes jolly way towards us was just an act of humility, levelling to our, ‘fool number one,’ standard.

Gurudeva, so often you underlined the deeper spiritual meaning of separation. In the Vedic scriptures we read how the love for the gopis increased by separation from Krsna, when Krsna left them. I am not a gopi, so it is difficult for me to relate. But one thing I know and daily experience for sure is that by simply trying do my utmost best to remain in your service, to live your instructions, by your mercy, I come closer and closer to you. Forever Present becomes alive. Translating and at the same time cultivating your book, “Forever Present” In Dutch together with my daughter Kirti Kumari made me realize that seva for the spiritual master in vapu is ecstatic, however in vani the seva can cause a higher level of ecstasy. Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu is the proof, Srimati Radharani as well. Of course we do not have that level but it marks the essence of devotional service in separation.

Gurudeva, despite all that, I still miss your kirtans especially at Kirtan Mela’s, Radhadesh Mel-lows, Kingsday and so on. I miss the mood, leading everyone to the highest stage of ecstasy. I also miss your personal Caitanya Caritamrta classes, the convincing and inspiring mood in which you presented them. You lived the Caitanya Caritamrta. You were a real Caitanya Caritamrta lover - constantly highlighting the importance of mercy, blessings in our spiritual lives. So often you underlined that we will never make it on our own: it is only by the mercy of the vaishnavas.

So following in Srila Prabhupada’s footsteps based on Lord Gauranga’s (unlimited mercy personified) teachings you were not only a carrier of that mercy but you constantly overflowed all of us with that. I do not have enough words to express my gratitude to you. I honestly do not know how to repay you.

Please bless me that I will always remain in your service so that I can make a small contribu-



tion to Srila Prabhupada's mission. Please let me act, speak and think in line with your desires. Thank you for all you did for me and my family. For all you gave us and still are giving us, for guiding us, for who we became only by your mercy.

All glories to you.

Your indebted servant,
Gita Govinda Devi Dasi

Gita Mala Devi Dasi

Dearest Kadamba Kanana Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to your lotus feet.

Thank you for your most useful and informative book, "Forever Present."
The book serves as a guideline for my spiritual journey. I really do feel Maharaj's presence in all the pastime lectures and kirtans that I watch.

As Maharaj mentions in his book that he will watch over his disciples. This makes me so confident and also gives me inspiration for advancing in Krsna consciousness. My second initiation online will always be very special memories of Maharaj. The year 2022 was also beautiful as I went on parikrama with Maharaj and god brothers and sisters. This was my last association with Maharaj in Vrindavan.

Thank you Maharaj for accepting me as your devotee and giving me shelter at your divine Lotus feet.

Your eternal servant,
Gita Mala Devi Dasi
Geeta Bhayroo
(Durban, South Africa)



Gokula Devi Dasi

To my merciful Gurudeva,

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

vancha-kalpatarubhyash ca
kripa-sindhubhya eva ca
patitanam pavanebhyo
vaishnavebhyo namo namaha

My dearest merciful Gurudeva,

There are two most truly happiest days in my life, one being the day I was initiated, and the other day is when I received a phone call from you while you were in Los Angeles. It was like a 'Real star,' had called, and what a star you have been in my life. On that day in an hour long phone call we even spoke in Spanish, so I would like to write this offering in Spanish, wink wink.

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate Kadamba Kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa Jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

Gurudeva, siempre pienso en lo que dijiste acerca de no abandonar nunca la Conciencia de Krishna bajo ninguna circunstancia, y hacer genuinamente y con sinceridad lo que somos fuertes y lo más importante lo que más disfrutamos para que este proceso pueda ser natural y súper personal. Esta es la Misericordia que me has dado mientras lucho sin abandonar este proceso de purificación por medio del servicio al Señor Supremo.

Pero para ser de verdadero servicio al Señor Supremo debo ser de buen servicio a mi Gurudev, te

agradezco por darme la oportunidad de ser de servicio a tu Mision y Legado, es verdaderamente el mejor trabajo de mi vida, gracias. Por favor perdóname por todas las ofensas conoci-



das y desconocidas para mí que he cometido, sé que entiendes que no tengo malas intenciones. Gurudev por favor ayúdame a ser un canal de amor, a perdonar fácilmente y viajar ligero y hacer mi parte en el despertar alegre de las almas dormidas. Por favor, Gurudev, ayúdame a aumentar mi paciencia con los demás devotos y a disminuir mi tendencia a encontrar faltas para que ISCKON pueda ser fuerte. Te pido que continúes dándome la Misericordia para difundir con alegría el Movimiento de San Kirtan en cada ciudad y cada pueblo. Haribol

Tu humilde y alegre sirviente,
Gokula Devi Dasi

Gurudasa

Dearest Gurumaharaja,

I said to you that I bow down to your photo daily. You told me that you do not want my head, you want my heart. We then laughed.

I said to you that I particularly like you as a Guru also because you know what it feels like to not to be a disciple of Prabhupada in Prabhupada's ISKCON. You said something very funny

(I will not repeat) We then laughed.

I said to you after you had chastised me, that I could not breathe. You said "Good I wanted

you to to suffer for a bit"; We then laughed.

I said to you how much prasadam I ate in one evening and you told me that I reminded him of a Dutch cartoon character that had a hollow belly and could continuously keep eating (Hollow bollow or something!). We then laughed.

I said to you I might get earrings and you told me that I already look like a woman and that would not be good idea. We then laughed.

Gurumaharaja, apart from most fun memories, I have wrote down over 70 different instructions that I remember that you have given me within 16 years of having your association. You taught me and instructed me about bhajan, preaching and personal well being. Please bless me to follow these instructions, prioritise them and to be immersed in them to make genuine spiritual advancement.

Please help me, Please:

Help me be humble to even 1 percent of how humble you are

Help me be kind to even 1 percent of how kind you are

Help me be attached to Prabhupada and Krishna to even 1 percent of how attached you are



Help me be helpful in ISKCON to even 1 percent of how helpful you are
 Help me be a Bona fide Disciple to even 1 percent of how you are.
 1 percent would be a massive miracle. Please help me, Please help, Please help me.
 I want to be with you forever. I want to be your servant forever. I would also love to have
 opportunities to have joyful conversations with you.
 Please help me to never take Krishna conscious cheaply. You have warned me previously to
 be mature and to not be like a sahajaya. You have told me to walk the straight and narrow
 and pull up my socks.
 Please bless me so that I can genuinely be qualified to be a little side kick on your side
 ecstatically serving You and serving the Vaishnavas and Krishna.
 “Gouranga!”
 Your servant Gurudasa

Harikanta Devi Dasi

Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances and respects at your lotus feet.
 All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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

Dear Gurudeva, it is true and I acknowledge it as well, ‘less is more.’ This is my meditation, as years come and pass, we accumulate so many things, we share many feelings and we also let go. As we learn to walk towards our commitment, we learn to follow through with our commitment and as we learn to love our commitment, we will find you. We keep trying. Trying every day to remember you, trying to, “Remember Krsna,” in small things, trying. We give love and we remember your kindness, as we cook this master dish of tolerance, humility, patience and calmness, we realize they are merely a reflection of you in us. What is in our hearts we will see in others, you saw love in us, so we can love. You forgive us every single day, so we can forgive. You empower us every moment, so we can empower everyone. Even in the lowest you are the only high. We only need you, to find Krsna, hence less is more, we only follow you and we find Krsna. Simple for the simple.



‘sri-guru karuna-sindhu,

dhama janara bandhu lokanath lokera jivana

Our spiritual master is the ocean of mercy, the friend of the poor, and the lord and master of the devotees.

ha ha prabhu koro doya,

deho more pada-chaya

O master! Be merciful unto me. Give me the shade of your lotus feet.’ (Sri Guru Vandana).

Your humble servant,

Harikanta Devi Dasi

Harsarani Devi Dasi

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namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe

nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

mūkaṁ karoti vācālaṁ

paṇḍuṁ laṅghayate girim

yat-kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande

śrī-gurum dīna-tāraṇam

By the mercy of the *guru*, even a dumb man can become the greatest orator, and even a lame man can cross mountains. (Cc *Madhya-līla*, 17.80).

Hare Kṛṣṇa dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisance.



All glories to you,
All glories to Srila Jayadvaita,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

The Vyasa-puja is a time for me to reflect on my relationship with you and to glorify you and all that you do.

Thank you for being present within my life. You have made a huge impact on me. Words cannot express on how much gratitude and affection that I have for you. You are my mother, father, best friend and my spiritual guide. I was at loss when your physical presence was no longer in this material world. I still miss your physical presence terribly and have been pining for you daily.

I am writing this offering to you. Although to be honest my whole life is an offering to you. All the services that I am trying to do are on your behalf. The guruvastakam prayers imbibes the qualities and activities of a spiritual master and describes how he engages his disciples in devotional service so that the disciple assists him. You have displayed all the qualities within the guruvastakam prayers. Your kirtans and lectures are all surcharged with so much spiritual energy and electrifying. There is so much taste emanating from them.

Your instructions is my way of connecting with you and the Kadamba Kanana Swami blog is the spiritual comfort blanket which helps to guide us all on the path closer to Lord Krsna. You have changed so many peoples' lives. You remind me of Vrindavan and how to embody the mood of servitorship by being the servant of the servant of the servant.

On countless times you have emphasised on how we should fill our life with service so that we do not have any time for the material energy. And if we ever were to have any conflicts with others then your advice would be to focus on their good qualities in order for us to eradicate any negative feelings about them.

Without your physical presence my relationship with you feels internalised and stronger. I can feel your presence within my life and how you are guiding and helping me to progress in devotional service. But at the same time I am also missing you a lot and have been crying a lot too. You are my gardener since you are the one who is guiding me and removing the weeds and planting more seeds of bhakti within my heart in order for them to fructify and grow into creepers of love for Lord Krsna, his associates and the vaishnavas. You are the one who is giving me the taste within spiritual life. Even at times devotees are not coming forward to help with door to door book distribution and I am left by myself to do it, still it is you who keeps me enlivened and enthusiastic to continue with distributing books and to not give up simply by giving the instruction of 'do something for Srila Prabhupada.'



You are a perfect example of a pure devotee. You are the perfect guide who steered me away from darkness. You are my lighthouse which is always shining with the shining lamp of knowledge and thus eradicating the path of darkness. The very last time I spoke with you in United Kingdom you said out of the blue during the conversation that: "I am your anchor." This is so true. It is you who is keeping me steady within my services.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you day by day. Thank you for empowering me to do my best in improving on the qualities within the services, and refining them, and so on through your instructions.

Your eternal servant of the servant of the servant,
Harsarani Devi Dasi

Hemanta Lila Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

You are the most merciful and you have blessed me with your association. You have given me the opportunity to serve you, which is the best service anyone could get. You have guided me into my spiritual life, so I can approach it with a river of enthusiasm.

I will be forever grateful to you for all the things you have done for me, and now it is time for me to give my all to you. You have thought me how to be a better devotee; how to treat others and how to serve the Lord. You have been the light of knowledge for me in the darkness of ignorance. When you enter a room you fill it with bliss and enthusiasm, and never ending ecstasy.

I am still a little girl, not very intelligent in spiritual matters and I cannot glorify you properly, just like Dhruva Maharaj was speechless in front of the Lord. So by your mercy please bless me and inspire me, so that I can glorify you, your character, your activities, your mercy and all you have done for me and the world, in the service of Srila Prabhupada, exuberantly. Until then I remain a little girl in an ocean of dangerous crocodiles and sharks. Please lift me up.

Your eternal servant,
Hemanta Lila Devi Dasi



Induprabha Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, I offer my heartfelt gratitude for your boundless love, guidance, and compassion. Guru Maharaj, your instruction to read Srimad Bhagavatam daily has transformed my spiritual life. Immersing myself in Srimad Bhagavatam has become a source of unparalleled joy and inspiration. Not only do I relish reading it personally, but I also share this sacred journey with others through a weekly reading group where we discuss verses and realizations.

The benefits of reading Srila Prabhupada's Bhagavatam, along with the association of sincere devotees, have inspired me to embrace devotional service with greater sincerity. I am blessed to assist devotees at the temple, give Bhagavad Gita classes weekly, and continue to study and share Krsna's teachings.

Guru Maharaj, I am forever indebted to you for taking me as your disciple, for your gift of initiation and the Gayatri Mantra, and for your wonderful, practical instructions. Your sweet and generous nature continues to guide me, not only in my devotional practice but also in every aspect of my spiritual advancement.

Thank you, Guru Maharaj, for your compassion, your encouragement, and your ever-present care for all of us. Your life and teachings are a perfect example of how to serve Srila Prabhupada and Krsna with love and devotion.

With all my love and gratitude.

Your servant always,
Induprabha Devi Dasi



Isvara Puri Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Another year has passed. A year in which I tried to be serious about serious things. In a previous letter to you I had promised to be one of those 10% devotees who do 90% of the work. I continue to try to fulfil this promise despite the difficulties I face. I would like to thank you for your example and for the causeless mercy you have showered upon me.

Hare Krsna.

Your humble servant,

Isvara Puri Dasa

Jagannatha Vallabha Dasa

Hare Krsna Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I consider myself fortunate that I could sit here again to write down my appreciation and gratitude

on your auspicious appearance day. I miss you not being here, I miss looking forward to your next visit or us planning to visit you, I miss your thundering kirtans, I miss your witty humour and your deep wisdom but above all I really miss your company.

Although you are not here in a physical form, I feel that your presence is ever so strong. When I am

listening to your lectures or talks every word is just radiating with your spiritual strength and deep

knowledge, seasoned with your amusing stories, and challenges you have been through.



Those drops of jewels you always shared with us are my motivational fuels to keep going forward and look ahead to carry on with your instructions, desires, and legacy but overall to serve Srila Prabhupada's mission which was your topmost priority.

There is not a day that passes where I do not miss you or think of you but I know that you always find a way to be around when you needed the most. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you have done for us and for your continuous guidance dearest Gurudeva.

I beg to remain your humble servant,
Jagannatha Vallabha Dasa

Jamadagni Dasa

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Gurudeva,

Happy Vyasa-puja 2025.

It's been 2 years since you have left this planet. But since then you have taken residence into our hearts. Your instructions are always echoing in my heart. I pray that I follow them to the best of my abilities. I do realise that I am fallen sometimes I can fall short. I promise I will improve.

I have been serving the new Hare Krishna Temple in Burbank. The temple has completed two years. We have come a long way. The congregation is growing. So many new people are joining and chanting. More and more festivals are happening. Bigger and better. Srila Prabhupada's family is growing. I am very thankful to you Gurudeva, as I do realise that your blessings are always with us. Right from the very start. When no one supported us. You came out of your way to support us and shared a message which instilled enthusiasm in team at Burbank temple. Giving us belief that we are on the right path.

And now our grandfather Jayadvaita Maharaj has come all the way to support us Burbank.



Even with his age and health condition. He has come out of your love for us. He really cares about us disciples and considers them as his own children. He really love us and gives us right advice.

I also had association of dear god brothers such as Harinamananda, Jagannath Suta and your dearest Nitai. They all remind me of you and your love for your disciples. You have sent them to share your love with me.

Gurudeva, wherever you are, I am sending my love to you. I pray that I become strong to follow your instructions completely and surrender myself to them. Please give me your blessings

Your mercy case,
Jamadagni Dasa
(Germany)

Janaki Kumari Devi Dasi

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Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami. All glories to Srila Prabhupada

I offer my humble obeisances unto you Gurudeva, on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.



Dear Gurudeva,

I remember how you described our relationship as “The lovely Zoom relationship.” This was because I had only ever associated with you online and had never taken darshan of you in person. I also remember feeling quite grieved by this because I had made plans to visit you in Vrindavan on your parikrama, but had not due to some difficulties. I felt so bad that I wouldn’t be able to see you. And in the midst of all this mental struggle and separation, you Gurudeva, reassured me by explaining how the relationship between a Guru and the disciple is not dependent on the vapu, the physical presence of the Guru, but the vani, his instructions, teachings and transcendental words. Even after this however, you would go out of your busy schedule with weekly lectures going on, house programs, and your famous intensely populated Vrindavan parikrama, still making time to give me your personal association online, all because my twelve year old self at the time simply could *not* grasp the concept of the Gurus relationship being independent of his physical presence.

Reflecting upon this now, I come to recognise how you are so thoughtful in nature Gurudeva, thoughtful of others, and act on your natural desire to help others through giving them what you know is best. I find this so inspiring Gurudeva because it showcases your selflessness and your constant desire for service.

You always told me that you want me to become a thoughtful person. And as much as I know I can never live up to your expectations, being the fallen soul that I am, I am very grateful. Grateful because I have you Gurudeva as my perfect example and guide.

Dear Gurudeva, I feel so useless simply elaborating on just a few of your qualities, so useless because no matter how much effort I can ever put into elaborating, I will never *ever* be able to truly emphasise who you are, or how much you have contributed to this movement and everyone’s lives.

I remember talking to one of my school teachers about you, who had just moved from South Africa. She didn’t know you personally, but she had so much respect for what you introduced as the Soweto Ratha-yatra. She continued to describe how she heard that the devotees in the small temple centre in Soweto would dance in front of the television screens displaying videos of previous Ratha-yatra events, from other parts of the world because of the lack of resources and funds.

Gurudeva, you yourself mentioned in multiple lectures that, when seeing this with your own eyes, you immediately decided to do something about it. You immediately said, “These people, they *must* have their own Ratha-yatra.” You knew that it was the right of everyone to see Lord



Jagannath once a year on the streets and that something simply had to be done.

And this is simply another lila of yours that I appreciate, because Srila Prabhupada always wanted for devotees to be involved with the African community, and you took this instruction to heart and reached out, you then travelled all the way to Soweto, you took in the situation that lay before your eyes and gave the devotees something they always yearned for, and even after that, *you* dear Gurudeva, carried on this as a tradition for the next 17 years.

Dear Gurudeva, by *your* example is it that devotees learn how to serve each other, by *your* example is it that we learn what true kirtan is - a heartfelt and sincere glorification of your beloved Lordships. You are the, 'Kirtan Guru.'

You always emphasise the importance of gaining and distributing mercy.

"Mercy, mercy, mercy." You called out in one of your lectures with your hands in the air. And that is why I pray that I can have a taste of that mercy, have just a small bit of the nectar that you share with the world so devotedly, so that I may never walk away from serving devotees, never walk away from Krsna consciousness, never walk away from you. I pray to become that 'thoughtful and well-rounded vaishnavi' you told me you want me to become, so that I may please you in some way, please Krsna.

Thank you so much Gurudeva for your association, your time and effort, your guidance and care.

From your spiritual daughter,
Janaki Kumari Devi Dasi

Jay Keshava Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I was thinking about what to write. I would like to thank you for your constant support and for the many lectures that you have left us here. Of course not only lectures, but much more,



kirtans, books, the company of the spiritual family and so on.

It is said that a disciple has two ways of associating with the spiritual master. In the form of physical presence and in the form of instructions, vani and vapu. Both are important and if possible, one should use both, but vapu or the physical company of the spiritual master can sometimes be had and sometimes not, therefore from this point of view Vani, the company in the form of instructions of the spiritual master, is more important. Now I am starting to realize this principle more deeply.

If we listen to your lectures, we can have your company constantly and also as Srila Narottama Dasa Thakur says, I desire to purify my consciousness with the words coming from Your lotus mouth, that is part of the process of listening to the words of the spiritual master, which are like nectar and balm for the soul and at the same time, applying what I have heard in practice. To make these instructions our life and soul. This is the safe way of existence here and the guarantee of returning home back to Godhead, to Kṛṣṇa.

I pray at your lotus feet that I may be able to make all these instructions my life and soul. I believe you, it is said that the grace of the spiritual master turns the mute into eloquent speakers and enables the lame to scale mountains.

Your eternally indebted servant,
Jay Keshava Dasa

Jaya Gopal Dasa

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,



All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

I am trying to follow your example and apply your instructions in my spiritual practice. Almost every day I am reading “Nectar of devotion.” You used to say that this is the handbook of bhakti and the practical guide of how to execute devotion service, so I am trying to deepen my understanding of the principles.

Also, one time you said to me, “Always be in the company of the devotees, because they will give you service to Krsna and your life will be perfect.” I am gradually starting to realize this and take every chance I have to be in the association of the devotees.

In spite of the challenges I always try to take shelter in the books or in your kirtans. Maharaj. I still cannot fully express my gratitude to you for the chance you have given me to become your disciple. I hope that, in spite of all the mistakes in my spiritual life, I will be able to satisfy you and justify the trust you have put in me as your disciple.

Your mercy has no limits.

Your servant,
Jaya Gopal Dasa
(Bulgaria)

Jayadeva Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Recently I heard you saying, that we belong to Radharani’s party and I found this very interesting.



We, part of Radharani's party, how's that?

You said, we are followers of Rupa Goswami, who is Rupa Manjari, a servant of Lalita, who is leading Radharani's party.

Wow – I am so insignificant.

But you are giving us access to this path in the lineage of the exalted vaishnavas. You are number 34 and you are fixed on Krsna. This is your gift to us. With all your recorded kirtan and words and with your books you are sharing this quality with us and you're encouraging us to somehow or other stay on this path, to follow the path of the pure souls.

We are pure souls, everyone is, the meat eaters, the animals, the demons, even me. We're just covered and conditioned.

But as for someone who fell into the water and is now drowning, there is no time to lament. A drowning person needs to get out of the water. He's not questioning too much why and how he got into this position, he has to get out of the water. So here we are and we have two choices, drowning in the ocean of material existence or to become free, by the process Srila Prabhupada gave us.

"Chant every day, hear every day, to carve these principles into stone."

Yes I am coming as a beggar dear Guru Maharaj. I am not very qualified and I am facing many obstacles on the path of devotional service. I am a mercy case, but you saved me from material existence and gave me a place in the house of Srila Prabhupada. I owe you everything. Please engage me in the devotional service to your lotus feet.

Your eternal servant,
Jayadeva Dasa



Jayasri Devi Dasi

Dear Gurudeva,

por favor acepte mis reverencias.

Sólo puedo decir que le echamos muchísimo de menos. Siempre le recuerdo, su voz, sus clases, y sus kirtans. El tiempo pasa y su ausencia se nota cada vez más. Pero sigue en nosotros, en las instrucciones. Le hecho mucho de menos querido Gurudeva, gracias siempre por su cariño, y sus enseñanzas.

Con todo mi cariño.

su humilde sirvienta,
Jayasri Devi Dasi

Kasturi Manjari Devi Dasi

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshtaya bhu-tale
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namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine

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

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.



Through this wonderful prayer to the spiritual master, I meditate on you, as the one who has opened my eyes with spiritual knowledge - a knowledge so sublime yet practical, and that is really stunning.

But you not just opened my eyes, you also opened my heart. There was just a tiny little crack in my heart allowing devotion to come inside, but you were able to chisel on that little crack and make it much bigger. Of course, being an insensitive rascal, I still have a tendency to close my heart, hold things and anarthas in there, but nevertheless my heart will never be the same after your loving cardiosurgery.

When in times my devotional heartbeat comes close to zero, you emerge as an emergency angel and do the necessary resuscitation. Yes indeed, in this way, I will never die spiritually, you will always keep providing the right medicine for me. I just need to stay a bit receptive, humble and connected.

After your departure from the visible world, I couldn't really feel a deep connection. I couldn't really relish all the wonderful pictures and inspirational quotes circulating in the disciples' groups. Only when a certain service arose, I started to feel, "Yes, now I can really serve my spiritual master as he has wanted and I will surely gain the connection." I have full faith now that you have sent this opportunity for me to be able to take part in spreading the message of Krsna consciousness, as a servant of your servant. I want to serve a perfect servant of yours and in this way serve the humanity. Then I have hope that you will smile on me, and I will feel this smile as further strength to carry on in this mission.

Please bless me, dear Gurudeva, and stay with me, forever.

Servant of our servants,
Kasturi Manjari Devi Dasi

Kesava Bharati Dasa

Hare Krsna Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.



In the past year I have tried to increase my sadhana by reading more, chanting more, listening more to Srila Prabhupadas classes and going deeper in my Krsna consciousness.

I have been reading Caitanya Caritamrta and it has been so wonderful because Lord Caitanya is showing us personally how to become genuine devotees who are loving and caring to all living entities. I pray that I can apply the lessons taught in Caitanya Caritamrta in my life.

Listening to Srila Prabhupada has given me the strength to practice Krsna consciousness nicely by his mercy. I am not really good at listening or reading but many points made by Srila Prabhupada strike me and get me thinking deeply about how much more I can do to serve all the devotees.

Last year we had many harinams and some were really ecstatic because many guests come over and shared the holy names in the streets of Sandton. I remember you saying that I should invite Rock stars to the harinam and by your mercy it's happening. I pray that I can continue doing this service by your mercy and blessings.

Thank you so much Guru Maharaj for being my spiritual master. I feel your presence daily in my life and I will continue doing my best to please you.

Your humble servant,
Kesava Bharati Dasa

Kirti-kumari Dasi

Hare Krsna my dear Kadamba Kanana Swami

Please accept my heartfelt obeisances.

All glories to your benevolent heart. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj.

Last year, I dedicated myself to assisting my mother in the Dutch translation of your last book, "Forever Present." In that quiet act of devotion, your presence was so near. It was in this deep connection, that I realised the meaning of the title of your book, you are indeed *Forever Present*.

In this service of translation, I found you again, not just your *vani* but also your *vapu*. At



times, the veil of what the limited material eyes perceive, was thinned, and I could see you there right beside me. A cheeky smile gracing your lips, your voice weaving the highest truths into tapestries of the everyday, making the sublime feel as natural as breath. This, I knew, was the mark of your mastery, for you had made these truths your own.

In the translation of one language to another, words often falter, leaving gaps in meaning. So, we reach beyond the literal, grasping for the *spirit* of the piece, the subtle hues of your mood, the very essence of your charisma and presence. It's not just about capturing the words on a page, but about immersing oneself into the language of a self-realised soul, able to convey and instil a message relatable to all classes of men.

Bhakti Charu Swami's words echoed in my heart: "A good teacher is able to explain the topic effortlessly, because he has deeply digested it." A true testament to your deep understanding, I must say. In this regard my Guru Maharaj also said, "Anyone can preach, but not everyone can teach." I have been meditating on this. What is it that distinguishes a teacher from a preacher? Preaching, like a river overflowing its banks, can carry the listener along on a current of words. But teaching is different. It is the patient carving of a channel, the gentle guidance of a stream toward the fertile ground of understanding. Preaching may ignite a fire, but teaching maintains and tends the flame. You taught us all according to our capacity, and you did not stop at 'just sharing', you were there, assessing us, fanning our strengths and making us reflect on our weaknesses. And although we were far from perfect, you made us believe that we are better. You would guide us towards improvement, a key feature of a teacher, yet less central to the role of a preacher. You always made an effort to adapt your methods to the needs of the learner, fostering critical thinking skills in us and encouraging us to ask questions. As a true teacher you were not just delivering information, but you were facilitating our learning process. My dear Kadamba Kanana Swami you are the architect of my devotional learning experiences.

But that is not all. My Guru Maharaj used to emphasise another trait of a teacher, "A teacher knows how to love." You are the personification of this statement. Perhaps that is why I never referred to you as my *siksa guru*, but instead as my friend. You were my teacher and my friend; a relationship characterized by a deep, unconditional love persisting through my endless broken offerings and failures. A love that carried me through and provided me with security and belonging. You helped shape my identity and anchored my understanding of my place in this family of devotees – Prabhupada's family unit. You blessed me with your perspective, and you protected me from pain, pain caused by others and pain caused by my own mind. You were always one step ahead, in sat the needs of my soul and personality.

I pray that the vision you had for me, the hopes you had for me and the faith you had in me



will one day manifest itself in the form of a selfless contribution to the mission of your Lord Caitanya.

Your servant,
Kirti-kumari Dasi

Kisori Radhe Devi Dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

Dearest Guru Maharaj another year as past and I miss your divine physical presence. But your melodious kirtans, transcendental lectures and your sacred books, they help me get through each day and keep me close, at your lotus feet.

Srila Prabhupada mentions in one of his Bhagavad-gita lectures that we are twice born when we accept a guru. Our parents when we are born and then again at initiation. Guru becomes our father and the holy scriptures, our mother. In this way we are always protected. And this is true by your love, kindness, and humility that you have shown us over the years. But more especially, you have first-hand displayed what it is to serve Srila Prabhupada, serving in a mood of love.

Guru Maharaj, you have given us (disciples) everything, but more especially you have connected us to Kṛṣṇa. Guru Maharaj, I seek your mercy for when I lose focus, please help me to keep re-evaluating and re-calibrating myself so I stay focused on this path in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Help me to see that the bad things that happen, which normally come by karma, I can see it as a blessing, and that it is Kṛṣṇa's mercy. Help me to always render devotional service, chant the Lord's holy name and serve the vaishnavas for this will be my protection and keep me close to Lord Kṛṣṇa.

I pray that I never forget my eternal relationship with Kṛṣṇa. I pray I never forget my eternal



relationship with you, Guru Maharaj.

Your insignificant servant,
Kisori Radhe Devi Dasi
(South Africa)

Krishna Chaitanya Dasa

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami,

You remained determined on the path of devotion throughout your life, never hesitating to dedicate all your energy to Bhakti Devi. Whatever you did with your body, whatever thoughts crossed your mind, and whatever words left your lips - everything was dedicated to meaningful service in the glorious sankirtan mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and his foremost representative in modern times, his divine grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada. To have a connection with you is the rarest gift in hundreds of lifetimes. I offer my repeated obeisances at your lotus feet and at the feet of his holiness Jayadvaita Swami, who made this possible.

Although your physical body is no longer present on earth, you remain the hero of our hearts. I am deeply grateful that your words and your disciples still shine as guiding lights in my life. They continue your legacy and give me the opportunity to stay connected. They are my shelter. And only Krsna knows what other tricks you may still play on us to bring us back to Godhead in unexpected ways. After all, you lived in a Dutch body, didn't you?

I pray to you that I may truly take shelter in your words and align my daily activities with them. Yes, there is struggle. Yes, there are moments of weakness. And yes, there are times when I fall short in my duties as your disciple. But I take courage from the Srimad Bhagavatam:

‘O King, one who accepts this process of devotional service to the Supreme Personality of Godhead will never blunder on his path in this world. Even while running with eyes closed, he will never trip or fall. In accordance with the particular nature one has acquired in conditioned life, whatever one does with body, words, mind, senses, intelligence, or purified consciousness, one should offer to the Supreme, thinking, “This is for the pleasure of Lord Nārāyaṇa.”’ (SB 11.2.35-36)



In that spirit, may whatever I do be for your pleasure – even if it is not yet pure. Let me not forget the ultimate goal of human life, *premā pumartho mahān* – to develop love for Krishna and serve the devotees.

Therefore I also pray for the blessing to always seek the company of devotees, whether in need or in service. You always emphasized love and friendship, knowing that genuine relationships among devotees will ultimately uplift and protect us.

Dear devotees, friends and readers, please shower me with your mercy so that I may remain sincere on the devotional path.

Your servant,
Krishna Chaitanya Dasa

Krishnendu Dasa

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya
jñānāñjana-śalākayā
tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you Guru Maharaj,

Recently I was reflecting on the times I first met you in New York. “The city that never sleeps.” So many people rushing in every direction, which creates a pretty passionate atmosphere to say the least. The devotees gather for harinama every day and it is essential to focus on the holy name because just one of the roaming senses can carry away the intelligence in that river of passionate energy. But when you would lead the kirtan it would have a bit of a different effect.

As the kirtan got really rocking then this river of people would almost come to a halt. Stunned in wonder and disbelief in this energy they were experiencing emanating from your desire to chant and inspire others to chant the holy name. To me this was reminiscent of the way that Lord Kṛṣṇa plays his flute causing inanimate things to become animate, and animate things to become inanimate, or stunned with ecstasy.

As the river Yamuna comes to a standstill with its current stuck in whirlpools with hopes to



flood the banks to approach the lotus feet of Lord Kṛṣṇa. Your empowered chanting caused many to follow suit and somehow or other be attracted to Kṛṣṇa in that moment. While some were struck in such a way, the devotees tune in even more, such as all the animals in the forest, giving their full attention to Kṛṣṇa's flute. Being pulled to chant with more and more bhakti, which is just a shadow emanating from you. And the result? Dancing in the kīrtan wildly like the peacocks who rejoice in the sound of Kṛṣṇa's flute. I find myself like the trees who are inactive and inert. Now that you are not physically here I lament on all the missed opportunities I had to serve and connect with you. I am shy and tend to stick to myself. But just like the trees of Vrindavan who spring into action with eagerness to serve Kṛṣṇa you also inspire me to give up my inert nature and become surcharged with the power of the holy name.

I was recently revisiting the Zoom meetings you hosted with your disciples and in one I asked you a question and you told me I could call you sometime to stay connected, which I never did due to my reclusive nature. This is one of many opportunities that I missed and now long for. I am very grateful for all the mercy you have showered upon me. As a conditioned soul it is so easy to forget all the moments that you have blessed me with either directly or indirectly and forget my relationship with you but every time I dive deeper in my desire to connect with and serve you I am reaffirmed that this is the family I want to join.

Coming to Kṛṣṇa consciousness was difficult and filled with tolerance and surrender. I wanted to know god but everything that came with it wasn't so palatable (except the prashadam) different culture, people, temple life, songs in different languages and so on. I put everything I knew to the side and tried to continue one way or another. It wasn't until I stayed with you and the god family in Vrindavan that I felt that this is actually what I want to do, where I want to be. Looking forward to a reunion beyond this material plane. I desire to serve you eternally in whichever way I eagerly can and always be there to back up your kīrtan in anyway possible.

gā gopakair anu-vanaṁ nayator udāra
veṇu-svanaiḥ kala-padais tanu-bhṛtsu sakhyah
aspandanaṁ gati-matām pulakas taruṇām
niryoga-pāśa-kṛta-lakṣaṇayor vicitram

'My dear friends, as Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma pass through the forest with Their cowherd friends, leading Their cows, They carry ropes to bind the cows' rear legs at the time of milking. When Lord Kṛṣṇa plays on His flute, the sweet music causes the moving living entities to become stunned and the nonmoving trees to tremble with ecstasy. These things are certainly very wonderful.' (SB 10.21.19).

Thus far in life I have not really been overly impressed with anyone for such a long time and



trust my own skills, intelligence, strengths. But clearly you have better qualities than me in every way and I have nothing really to offer you except to offer assistance to your mission. And repeatedly you said you weren't so special but Prabhupada is special. Please bless me to be able to serve you, and Prabhupada and the whole parampara.

Your insignificant servant,
Krishnendu Dasa

Krsna Bhumi Dasi

Hare Krsna, beloved Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to your lotus feet. All glories to Jayadvaita Swami. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to all the devotees over the world, who took shelter in Sri Caitanya's mission.

trṇād api su-nīcena
taror iva sahiṣṇunā
amāninā māna-dena
kīrtanīyaḥ sadā hariḥ

Be as humble as the quiet grass,
as enduring as the ancient tree.
Seek not the praise of men,
but honour every soul you see.
With this heart sing the name of Hari – endlessly.

Dear Guru Maharaj, forever present in our hearts. You are the embodiment of the most important

instruction of Caitanya Mahaprabhu. You showed us, what humility means in a healthy and inspirational way. You gave so much to Prabhupada's mission, you gave so much of you to others.

You gave your life and soul, but like the grass, you were so soft and nothing could break you. Even

if sometimes the elephant stood at the top of you. You knew he would not stay forever and after that

you stood tall again for the sake of pleasing Srila Prabhupada, your Gurudeva and Gauranga



and to set an example of what it means to be a saint and even a cool one.

Like the tree you rooted yourself to lift your crown up to transcendence, you spread your loving
arms like branches to give shelter to your disciples and to everyone in your presence. Your
kirtans
and your wisdom were the fruits of this blooming tree. And your mercy were the blooming
flowers
you showered selfless over the world.

By your example you showed us what it means to do the needful, what Krsna expects from us.
You
Did not look for honour for your deeds, even if they were most glorious, but you also did not
hide
because of false humility. You honoured every soul you saw in that way that you gave the feeling of
being seen, of being an important part in this movement, of being good as we are and in the
same
way you gave and still give us direction to pure goodness.

Because of all your glories you fulfilled in your wonderful life and your sincerity in your heart.
You are a perfect example of a perfect man, Krsna gave you a life full of wonders and let you
sing Krsna's name endlessly.

Dear beloved Guru Maharaj, you left a big hole in this world, but your blossoming tree still
remains here connected with our trees through their roots of faith in you and Krsna.

I miss You Maharaj and I am more than grateful to stay in your loving shelter. I am waiting
for
the day to see you again softly smiling and dancing and singing in ecstasy, but till then I will
give
my best to bring my tree also in bloom and spread yours and Gauranga's mercy.

Your beloved daughter and eternal servant,
Krsna Bhumi Dasi



Lila Kamala Devi Dasi

Dear Gurudeva,

I was never good at expressing my feelings by putting them into words but I always had a feeling you know it and that you see right into my heart. I felt we did not need any words to communicate with each other. So many times you just stood in front of me smiling and looking at me not saying anything and me also being silent as from so much respect for you as I could not find a right words to speak. But those short moments felt so long and it felt like we had long deep conversation.

Today when you are not among us physically anymore I am more than sure you knew me so well. So well that I could never hide anything from you. You knew everything just by one look, that, “scan look,” of yours.

I do know you are still here for us and I feel more connected to you than ever before, but even with all that nothing is the same as when you were physically present. I miss you. I guess I need many more rounds and service to Kṛṣṇa and devotees so I get to level of being above this attachment, if ever. But as you would say, “It is what it is.” From this comes my motivation to try to be a better devotee so that you would be proud of me as a father is proud of his child. I hope I will get Lord Kṛṣṇa’s and his devotees’ mercy to carry on my path to bhakti and to being able to remember you only with a smile and not a trace of pain and sadness in my heart.

Your servant,

Lila Kamala

Lilamayi Devi Dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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



Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj, happy Vyasa-puja day to you. Another year goes by without your physical presence within this world yet it still feels like you are always present in my life. I was reading, 'The Nectar of Instruction,' which refers to our spiritual identity. I remember I was thinking about how we spend our life in this material world doing service to Krsna and how much I enjoy those things. So by reading this book it saddened me to know that I would not get the chance again to do the services that I am doing in the material world when it comes to being in the spiritual world as I my spiritual identity there may just be a blade of grass.

When I was thinking about the above, I happen to listen to your class on Srimad Bhagavatam, 3.12.32 where you commented that although we may want the main role in service, Lord Krsna decides what our role is. You said we should just assist other vaishnava's in their service instead. We should dance according to Lord Krsna's will and whatever Lord Krsna wants we should accept. You made me realise that I should not lament about being a blade of grass in the spiritual world as Krsna will arrange everything and it will all be perfect in the end. So therefore I just need to focus on the end goal to make it back. Guru Maharaj you always give me the right instructions at the right time, so how can I forget your nurturing presence in my life.

I recall listening to a class of yours (which was recorded 11 years ago) where you were stated how in the future you would like to slow things down and focus more on writing books. I could see how even though this was your original desire, right to the end you selflessly continued investing so much time in your disciples and in various projects such as New York, that your Guru Maharaj had instructed you to do. Despite having other desires you put this aside to satisfy your guru. By this you lived an example of what it means to dedicate your whole existence in being an instrument to guru and Lord Krsna, and to that I am very grateful. Words cannot describe how fortunate I am to have you as my spiritual master and friend.

Your eternal servant,
Lilamayi Devi Dasi



Locanananda Dasa

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Śrila Prabhupada.

Another year has passed and the stream of mercy from your lotus feet is still flowing and is available for fortunate souls to relish it. One who does not take up this opportunity is certainly a great miser.

Such powerful personalities, great vaishnavas like you are always shining bright with full power regardless where they are. So please let me remain under your divine protection.

By the unlimited mercy of the Supreme Lord Krsna anything can be made possible but I am not doing anything big and that is not even my ambition. My humble request is just to be deeply situated in my eternal position. You know exactly to where I belong and what obstacles I have to overcome, so please continue to guide me on this journey home and help me. I will also give my best not to disappoint you and also do the needful on my part. Thank you for your trust and care and I am already looking forward to join you very soon in most blissful glorification of Lord Krsna by singing his holy names.

With great gratitude.

Your servant,

Locanananda Dasa

Luta Prema Devi Dasi

Sri Guru Maharaj ki jai.

All glories to Guru Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.



I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my dearest spiritual master, his holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami, whose divine mercy and instruction have brought me to the shelter of Krsna's lotus feet. You are my guiding light in the dark world, and by your grace, I have found the path of pure devotion. Please accept my humble offering on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja
dearest Guru Maharaj,

I am eternally indebted to you for the immeasurable mercy you have showered upon me. Your kind heart, boundless patience and profound teachings have shaped my life in ways I could never fully express. Through your guidance, I have learned that true happiness lies not in material pursuits, but in the loving service of Lord Krsna. You have awakened my heart to the eternal truth, and now I know the meaning of real peace and contentment, the peace that comes with surrendering to Krsna.

Your compassion is unparalleled, you have never turned anyone away, always ready to uplift those in need. For this and more I am forever grateful. Your humility is a constant source of inspiration. Despite your vast knowledge and experience, you always remained so down to earth and approachable. You always listened so attentively and never rushed to speak and always offered your wisdom in a way that made me feel heard and loved. Your deep devotion to Lord

Krsna radiated through your every word and action. You lived the teachings of Srila Prabhupada so perfectly that it became clear to me that true leadership in bhakti is not a grand gesture, but in serving others with love and sincerity.

The qualities you exhibited – compassion, tolerance and unwavering faith continue to guide me

daily, and I pray to develop even a fraction of these divine attributes. One teaching that continues to resonate deeply with me is when you spoke about the importance of chanting with attention. I remember you talking about changing our speeds when chanting and going into 5th gear and

missing words of the maha mantra. You said 'the holy name is not just a sound, it's a direct interaction with Lord Krsna. When we chant, Krsna is right there with us'. That simple yet profound statement changed my approach to chanting forever. Before, I often chanted mechanically, but now, every round I chant, I remember that Krsna Himself is present, waiting to engage with me.

You also taught me that bhakti is not just a practice, but a way of life. I strive to apply this teaching by being more mindful in all my actions and seeing every moment as an opportunity to serve Krsna.



Since you have entered my life, everything has changed. My understanding of the world has deepened, and I have come to see the value of every moment in the service of Krsna. There were times of doubt and struggle, but your teachings have always been a source of strength. I have learned to approach challenges with patience, to seek shelter in the holy name and to see every obstacle as an opportunity to purify my heart.

While I am still on this journey, I know that with your guidance and mercy, I can continue progressing on the path to bhakti. Every day, I strive to deepen my sadhana and live more aligned with Krsna's will, and I pray that you will continue to bless me with strength to remain steadfast in my service. Please Guru Maharaj, continue to bless me with your guidance.

I know that I am far from perfect, but I humbly ask you that you continue to watch over me, protect me from distractions and guide me towards Krsna's lotus feet. Your mercy is the only thing that keeps me going. I beg for strength to always remain firm in my practice, to serve with a pure heart and to constantly seek your shelter. Without you, I will be lost in this material world, and without your mercy, I would have no hope of success in devotional service. Please continue to inspire me and guide me with your loving care.

All glories to you, my dearest Guru Maharaj. All glories to Jayadavita Maharaj and all glories to Srila Prabhupada whose mission you so beautifully carry forward.

Your servant,
Luta Prema Devi Dasi

Madhurika Devi Dasi

Dear Gurudeva,

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

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Jayadvaita Swami. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

As I walked around Amsterdam on Kingsday, frustrated that all that was around me was the



smell of liquor, people intoxicated, bars and clubs I lamented. Frustrated that this is what is to be found in the 'civilised world'. But you loved Kingsday. For you, this was a grand opportunity. You saw the silver lining within the dark cloud. You saw these people seeking enjoyment and you knew what to do. You knew what they really needed. So, you made it a mission to give them a festival beyond what they came for. But it was not the crowd of Amsterdam that were the only recipient of your grace. We, your disciples, and friends also benefitted from the transcendental parties. And now you have kindly allowed us to continue your legacy.

Once, when trying to console me a god brother said, "Gurudeva is right here with us. He is there, hidden within the crowd of kirtaneers. You will see soon." I hold on to those words, trusting that whenever and wherever I offer some service, I will see you soon.

You used to say you are made up of mercy. This must be true because it was constantly pouring from you. Gurudeva, you made space for everyone. Our family is so diverse. We almost have 'one of every type' - the deep thinkers, the scholars, the poets, the adventurous, the loud, the calm, the weird and wonderful. Thank you for making space for us all. We may not always see eye to eye but we try our best to be heart to heart. May we go from strength to strength, being what you wanted us to be, collectively and individually.

The last year has brought with it some twists and turns. I find myself thinking about what you would think, how you would react to certain decisions made and steps taken, how would you guide me. The internal dialogue continues. It is easy to offer grand words on this day. But to truly connect with you on a day-to-day basis is an entirely different matter. I am trying Gurudeva. Let my words not simply be a hollow praise.

kṛṣṇa se tomāra, kṛṣṇa dīte pāro, tomāra śakati āche
āmi to' kāṅgāla, 'kṛṣṇa' 'kṛṣṇa' boli', dhāi tava pāche pāche

'Kṛṣṇa is yours. You have the power to give Him to me. I am simply your servant running behind you shouting, "Kṛṣṇa! Kṛṣṇa!"'

My head and heart at your feet.

Your daughter,
Madhurika Devi Dasi



Maha Srnga Dasa

Dear Maharaj,

I miss you very much.

I was always looking forward to your visits to Australia, wherever you travel you bring enormous spiritual enthusiasm, energy and bliss. I still feel connected and am grateful for the on-line lectures, clips, kirtans, god brothers and sisters, books and CD's. As always, I thank you again for giving me the wonderful service of serving their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Gopinatha in such a personal way.

In my last two trips to Vrindavan, I have had the great fortune to have had the association of his holiness Jayadvaita Swami. Wonderful, pleasant person with vast knowledge and insight. I would listen intently to his lectures and his answers were always to the point and gave clear understanding.

I feel comfort knowing that you are serving Krsna and his devotees in the spiritual world, how wonderful.

All glories and thanks to you dear Maharaj.

From your humble and insignificant servant,
Maha Srnga Dasa

Maithili Devi Dasi

My dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

My heart melts when I think of all the mercy that you have given me day in and day out. I am only made out of your mercy and its a painstaking thing for you to do that but yet with your greatest humility you continue to do so.



Although you are not around I still feel your presence in my heart. I still hear the echoes of your sweet kirtan, the echoes of your japa chanting, and the echoes of your amazing classes. You are my dearest Guru Maharaj and you truly mean the world to me.

You have saved this drowning soul that I am, for that I am indebted to you.

I thank you for the clear path that you have put before me, although I find the thorns at times, but still your mercy always awaits me.

On this most auspicious day of yours I pray that you will continue to bless me, give me your guidance. I don't know if I am worthy of it, but I know you are the most compassionate and kind hearted person I have ever met!

Your disciple
Maithili Devi Dasi

Mali Caitanya Dasa

Hare Krsna my dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for all your lectures, kirtans and books which you left for us. I often return to them. Thanks to them I know what you wished we would follow, on your mood. You are an ideal for me how to perform devotional service, how to chant, how to sing, how to be enthusiastic in devotional service. You always push yourself to do maximum for Krsna. I am learning how to push myself to perform good Krsna conscious activities and how to deter from useless and unwanted ones.

I remember when you was on street and led harinam, it was concert. Every listener was drawn into the mood of Lord Caitanya and his holy names. You made the incredible possible. Big Kings Day harinam in Amsterdam was the most amazing experience for me, how people on the street joined harinam, danced and chanted. We all had very good time.



I remember how you said that when we fully surrender to Sri Krsna than wonderful things can start to happen, life will have juice. So I try it. I try to find what it really means to surrender to Sri Krsna. How to do it? How to engage body, mind and speech in service to Sri Krsna? How to inspire myself and others to devotional service? How to carry out the will of Sri Krsna and to please him with every action and thought.

It is my duty to be your perfect disciple till the end of my life so that you can be proud of me. Always appreciate and respect other devotees. To find nectar and blessing. To arrange my life so that I can have time for devotional activities and for preaching and give priority to this.

I wish to give up all my selfish motives and serve you in the way you like. May I never let go of your lotus feet. Thank you for all your amazing legacy. Big thanks to your disciples who keep it alive and distribute it to other peoples. Please, may you never disappear from my mind, may you always be with me and may I can always remember on you.

Your servant,
Mali Caitanya Dasa
(Czech Republic)

Malini Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

It is this time of the year again where I am trying to find words to express my gratitude, admiration and glories for you. As well as make myself aware of how profound the Guru – disciple relationship is.

I have been reflecting on some things I wanted to share with you, knowing it should not be too self-

absorbed but real at the same time. I have written so many offerings before but I realized I have to often told you about the things I want to do and all these shoulds and wants I have



presented before you are slowing knocking at my inner doors and I more and more see that this isn't the most authentic me I can bring in front of you.

I have spent my years wanting a lot of things and always falling down the comparing stairs; as soon as I got in touch with my fears of failure and not being enough I fell again, all the steps downwards, because I just compared myself to what everyone else is doing and how good they are at it. This time I felt I want to present myself more open and honest and reflect more truly on how your words and instructions carry me through my life.

Ever since I am living in Govinda Valley I get to know more about myself and the importance of your guidance. However, I have been struggling to hear you, I have been praying to you and somehow some inner channels are blocked. I cannot hear your advice and guidance as I think I want to hear them and should hear them.

Living in an ashram and community brings out everything you try to hide in public at least that is my realization. It is for my own best and spiritual growth; I am actually very grateful for that. And it is your instruction of, 'doing something extraordinary for Srila Prabhupada,' which again and again made me decide for Govinda Valley and for all it has in store for growth, surrender and connection. I can see how I am guided through all these purificatory processes by your words of 'you just need to survive' or 'you need to be tolerant' which often arise again in my heart and make me then aware that this is you actually answering my prayers.

Your desire for us to serve Srila Prabhupada and by leading us the way by your example has given me my life's direction, already many years ago but I feel just ever since I set foot on the grounds of Govinda Valley I can actually live that life, full in service. Just ever since I came to Australia I feel that my real life in Krsna consciousness has started, with all its' learning curves.

You always spoke about the disciples who take responsibility in service get your attention. I now understand that I actually never really stepped up and committed my full life. It shows your high level of mercy that you accepted me anyway in your family. Now my life is in full service and I started taking up responsibilities. I encounter my fears and hold backs and set-backs and with that I realize that this is what holds me back from Krsna as well.

It took me long to come to see and understand better. I am so aware of how much I have missed out by not stepping up earlier and not asking you the right questions earlier. I am eter-



nally grateful for the memories I have with you in your vapu form. I will deepen my connection with you through your ever inspiring words and realize them through service.

I pray I am always able to be of service and in any way able to please you.

Your servant,
Malini Devi Dasi

Manjubhasini Devi Dasi

Please accept my humble obedience dear Guru Maharaj.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to your lotus feet,
Thank you for being always present.

Thank you for all your instructions, they are so alive when they come to my mind, they are here when I open your book, they appear when I look at your photo, in my daily sadhana or when I have some difficult time, you are here.

You are always here, but still I feel that gap and I missing you everyday

Your humble servant,
Manjubhasini Devi Dasi

Merumala Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj

The past year has been another one in ‘survival mode,’ as you would call it. I went from very limited time last year to now having significantly more, after Lord Krsna intervened after pride had gotten the best of me.

I watched a TED talk called, “The Battle of Your Time,” which broke down a person’s lifetime from the age of 18 to 90 years old. The speaker went on to say that after taking into account



various tasks in our life, we are left with 330 months of 'free time' from the age of 18 but that we currently spend 90% of that remaining time looking at a screen.

It made me realise how easily we let our time slip away in this day and age and that you really taught us how to make the most of what we have before it's too late. I am constantly reminded of your juggling analogy and keeping every aspect of our lives in balance without dropping any. As my family navigates through their spiritual paths, I have tried my best to offer support. I'm still at a loss for words when I get asked challenging questions about our society and how some leaders of yester year are not the heroes that we once painted them to be but somehow we must carry on with our remaining faith.

I am grateful for all the time that I have spent in good association. It is times like these that we use those spiritual savings to get back on track. This year, I pray that you may guide me to be a better person and that at the end of this lifetime, I may look upon it and say that it certainly was time well spent.

śrī-bhagavān uvāca
 kālo 'smi loka-kṣaya-kṛt pravṛddho
 lokān samāhartum iha pravṛttaḥ
 ṛte 'pi tvām na bhaviṣyanti sarve
 ye 'vasthitāḥ praty-anīkeṣu yodhāḥ
 (Bg 11.32)

Yours sincerely,
 Merumala Devi Dasi

Mohini Devi Dasi

Beste Guru Maharaj,

Aanvaard mijn nederige eerbetuigingen alle eer aan Srila Prabhupada.

Guru Maharaj ik weet nog heel goed een paar maanden voor onze initiatie wilde U ons komen bezoeken in mijn huisje in Kerkrade. Helaas door dat mijn partner Bharata dat toen de dag voor dat U ons zou komen bezoeken een hartinfarct kreeg heeft dat niet mogen plaatsvinden.



Nu ben ik heel dankbaar dat U Guru Maharaj toch op een soort van bezoek bent dit jaar en afgelopen jaar in de vorm van een prachtige foto die elk jaar weer bij een andere devotee is huis komt en U Guru Maharaj mag dienen. Mijn dank is groot! Deze foto van U Guru Maharaj leeft en spreekt zo nu en dan zo liefdevol met mijn hart. Als ik het goed heb is deze foto ook genomen op de dag van onze initiatie.

Ik ben U Guru Maharaj voor eeuwig dankbaar Uw discipel te mogen zijn .

Your servant,
Mohini Devi Dasi

Mouli Mouleeswari

Dear Maharaj,

You came into my life and gave me everything I need, like a father. Of course, you are my spiritual father. You are taking care of me in all aspects of my life. You are very much in my life. Like you said in your last message. "I will be there with you in your thick and thin." Life was tough. But, you were there for me. Not only your books, lectures and kirtan inspires me. Like you said, "I am just one prayer away." Your instructions is so practical and protects me from falling down. I am grateful to you. Please empower me to do my insignificant service for the pleasure of Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Krsna.
Mouli

Murari Gupta Dasa

Dearest Gurudeva,

My dearest spiritual father, my guiding light and ocean of mercy, my saviour, my hero, and my most dearest friend.

From the first moment I stepped into the Denver temple, and first hearing the holy names chanted in kirtan in late 2017 after hearing a voice in my head tell me I should go to the Krsna temple, I knew this was it, what I had been looking for. My obsession with kirtan kept



me coming back weekly, even listening to a kirtan by Tauran Caitanya Prabhu every morning while showering and getting ready, completely obsessed. All my mundane music rapidly changed into kirtan or songs about the Lord or his devotees, that I listened to nonstop through headphones riding my bicycle through the city scape of Denver and working out daily at the gym.

During this time, I found Madhava Prabhu. Madhava Prabhu had taken me to another place completely with the depth of meditation, which transitioning from Buddhism, it was resonating with me completely. Then came the day of your first darshan in this body. About 5 or 6 months after first coming around the Denver Temple, I was browsing YouTube watching Madhava Prabhu, when your 2015 Mayapur kirtan Mela day 4 came up. His holiness Sacinandana Swami introduced you, and then you started to speak. Every word leapt from your lips into my heart, and I was so drawn into you. I had never seen anything or heard anything like you, so cool, so confident, speaking as if you really have seen the things you were speaking of Lord Caitanya. So beautifully peculiar. Then you started to sing. The style was so different from anything I had heard at that point. The way you sang from the side of your mouth, your turban, so unique, so cool. I was so oddly drawn to you in every way. The kirtan blew my mind, and even cooler that Madhava Prabhu was playing mrdanga, it all took me away to another place. It was the most beautiful thing I had ever experienced to this point.

After this I looked you up on google and researched you, hoping that you were somehow accessible to me in Colorado, yet at that time it said you were only in Europe, South Africa, and India. I was a bit sad, because I was definitely looking for a guru at this point but simply kept Srila Prabhupada as my guiding light. The really nice thing though, despite not being physically available or accessible, I had a paid Spotify account, to where you had all your albums on, which I would download and listen to nonstop daily, keeping you close to my heart.

Fast forward some time, I had been inspiring for a guru for about a year and was close to initiation when I realized that the person I was aspiring for was not my guru. This was very discouraging for me as I put all my eggs into one basket for lack of a better term and this crushed me completely. There were some inspiring things from him but there were many red flags as well therefore Lord Krsna made it very apparent that that was not my guru.

At this time, I had many services in Denver this is late 2019 and I had been talking to a girl for about a year who lived in Nigeria Africa. An amazing devotee by the name of Sati Devi Dasi, who over the course of the year we drew very close and eventually decided to meet. Though I wasn't looking for a girl it seemed Krsna had arranged the perfect situation even on the other side of the world, which at that time was safe for me because I really wanted to focus on my spiritual life, and a lot of my friends were brahmacaris and so I did my best



to live in such a way prioritizing my spiritual progress and learning. The great thing about the long distance was that we got to know each other and through that our hearts became one. At this time Sati's guru told her to go be with me in America, so following her spiritual master, His holiness Bhakti Dhira Damodara Goswami, she came to America and stayed at the Ravel's house in upstate New York. At this time in Denver, I had a lot of nice services, one which would be cleaning the temple every night and the bathroom, straightening everything up and locking up. Every night I would listen to your playlist. With frustration and tears in my eyes from realizing I somehow wasted an entire year aspiring for someone who I no longer felt was my guru, I stood in front of Srila Prabhupada, with the broom in my hand and sincerely and heartfelt told him please Srila Prabhupada I need a guru. Just that moment Sati had called me. Literally with the broom in one hand and the phone in the other she excitedly asked me if I knew who Kadamba Kanana Swami was? Then she went on before I answered to say that he was going to do kirtan at the Ravels restaurant and would also be staying at the Raval's house where she was staying. I was quite shocked and taken back to early on after finding you on the internet, I made a personal vow if that you ever came to America, I would drop everything and go be in your kirtan.

Obviously after what I just asked Srila Prabhupada, I was completely shocked and in disbelief. I then quickly asked Sati if I could call her back in a minute and hung up the phone. I then got on an app and booked a flight to the neighboring town in upstate New York immediately. I then called her back and asked her if she could ask the Ravels, who at this point I have never met, nor have I ever met Sati in person yet, if I could please stay at their house for about 5 days. Regardless of the answer I knew I must follow my heart and go there to be in your kirtan. I was also planning to fly out and meet Sati at some point, but this was the sign I needed and the extra motivation to do so. At the wonderful mercy of the great devotees, the Ravel family, they had decided to let me stay. Our adventure is about to begin.

Obviously flying out to New York to meet a girl I have been talking to for a year was already kind of scary within itself, but also the reality that I might be meeting my spiritual master had me over the top with nerves. Immediately upon landing at the airport, from the first glance of seeing Sati, all fear had gone away and was replaced by butterflies and rainbows, I knew without doubt, this is who I was meant to be with. We had left the airport and went straight to a Wednesday night Bhagavad-gita class where I led kirtan, our first official hang out. The next night we had planned to ride a bus to The Bhakti Center where Thursday night kirtan as I was told by everybody that was the place to be. So, Thursday we took a bus to Manhattan and got to The Bhakti Center during the last kirtan because we got a little lost in the city, all part of the adventure. The place was packed and magical, the holy names roaring loudly, and the air filled with love and Krsna. Then as people got up to line up for prashadam, I saw you.



We were going towards the altar and Srila Prabhupada to pay obeisances as everyone was heading to the back for prashadam. I saw you sitting on the floor surrounded by devotees relishing in the bliss from the kirtan. I immediately fell to my face in full prostrated obeisances upon seeing you about 15 to 20 feet away. As I was coming up our eyes met for the first time, and you folded your hands to acknowledge me and greet me back. We then took prashadam, and I was so excited by the calibre of devotees I was surrounded with, who at that point I had only seen in lots of kirtan videos on YouTube. I had told Sati that no matter how far I was away from home I was in such awe because I did not feel like a stranger amongst so many new people, and that the energy here was amazing. When we finished prashadam, we then we're going back up to the front to pay obeisances before the long trek back upstate catching the bus before midnight, so we were not stranded. As I was walking up and I saw you again, this time standing talking to somebody I again fell to my face out of respect. As I rose you held your finger up as to tell me to stay for a second while you finished conversing. You then looked at me in a way I had never been looked at before. The look was as if you were waiting for me, looking past my scarred and tattooed skin, as if to say there you are.

"What's your story?" "Was the first words from your lotus lips in a sort of rhetorical sort of way as if you already knew what I was going to say and who I was. I have to say, to that point I had never had anybody completely see past my exterior into who I was and greet me in such a way that they knew me from some other time or place. I know it sounds crazy, but that was exactly my experience. I answered very excitingly and over enthusiastically "I'm bhakta Mark from Denver Colorado and this is my girlfriend, Sati. We are staying at the Ravels, you are staying at the Ravels tomorrow and doing kirtan at the restaurant?" And I continued to rant for a few minutes about my excitement to be there in New York at Thursday night kirtan, and to meet him in person. "Isn't the energy here amazing?" You replied. Sati and I looked at each other and immediately with wide eyes, as literally the last words I said before meeting you was how amazing the energy was. We spoke for another minute or two and then bid each other farewell through the night. After you walked away Sati looked at me and said, "He was calling you here." I said "I know."

The next few days were filled with exciting kirtans with you, serving your disciples, meeting with you privately and sharing my darkest day as you requested, then surrendering to you wholeheartedly and without doubt, taking Tulsi and water from your Giriraj, driving you all around upstate to programs being your kartal player, driving you all the way back to the city hearing you speak wild story's of the olden days in Vrindavan while everyone slept, and ending our time together the 1st day of Kartik after a rocking aarti and beautiful Damodarastakam at Bhakti Center.

You gave me the amazing name Murari Gupta Dasa on your Vyasa-puja, explaining eagerly



you really wanted to give me that name, explaining Murari Gupta is Hanuman, breaking out in an ecstatic pastime of Lord Hanuman singing so beautifully. I made a vow to do kirtan daily the rest of my life health willing. I always felt so special and encouraged by you. You always made me feel special though I am so insignificant. You always gave me praise for my love and doing so much kirtan. You became my strength, as you always were my inspiration.

This may be my last offering to you do to the news I received this morning. I have been struggling for months now with breathing, coughing, and coughing up blood. The phone call was to tell me I have 3rd possibly 4th stage lung cancer. There still is a lot to determine, however lung cancer is a tough one, and not a curable one according to western medicine. 3 years ago, I finished treatment for my throat cancer, to which you were so kind and loving, calling me, and being supportive in everything, even helping me with the decision to go through chemo and radiation.

Knowing you were there really made it easier, especially when they said I could play any Spotify station for my 35-minute daily radiation, I gave them your station. Everyday for 33 days straight I went into the radiation room where they strapped me to a table with a fiberglass mask that looked like something out of a horror film, you were there singing, loudly, my strength, my blanket of protection. Before I came in until after I finished everyday your kirtans would be loudly playing not just for my mercy, but that of about 10 nurses and doctors doing the procedure for 33 days. There would be at least 3 nurses strapping me to the table, and the others behind the glass, who all were hearing your pure chanting, all the while taking me to the spiritual world, and keeping me peaceful and strong. I told you about this towards the end of my treatment, that it was my only way to do harinam, you were so pleased and happy with me for it, which made my radiated heart warm with love.

Then you left the body. Your cancer came fully 5 months into my remission as which most likely was active for a year or two. Watching you leave was hard, knowing some of the pain and struggles you felt, and the helplessness of the situation. You were so transcendental to it all, so focused, without fear. The way you handled it was one of the most beautiful and inspiring things to watch, for every devotee, you showed us how it was done. The night you left (12hours difference), the moment you left I felt a warmth that has never left me, as if to let me know you will always be with me. This warmth pushed me past my pain and fear, doing my best to, "Do something extraordinary for Srila Prabhupada." I did a lot in the past 3 years, I just hope it was enough to make you proud. Also, I have always felt somewhat responsible for your cancer covering your whole body. I was so sinful. A lifetime of sin and living in passion and ignorance, complete demoniac nature, offensive, arrogant. My only comparison would be Jagai and Madhai, to which was who I related to the most except I was low born. You took that sin. You knew I was a lowborn sinful wretch, and you still accepted me, giving me a chance to live, and go home. You knew, and you did it anyways. So much karma you took to



help me become free. I am so sorry Gurudeva that I let myself get so lost and lived so terrible and vile for so many years. I owe you my life, everything. Thank you.

Now I am facing such chaos, and everything is moving so fast with all these tests, decisions, and Sati and I are not having anywhere to go after another 30 radiations and 6 chemo/immunotherapy, so I am trying to arrange and figure all this out before the poison sets in seeking my cancer, all while breathing through a partially collapsed lung. I want to ask that you help carry me now while I am weak. Guide my heart and mind into the decisions that will glorify Krsna the most and be his will. I miss you, now more than ever, but seeing my body no longer belongs to me I will not give up no matter what, I will keep fighting, I promise. For some reason I feel I might beat this, the unbeatable.

With Krsna, nothing is impossible. If I do not make it and leave my body, I very much envision the time I came to Brooklyn after you announced you were leaving and not coming back due to your cancer. I was very sick still, healing from my treatment, 5 months out, I came despite. My very first morning I went to mangala aarti, despite feeling so terrible. I went in the temple room directly to Srila Prabhupada to pay obeisances. As I was slowly and struggling to get up, I looked up and saw your big smile standing there with open arms. As I rose up I went directly into your big loving embrace. I envision this is what will happen if I succumb to the treatment or the cancer. Rise into your ever loving embrace. Either way Gurudeva, I am sure to see you sooner than later. Until then I will do my best to do something extraordinary for you and Srila Prabhupada.

Your most unworthy and fallen disciple and friend,
Murari Gupta Dasa

Nadia Mani Devi Dasi

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Krsna Dear Srila Kadamba Kanana Swami/Guru Maharaj,



Please accept my humble obeisances on to your divine lotus feet.

I am leaving soon from the Netherlands to Sri Vrindavan dham. This because you dear Guru Maharaj, called out to me. That I have to come home to Sri Vrindavan dham.

So I am on my way to India/Bharat, after 17 years. I hope that maybe I will be closer to you dear Guru Maharaj. We All miss you as a spiritual master, a spiritual teacher and a spiritual father. But I know that you are watching over us, your children, as a father does.

I know it will be different at the samadhi of yours. Seeing pictures are different then the reality. To be honest, feeling little nervous. But I will see when get there. Thank you dear Guru Maharaj, for leaving a legacy for us, for stepping into our lives, made us servants of you and Krsna.

Your servant and daughter,
Nadia Mani Devi Dasi
(Netherlands/Leidschendam)

Nadia Prakash Dasa

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you so much for the kindness and for the great chance you gave me. You know what I am going through now. But I promise I will push on with harinam sankirtan no matter what as you told me.

Your servant,
Nadia Prakash Dasa



Naru Gopal Dasa

Hare Krsna, Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisance.
Jaya Srila Prabhupada.

This year I was reading the books of Srila Prabhupada almost every day in the morning and sometimes in the evening also. I am going for sankirtan regularly. I am trying to improve my behaviour and act like a gentleman. I am serving as a pujari in the temple and randomly I was cooking bhoga for the deities. This is my offering for you Guru Maharaj.

Please accept my humble obeisance Maharaj.
Your servant,
Naru Gopal Dasa

Navadvip Candra Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

You are an ocean of inspiration for my devotional service. Recently I came across those words of wisdom from your lotus mouth:

“Give your heart to everyone, even if they don’t give anything back. It hurts sometimes when people are hard-hearted and not responding properly but take that pain with patience and carry on. Somehow, keep on chiseling at stone. Get through that barrier. In the Netherlands, we say that some people have a block of concrete in front of their head. Just chisel right through! Give your heart. That is a Vaishnava - we give our hearts. The heart is involved in being merciful to the conditioned souls. The heart is involved, it is not just, “Yeah, I’m having a great time here with my pakoras and so on ...” No! How can I have my pakoras when people are suffering in the world? How can I sleep when there is still even one person who is caught in the cycle of birth and death? How can I sleep? This is how Krishna feels. Krishna is emotionally involved. He is thinking, “How can I enjoy unlimited pleasure in an ocean of transcendental bliss if there is still one person missing?” Of course, he is enjoying in an ocean of transcendental bliss at every moment but he wants that one person also to be a part of it - that is Krishna. So, if even Krishna is emotionally involved, how can the devotee not be? We are emotionally involved with everyone, not only our own little circle. Open the heart to everyone!” (Cited from Kadamba Kanana Swami blog).



You impress me over and over again with all of your vaishnava qualities. One time you said “My wish is that my disciples will be known as very kind persons.” I trying to follow this instruction and becoming less and less selfish. I really want to do something to make this world a better place and I have strong faith by your mercy that harinam sankirtan movement is the answer. We will try our best to continue with our harinam programs in small villages around Gorenjska area and projects with Yuga-dharma team and temple devotees. I am realizing more and more why you gave me this beautiful name Navadvip Candra Dasa. Navadvip Candra is the greatest shelter of abandoned and fallen...and I am trying to be his servant and embrace his mood. I feel so much joy in serving you, Srila Prabhupada and Gauranga. Thank you million times for this outstanding opportunity.

Always aspiring to be your faithful disciple. Hare Krsna.
Navadvip Candra Dasa

Navina Sundari Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I would like to thank you that you accepted me and made me part of this transcendental movement of Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for the opportunity that I may serve you in this mission. I am thinking a lot on your instructions and from time to time I understand a deeper meaning of them, and somehow I feel closer to them also. The first time when I met you, you sad that Krsna consciousness takes time, it takes years to develop. Looking back for the last few years I have started to understand this, how it goes deep through realizations, through facing my anarthas. I want to follow this path, to be able to do pure devotional service. There is still a lot to do. But I take strength from your instructions day by day. And this brings you close. I know, it is my turn to work on our relationship and I feel that the more devotional service I do the more you are present.
Thank you for your unlimited mercy dear Guru Maharaj.

Your servant,
Navina Sundari Devi Dasi



Nayana Manjari Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dearest god family.

All glories to the lotus feet of our Guru Maharaj Kadamba Kanana Swami I say this in the present tense as I feel our Guru and disciple relationship is eternal and ongoing, there is no separation in this regard.

I say this as I have a stronger bond with Guru Maharaj now and even though he is not here physically, his presence is felt.

Thank you to Radha Raman Prabhu who posted a voice clip of Guru Maharaj's ever electrifying kirtan (one hour and twelve minutes). I saved this and every morning I put this on at a loud volume and I am lost in this beautiful moments of dancing and singing with Guru Maharaj. This for me is the easiest way to connect with Guru Maharaj. Lost in a world of transcendental bliss.

Guru Maharaj used to always say, "Time, place and circumstance." In the past two years I have managed to do several courses offered by Iskcon Chatsworth in Durban. I am sure Guru Maharaj must be proud that I'm making the effort whilst learning so much.

I watch Guru Maharaj's videos and listen to his various kirtans often and I feel my connection with him is increasing. His vani is my strength whenever I feel I am slacking. His kirtans my magic amritam when I feel down.

I feel so blessed for this god family and legacy of Srimati Kadamba Kanana Swami our spiritual pitashri.

Dandavat pranams.

Your servant,
Nayana Manjari Devi Dasi

Nilacala Devi Dasi

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



As you know, a few months before you left this world I had to make some unwelcome adjustments in my life. It has not been easy after all that change but I tried my best to associate with devotees as best I could.

After 2 and a half years, I am back in Cape Town with the hope that I can get inspiration and also be an instrument so as to do something for Kṛṣṇa in Srīla Prabhupada's movement.

I humbly ask for your blessings in these small endeavours.

Your servant,

Nilacala Devi Dasi

(Cape Town, South Africa)

Niskincana Caitanya Dasa

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śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine
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namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

Hare Kṛṣṇa Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srīla Prabhupada.

Time is rolling on. I am missing your association more and more. When I think of my interactions with you, I get more emotional. I know vani is the most important but I cannot wait to see you again too. Often it does not feel fair. You were not that old to have gone already. I feel guilty for not taking as much advantage of your association as I could have. I am trying to please and serve you in whichever way I can. Some days I feel strong and enthused and other days I feel weak. Some of my desires are being fulfilled, some I hope will be and some I accept may not be for my own good. Still due to my lack of purity I cannot always handle the reversals even though I understand it on an intellectual level.

As I continue to practise the process, I find myself having to re-join the movement in my heart. To look at the whole situation with fresh eyes. It is kind of exciting and bizarre at the same



time. What and were I thought I would be has drastically changed. I feel whatever is happening maybe good; maybe I was trying to control the situation too much and got too attached to certain *upadis* that I was identifying with. My constant weakness of lack of willpower and discipline resurface regularly. Thus I often fall short of my goals including hearing more from you.

Nonetheless I am still here and striving to carry on with the mission. Trying to encourage others to take on responsibility for the mission as well as trying to preach in creative ways myself. These days I tend to take on services that play to my strengths so that I can make more impact. I am conscious not to fall prey to a new set of *upadis* in the process. It is evident that some material desires are still rather strong, so I am looking at how to dovetail them as much as possible in the process. Feed my mind and soul in Krsna's service.

I remember when you recommended me to look at certain social/historical documentaries to stimulate my sensibilities, most likely with the aim of using it in Krsna's service. In the midst of whatever I am going through, one thing that I really love is your incredible, heart touching reciprocation. You are always there and you manifest to me in so many wonderful ways. Sometimes in moments of weakness, I feel like letting go of certain services and responsibilities but you always give that sign to keep going, keep the services going and help to develop the *yatra*. As I mentioned last year, the Manor does seem to be going through a period of significant transition. You mentioned that the Manor is a big place and it will take some years to see the gradual evolution but it is certainly taking place. However I do not feel it's as simple a process as 'out with the old and in with the new.' There are tremendous nuances and it's a rigorous exercise in leadership, management and visioning to see how the Manor is steered forward for the future. Everyone who is a part of the Manor family has to play their role for this to be successful. From the 'huge vanaras' to the 'tiny squirrels.'

How valuable your input would be in these circumstances? Maybe you have given the input or are giving it as we speak but I am too dull to notice it just yet. Nonetheless I remain optimistic, despite all my frailties that I will do something worthwhile as per the status of being your disciple in this grand transcendental adventure.

You mentioned in your last message that what we have is the greatest wealth. I seek your empowerment that I can fully utilise this wealth and not become a 'miser'. Please bless me that I can have at least an iota of the determination, energy and creativity that you had and use it totally in Krsna's service, Srila Prabhupada's mission and to please you.

Your insignificant servant,
Niskincana Caitanya Dasa
4th February 2025



Nivedita Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

I pray, that you are happily dancing in the loving pastimes of Lord Caitanya, and that when you look down on us all, your disciples, you are smiling your biggest smile, because in some small way, each of us are following the instructions you left us with.

Thank you for the generous amount of time you afforded me during the 7 years I took shelter of your lotus feet, when I took your physical presence for granted. Now I talk to your picture and listen to your kirtans when I need to motivate myself in my spiritual journey. It's not the same as your physical presence but it does work and I take lots of comfort in that.

Please continue to guide and help Kate, Evan and I as we continue our sojourn in this material world and until we can return to serve your lotus feet again.

Your forever servant,

Nivedita Devi Dasi

Padmanabha Dasa

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

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Last week Sabhapati Prabhu, disciple of Srila Prabhupada left his body in Mayapur. Since then we have been reading his autobiography, 'My life in Krishna Consciousness,' at our evening program at Govinda Valley retreat, where myself and my wife Malini reside.



It made me think about my own life in Krsna consciousness.

Sabhapati Prabhu, 'Sabho' for friends, writes extremely positive about his experiences in the temple from day one. He exudes enthusiasm. I did not know him personally that well, but I believe he was really positive in Krsna consciousness. I am also somewhat positive though I struggle. I want to be always enthusiastic and I am regularly resentful, feel sorry for myself or am jealous of what others do in service. Sabhapati Prabhu practiced straight and straightforward Krsna consciousness. My consciousness is often crooked so my Krsna consciousness is also like that, a bit crooked.

"You're a devotee now," You said in your class, "Up to you if you are a happy devotee or a miserable one, but a devotee you are."

Throughout my life I have struggled feeling happy. Not that I was straight up unhappy or miserable but always a thrill seeker, excitement as much as possible. Unfortunately often of the unhealthy kind. I have addressed this and I can say the tendency remains. 'The embodied soul may be restricted from sense enjoyment, though the taste for sense objects remains,' (Bhagavad-gita, 2.59). This is what I have struggled with throughout my life. The next part of the verse; 'Ceasing such engagements by experiencing a higher taste he is fixed in consciousness' (Bhagavad-gita, 2.60) This does not always work for me because I am not that transcendently situated. So it is very hard if not impossible to refrain from sense enjoyment. That's been my struggle.

Other bizarre ideas like Krsna loves everyone but why would he love me or other versions of not feeling good enough have followed me as well throughout my life. It is amazing how persistent such convictions can be, though they hold no truth in reality whatsoever. Krsna loves us, no matter what. And if we have done service for years which 'mere mortals' seem to appreciate then why wouldn't he appreciate us for it. But like I said such convictions can be very persistent. Chanting enables us to taste the nectar for which we are always anxious. But if our chanting is not focused not much nectar will come. Out of kindness you enable us to easily approach you by your holy names but I am so unfortunate that I have no attraction for them. Me to a tee. But then, there's mercy and there's shelter - thank god.

I thank you for giving me shelter. For taking me in your Kadamba family. For always joking with me and being my friend even. It is amazing. I miss you. I can report that these days I am starting to feel that also I can do this Krsna thing. Also I can chant, get to know Krsna and even feel Krsna's love. Also I can feel happiness and contentment in Krsna's service. Contentment, that's a big one.



You are always a shining example for me of how to do it right.

I will see you when I get there.

Your servant,
Padmanabha Dasa
(Sydney, Australia)

Panca Tattva Dasa

nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate Kadamba Kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

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

You often glorify Srila Prabhupada as the basis of your faith in Kṛṣṇa consciousness, the living example of a person Bhagavata. I have realised that you are the basis of my faith in Srila Prabhupada. Your life is testimony that by giving everything to Lord Caitanya's sankirtan movement, under the direction and shelter of Srila Prabhupada, then perfection can be achieved.

I really feel that I have grown a lot in the last year by the mercy and association of the vaishnavas and we are now engaged in an exciting preaching project in Liverpool. I think you would like it here - the people are very down to earth, intelligent and looking for Kṛṣṇa. However I realise how I often get caught up in the external aspect of the service and forget that everything that I do is an offering to you. More and more it is clear that the reason for so much activity is simply to awaken guru bhakti. I always like to be independent but until I can develop this mood of utter dependence upon your mercy then I will never be a suitable instrument for Lord Caitanya's transcendental movement.

The more I listen to you the more excited I get by the depth of your sashtric realisations. Your understanding of Kṛṣṇa consciousness is so inspiring because of its complete authenticity. Recently I have been trying to make more time for writing and I feel that writing is an integral part of my spiritual growth and service to you. You gave me a very clear instruction, "get a taste for Kṛṣṇa consciousness and share it with others." To do that I must have depth and writing is what allows me to go deep. I pray that I may have some substance in my service to you.



I am reflecting that the majority of my relationship with you has now taken place and developed since your physical departure from the planet. Sometimes I am questioning why the relationship had to take place like this? If I was in charge I would have written the script very differently. Nonetheless you are directly arranging so many things in my current devotional life, you are very active. Therefore it cannot have been by chance that I only got to know you very briefly before your departure. I cannot know your plan but I can see that I am always anxious to meet you, always searching. You will never be found half way along the road. You are someone who always pushes to the extreme. If I want to meet you, to please you, then I cannot hold back.

On this auspicious day, please keep me in the safety of the fire of the sankirtan yajna. I pray that I may become personal in my service to you and become a representative of the kindness that you personified.

Please guide me.

Your eternal servant,

Panca Tattva Dasa

Pandava Arjuna Dasa

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My beloved father,

How can I ever express the depth of my gratitude? Words will always fall short. You are the one who reached out to me when I was drowning in illusion, who saved me from the endless



cycle of material existence, and who showed me the path to my true home. Yet, despite your boundless mercy, I stumble, I fall, again and again. But you never turn away. Instead, you lift me up, you encourage me to continue, to keep striving, no matter how many times I falter. You taught me that my imperfections do not define me - what matters most is my sincere desire to serve. That alone is my hope against hope. Your mercy knows no limits; it is unconditional, and “By the mercy of the guru, even a dumb man can become a great orator, and even a lame man can cross mountains.” (SB 6.7.23). As Lord Brahma advised, one who remembers this truth will find success in life. And so, I cling to your words with all my heart. I do not deserve your kindness, yet you give it freely. Gurudeva, I have nothing—no purity, no abilities, no qualifications, except for my longing to serve you. That is my deepest prayer, my only true purpose.

Of all the places in this world, there is only one where my heart finds complete peace - your sacred samadhi in Vrindavan. There, amidst the holy dust of the dham, I feel your presence most deeply. In that sacred space, my restless mind becomes still, my weary soul finds refuge, and my heart is wrapped in the embrace of your eternal love. There, I remember: I am yours - always yours. I am forever indebted, forever longing to serve you.

My only desire, my only purpose, is to dedicate my life to your mission. If I can offer even the smallest act of devotion at your lotus feet, then my life will have meaning. You gave me everything, so how could I ever repay you? I cannot, but I will never stop trying.

You are my eternal shelter. Without you, where would I be? You gave me life. You gave me everything, even Krsna himself. My only prayer is that I may always remain in your service, and that one day, by your mercy, I may please you.

Your eternally grateful servant of the servant,
Pandava Arjuna Dasa

Paramesvara Dasa

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories you, Jayadvaita Maharaj and to Srila Prabhupada.

I did not write this offering for several years. It was a difficult time. You were right a divorce harms spiritual life and material life also. It was a mess, but somehow I survived it and here I



am. I am sorry only about that, that I lost so many opportunities do service to you and other devotees in the last years. But I am not lamenting. I strongly continue in devotional service. As I met you on the last Janmashtami festival in Radhadesh with you, you told me this: "Do not be sad, I will arrange from the spiritual world that you follow me soon."

I must say your arrangements are amazing dear Guru Maharaj, sometimes funny, sometimes painful, sometimes very wise but always absolute - absolute bringing me back home.

I hope you forgive me and my offenses and my passionate nature.

I pray to serve you soon

Your servant,
Paramesvara Dasa

Priyanshi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

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

All glories to you on this most auspicious 72 nd divine appearance day of yours,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

First of all, thank you so much Guru Maharaj for allowing me to write an offering for you this time

for the Vyasa-puja book. As I sat to write something for your glorification, I am so amazed and filled with excitement that from where to start and where to end? Because your glories are endless and then a line comes to my mind, 'ebe jasa ghusuk tribhuvana; your glories are spread all over the three worlds.'(Guru vandana Prayers).

We were lost in the darkness of this age of kali, but your mercifully rescued the fallen souls; being our ultimate saviour and not only saved but also made the nectar available for us ceaselessly, gaura kripa mrtam praptam, and payayayti anivartam. Undoubtedly, you are a mercy of incarnation or Lord Nityananda and an eternal associate of Lord Caitanya. You are indeed a Prabhupada man.



Your love for Srila Prabhupada is immeasurable, the way you see him as your pre-eminent siksa Guru and make us too see him like that. The way you feel indebted to him. The way you adore him. The way you follow his teachings so purely, and the way you serve him so perfectly is much transcendently sweet and exemplary.

Being a spiritual master and a disciple at the same time, you have taught us how to be a perfect exemplary disciple by your example. You are so much surrendered and dedicated to serve Srila Jayadvaita Swami and so it always attracts me, the love and respect Maharaj shows to you.

You really are so pure Maharaj, and by being a pure devotee you uplifted our consciousness made the process easy for us to follow and be fixed. And so whatever you gave us, whatever you did was so pure. We know, you like adventure and so your each step, each your action was always so heroic in all the aspects, that may it be your projects or your service, may it be the exchange of service as you say. Or surviving the bullet shot, may it be leaving the material home in a detached way or taking sanyasa to deliver the fallen souls. May it be making Soweto Ratha-yatra available for the African devotees mercifully or supervising Srila Prabhupada's Pushpa Samadhi. Or may it be singing like literally roaring in the kirtans for so long hours or boldly taking the devotees for the long kirtan in the Park and so the glories continue but each action was so courageous.

Now if it is about your personal reciprocations with me, I wonder which one to thank for because this makes me so astonished that even after your disappearance, I am still having so many reciprocations you blessed me with. But the biggest reciprocation of my life was to meet you in person, when I was sleeping and was in the mode of ignorance totally, lost in the darkness of material world, you came like the mercy representation of Lord Nityananda with the army of the vaishnavas including his holiness Kavicandra Swami to my place, to wake me with the mercy of Lord Caitanya, when the kirtan entered my ears, literally it was like Jiva Jaago, Jiva Jaago, gaura

candra bole. Practically it was happening! I remember I used to stand at the window of my room in Vrindavan having a desire to meet Krsna some time and somehow or other it was you only who mercifully called me to Vrindavan to give me your personal association into deliver a wonder-



ing soul finally. So you always say like harinam when chanted benefits all the living entities out there, So although I was sleeping but just by hearing the holy name chanted purely from your lotus mouth benefited me and then I could enter into Krsna consciousness.

By your merciful arrangement from that window only, my mother and sister took your darshan and they captured a video of you in our phone and I was so amazed and completely shocked that when on this very recent Guru Prunima, after 7 years I came across the video again and I just saw a sage with Pink-saffron brajwasi turban, sannyasa vesh, black sandals; padukas my favourite and with so many devotees of Lord Caitanya, you were leading in front boldly like roaring on the streets spreading the holynam and the moment I heard that 11 sec video I froze. But all this was by yours merciful divine arrangements and it was really more than any imagination or a fairytale in my life that what can I just name it and your disciples says, no fairy tale exist in real life till the time you meet Kadamba Kanana Swami.

Oh just how merciful can be a spiritual master or how loving can be a father, who's mercy knows no limits or in who's dictionary impossible word does not exist. So from that very time till I started getting your health updates, I did not sadly know much about you but as you say our connection is eternal I kept listening to your pure heart transforming kirtans unknowingly and from that time we met to this very time even after your disappearance you kept looking up to my shoulder guiding me as being a Guru caring like a father, making arrangements for me, making me feel your presence somehow, whether it be like with a sign of black butterfly flying in front of me when I remember you or need your help, coming in my dreams, through the books and lectures mainly through the god family, devotees or sending a mentor like his grace Partha Sarathi Prabhu in my life. You helped me to make a connection with you and practically with Srila Prabhupada also. So all the things happening in my life through your mercy they just again connects to one point that when you came to bless me with the bhakti lata bija. It was you who mercifully joined us to the parampara, with your purity you attracted us to the philosophy and gave us the pure Krsna consciousness also by making the things easy for us to practice.

Your service to Srila Prabhupada was so perfect and filled with humility and dedication and it can also be seen how beautifully you supervised in the making of Srila Prabhupada's Pushpa



Samadhi, when daily I take darshans of the samadhi mandir, it fills my heart with so much inspiration, awe and reverence. You were always so exemplary in all your sadhana and services your love for Caitanya Caritamrta is so beautiful and always so much wonderful to see. Each time you mercifully made us know about the never ending glories and the mercy of Lord Caitanya on which the whole movement depends. We came to know about the hopeful mercy factor from you which was so optimistic for us, you are the source of that mercy who make everything available for us.

Your humour works as a therapy for us and it attracts us towards the philosophy. Your lectures are glorious, you say hearing change our perspective, so when I started hearing from you it helped me to understand the philosophy deeply and rightly. Also to invest my faith in a right place that is in the Supreme Personality of Godhead and develop it. Really in many things the lectures were a big help for me. You made us rightly and naturally Krsna conscious by uncovering the layer and discovering our real self as the servants of Krsna.

You preserved the standards set by Srila Prabhupada always so perfectly and boldly and that's how also you are the most bona fide spiritual master. Being my merciful spiritual father and a siksha Guru you also guided me towards the shelter of a diksha Guru, senior authority, his holiness Sacinandana Swami. And that is how it is like a siksha guru guide towards diksha guru and you did that.

Your kirtans are full of ecstasy with so much purity, attention, love and melodious tunes happiness, high spiritual energy, vibrant, and so much opulent. No matter how much I try to explain it with words still it always remains so intimate and something so miraculous.

You are the transcendental manager of Srila Prabhupada who with the divine arrangements made everything possible for us. You always supported me each time, when I was in need of your mercy and guidance you were there. After your disappearance I needed something to rely upon for some help to serve you, you knew that I was in need of a healthy association, a community and a connection so you kindly blessed me with a beautiful and supportive god family. And so this is how you are our saviour in all the aspects. You were, are and will be forever present in our



lives. Caku dano dilo jei janme janme prabhu sei - my Guru Maharaj, you are my master birth after birth. You are my Guru Maharaj, and siksha Guru also.

I am an insignificant fool but by your kind mercy I can still go on writing and still your glories will remain limitless and endless.

Maharaj, I am so much thankful for that each and everything you did for us. I am so grateful for all those perks of mercy, we all had from you, I am indebted to you so even after so many life-times I cannot thank you enough for what you did for us. Your fatherly love is heart touching as so if I am alive today in this body this also all because of you, you not only saved my life but also you taught me a way to live life by serving Sri Sri Radha Shyama Sundara and surrendering unto their lotus feet.

By your mercy I got some desirable editing and data filling services for your pages and projects, just being a reluctant servant, I am trying to take little steps to serve and for that too I need your blessings Maharaj you were always so kind to each and every soul equally, even just each time you taught us to be kind by your words and actions. So Maharaj, please bless us so that we can please you and Krsna by being kind, by being Prabhupada men and women, I beg to you to please bless us all to become the one you now, what you wanted us to become. 'Ha ha Prabhu koro doya, deho more pada Chaya.' I just always want to remain in your shelter serving your Maharaj. I pray to Sri Giriraja Govinda to bless all your disciples (us) to take to this movement, realise and then spread it.

I just cannot explain in words but I miss you so much Guru Maharaj. Thank you because you are always there with us all. Thank you for forgiving this fool and accepting me as your daughter kindly. I also tried to write a poem for you.

My beloved spiritual master,



By Priyanshi

My beloved spiritual master,
Whose kindness has touched countless hearts,
Whose mercy knows no limits or measure,

And no eye of judgment dare to cast aside a soul's treasure.

Father of hearts, whose love is pure,
The most caring Spiritual Master, whose mercy is the cure.
A pure, eternal associate of Lord Caitanya,
A beacon for fallen souls, the mercy incarnation of Lord Nityananda.

A transcendental manager, where divine arrangements unfold,
A magician of the spiritual world, rescuing the fallen with magic words of gold—
Hare, Krsna, and Rama—the magic that heals and saves the soul.

A Dutch devotee, so bold, so rare,
With his true voice, never did he fear or despair.

A Prabhupada man, so true and real,
Never compromising on the standards set by his divine grace,
A disciple so obedient, exemplary for all,
A pure devotee in every action, in every step, standing tall.

Beloved of Radha Shyam Sundar,
A transcendental Dutchman of Vraja,
With love for Vrindavan Dham, his heart,
Home to Krishna Balaram Temple, Isckon Vrindavan, where divine blessings start.

Once a Temple President, so bold and pure,
Cleansing the environment, his resolve ensured.
A leader courageous, with no fear of death,
Making us fearless, with love and surrender to Krsna's breath.

The one who embraced life's adventures with joy,
Whether shot at or sharing his health's story,

Humble and detached, always authentic,



Each step in the light, so deep and so sincere.

With preaching skills so perfect and pure,
A scholar in philosophy, sincere and sure,
Attracting many with humour divine,
Teaching truths that eternally shine.

A kirtana leader, roaring with grace,
In temple halls, his soul's embrace,
With magic words, he saved the souls,
Rescuing them, making them whole.

Saviour of the lost, the fallen hearts,
Master of wandering souls, from their darkest parts,
Rescuing them from the ocean of pain,
His mercy, an oasis, where no one is left in vain.

The most bona fide Spiritual Master,
Never compromising, true and faster,
With a heart full of compassion,
Delivering souls from the loop of birth and death's fashion.

Unbiased, accepting all with love,
An eternal father, sent from above,
Whose love for his daughters is immeasurable,
A father whose love for all his children is pure and unforgettable.

His glories endless, yet his heart remains kind,
His holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami,
Yes, he is my beloved spiritual master.

Your insignificant servant and daughter,
Priyanshi,
(Haryana, India)



Priyavrata Dasa

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you, to Jayadvaita Maharaj and Srila Prabhupada.

This is the third Vyasa-puja now without you in your physical form. Since your passing I am having to go a lot deeper and internal to connect with you. The connection is mainly service, chanting, reading, following your instructions and listening to your lectures.

In this year's offering I am trying to be more better in my hearing. Previously I have tried to focus on pleasing you by preaching and doing other things. I know preaching pleases you but I am often trying to do this without filling my tank. I recently read in 4th Canto of the Srimad Bhagavatam, Srila Prabhupada said in a purport that the secret of success in the cultivation of Krsna consciousness is hearing from the right person. I am confident that doing this will lead to better chanting and me engaging in service.

Last couple of years I have tried to always make things complicated in my spiritual life. I am realising more and more that there is no need for this. You also never emphasised anything complicated to me and never gave me a complicated instruction. It seemed as if you were happy with me being a simple devotee but most importantly for me to be steady and progress towards Krsna. You were always understanding with me and never put me under pressure or pushed me to the edge. You knew what I could handle. As I write this, memories flood through my consciousness about my association and interactions with you.

Your aspiring servant,

Priyavrata Dasa

Puspanjali Dasi

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Time in this material world really seems to fly as this time marks just about 2 years since your departure from this world.

Guru Maharaj, though you are not here physically, you are, "Forever Present."
Your recordings and lectures have been so extremely helpful in keeping a connection with you. They have personally helped me to understand your mood and to know what you want your disciples to do.

Listening to your recorded kirtans are so inspirational and uplifting. To keep the connection. I have set my alarm clock to go off with your voice early in the morning. For me, this is a reminder that you are always, "Forever Present."

It is with humility and gratitude that this offering is offered to you Guru Maharaj.

Thank you,
Your humble servant,
Puspanjali Dasi

Radha Kirti Rani Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj.
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for being forever present in my life. You always and successfully propagated Lord Caitanya and Srila Prabhupada's mission to spread Krsna consciousness wherever possible. Along with it the emphasis on humility and kindness.



I am wholeheartedly trying to practice your teachings in my daily life. I draw solace from your recordings and books and I am making every effort to seriously study the scriptures.

I am forever grateful for your association with me, even if it was just for a few minutes.

Your humble servant's servant,
Radha Kirti Rani Devi Dasi
(South Africa)

Radha Raman Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you Maharaj,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Knowing you are not around is still hard to believe.

Part of me is still waiting for you to come to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath. I miss you so much. All the kirtans and you just being around. Things will never be the same.

I do not think I am doing that good in my spiritual life and it is embarrassing and I am so sorry for this. I know everything is in the chanting and you always reminded us about this. Somehow I am engaged in helping to distribute Srila Prabhupada books and I am responsible for the books office. I really need your guidance and help to make a valuable contribution and help you in your services to Srila Prabhupada. I need help with big decisions in my life as I am messing everything up.

Please keep me at your lotus feet always.

Your servant,
Radha Raman Dasa
(Durban, South Africa)



Radha Raman Dasa and Radha Priya Devi Dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate Kadamba Kanana Swamin iti nāmine

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate Gurudas Jayadvaita Swamin iti nāmine

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

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

Hare Krsna Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

We wish you a very happy Vyasa-puja. You have written many books and in, “Forever Present,” you mentioned “the spiritual master is considered to be the most able captain in that boat, and the information from the scriptures is the favourable wind for floating over the ocean of nescience.”

You compared our spiritual to a journey on a boat. While we are still on land, we pack in the life jackets, the instruction manual and everything we will need for our journey. You have given us many books as an instruction manual, or a package of guidelines to help us in overcoming this darkness of material life. We do read some pages of your books every day or almost every day.

You have received blessings from many vaishnava’s and mentioned in your books. We would like to share one incident:

“When I was the temple president in Vṛndāvana, I heard a knock on my door one morning at 6am. It was Rādhā-Govinda Mahārāj. As soon as he saw me, he immediately offered his obeisances. The next day the same ritual repeated itself. On the third day there was again a knock on the door, but this time I was ready. I moved forward quickly, grabbed him by the arms and asked, “Mahārāj, what are you doing? You are a sannyāsī; I am a gr̥hastha. Why are you offering your obeisances to me?” He replied, “It is our duty. After all, you are our



father.” That left me stunned. I had never looked upon myself as the father of all the āśrama residents before. (His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami, p51, Forever Present).

This incident made us realize how wonderfully and sincerely you had served the devotees living in Sri Krsna Balaram Temple which was so nicely reorganized by his holiness Radha Govinda Maharaj. So, your life is an inspiration for us to always look for opportunities serve the devotees and vaishnavas in the best possible way.

In one of your lectures you said “We struggle many times in chanting, struggle following regulative principles, struggle with some devotees, struggle with institution, struggle to understand philosophy, struggle with our personal anarthas and many more. When we think struggle is too much, and we cannot handle it anymore.

With all our weakness we should seek mercy of Lord Chaitanya. We should go deep in reading Chaitanya Charitamrita. Mercy of Lord Chaitanya is not luxury, it is essential. We felt like you have shown us the mirror and at the same time guided us towards the right direction.” (Kadamba Kanana Swami Lecture, Source – unknown).

You have also said, “Just 16 rounds and 4 regulative principles is a very thin layer of Krsna consciousness but when we are deeply connected with the Goswami’s, with the knowledge that they are giving us and with the example of their personalities, then we gain so much more depth.” (Kadamba Kanana Swami - Forever Present). Reading this made us realize that how important it is to stay connected to the study of scriptures and the books you have written for guiding fallen souls like us to stay engaged in devotional service.

You have been a regular visitor to our congregations “Vamankshetra” with your blessings and mercy, it is growing nicely, and some new people are also joining this congregation. Last year we have started hall program on new area (Oran Park in southwest Sydney) as well. As our yatra is growing we seek Krsna mercy and your instructions to overcome all hurdles that regularly keep testing us. We try not to compromise with principles as you have mentioned in “Forever Present” that the spiritual master will establish what is important in spiritual life and guide us on the path. There are principles that cannot be compromised, and we should make clear distinctions on what are the things we can adjust and what are the things that we cannot adjust, so whenever we are in doubt we refer to your books for guiding us and showing us the right path.

Your relationship with his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj and his holiness Svayam Bhagavan Keshava Maharaj is very inspirational as we have seen so many nice pictures of you all to-



gether. Three generations serving SrilaPrabhupada movement. This year Jayadvaita Maharaj and SB Keshava Maharaj are visiting Sydney. We are very excited to meet them and eager to get opportunity to serve them. We regularly do deity service in Sri Sri Radha Gopinath temple. We have also started performing homa in devotees' homes and temple as well.

Thankyou Guru Maharaj, Hare Krsna

Your humble servants,
Radha Raman Dasa and Radha Priya Devi Dasi

Radhika Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to his holiness Kadamba Kanana Maharaj.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I offer my humble obeisances to the lotus feet of his divine grace Kadamba Kanana Maharaj who is so expert at kirtan and the pastimes of Lord Krsna and Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

I do not have sufficient knowledge and skills to glorify you dear Gurudeva, but I am grateful for the recordings of the kirtans and lectures that you have left behind for me to feel and remember your presence. Thank you very much.

I miss you.
Your ignorant servant,
Radhika Devi Dasi
(South Africa)



Rama Raghava Dasa & Ratikeli Siddhi Dasi

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
chakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate Kadamba Kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa Jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances.

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

On this special occasion, we must first express our eternal gratitude to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada, who gave us your Guru Maharaj, his holiness Jayadvaita Swami, and through him, we

received you. It is by your causeless mercy that you have accepted these fallen souls as your disciple and set us firmly on the path of Krsna consciousness.

Maharaj, you are an ocean of compassion. You have instructed us to be compassionate towards

everyone, which is so challenging in this material world. With your mercy, we will someday overcome the obstacles within us and develop compassion towards everyone.

Last year, alongside our god brothers, I was assisting in organization of the Rama navami celebration in Gauradesh Cologne (a significant outreach program). I was under tremendous pressure and anxiety, but it was your mercy, experienced through prayers, carried us through this grand program

joyfully. missed you deeply, amidst feeling your divine presence during the kirtans. The suc-



cess of

this program is solely due to your mercy, inspiration, and guidance.

Maharaj, your determination is incredible. When I struggle with the burden of late-night japa after a

long day, I remember how you managed to complete your rounds with extraordinary absorption

during your most difficult days. You are a profound inspiration to us. With your mercy, we will

develop that determination and, 'do something for Srila Prabhupada.' With mercy of a senior vaishnavi, we ran the book table every Sunday in Gauradesh during the book marathon 2024 for the first time, and distributed 63 books. We could do it only because of your blessings and inspiration.

You exemplify a rare blend of a great leader and a pure devotee, much like his divine grace Srila

Prabhupada. Your compassion, determination, unwavering faith in Srila Prabhupada and mission, adherence to your Guru Maharaj's instructions, and leadership are all magnanimous and inspiring to

all of us.

Thank you so much for setting us on the path of Krsna consciousness and guiding us through your

vani and example. Please forgive our innumerable offenses that we commit every day. We have a long way to go, but with your blessings, we will make it there someday and please you.

Thank you very much for everything, dear Guru Maharaj.

My dear wife Ratikeli Siddhi Dasi expresses her offerings through her following poem.

Hare Kṛṣṇa Guru Maharaj,

It is always heart filling to begin with your offerings,

To be absorbed, to recollect, the whole year that this was not so easy without self-realizing.

Though the last year, began with a deep healing meditation,

But, then it changed having a turmoil of emotion.

Ups and downs that shattered my faith, asking myself so many questions.

Realized that I have not dived deep,

Miles far to become fearless with this bodily relations.

Cried.

For I knew where I stand with my sadhana,



When Kṛṣṇa tested for how deep I am into his devotion.
Perplexed and fearful.
Questioning “Maharaj are you there?
How do I know you are here?
That only thought I could not bear.

Finding for signs, on which only my heart can thrive.
And then I see a ray of hope and mercy everywhere.
Through which I could forever survive.

Your “Forever Present,” book is a priceless gift for my life that you had shared.
You were there and always there.
You lifted me up when I was drowning,
with this faith I could really help my family and see them rising.

The unexceptional love from the devotees have made me stronger,
Standing bold and more braver.
Your wonderful disciples, I am always indebted to.
They have been compassionate as like their Guru.

Thank you for you empowering me,
In taking the right decisions in which I wouldn’t have seen the world the way you wanted to
show me.

I am still far away to be known as your disciple,
And, I am trying hard as you have shown me my own potential.

So please give us the strength,
When we always bow down unto your lotus feet,
Under your shelter,
And let your lotus hand be on our forehead.
To serve you for this life and later.

Please bless us.
With your enthusiasm and life full of love.
With sincerity and responsibility, breaking our false ego,
Instead learn how to be compassionate, deep inside our heart we must sow.
This path of bhakti is definitely not steady.
But until we are in this changing body,



Please be merciful.

May we spread the harinam without judging anybody.

I pray,

May we never get overwhelmed with worry, blindfolded by thoughts.

Confident and determined we be, with the teachings you have taught.

There have always been times when I go low,

With thoughts “that we hardly met,”

“Would I have served you better,

If I had met you far more earlier?”

Then comes the lesson,

In a deep diving session.

From your beloved disciple Sudama Dasa,

Srila Prabhupada barely saw his Guru to get his sahavasa.

Now this is held me stronger, motivated to go,

With the association of staunch disciples, firm with Srila Prabhupada instructions, where to go.

With heart full of gratitude for the god family is so poise.

Who share each day, their fond memories and experiences with you, they have rejoiced.

With them we know you more and understand how to serve you better, in your own voice.

With a humble heart and eagerness,

If we unintentionally offended any vaishnava,

We ask for your forgiveness.

Thank you for being there, Guru Maharaj and reciprocating timely.

I owe you a lot in getting closer to Kṛṣṇa, with this Kṛṣṇa conscious family.

Srila Prabhupada ki Jai.

His holiness Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj ki jai.

His holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj ki jai.

Hare Krsna.

Your insignificant servants,



Rama Raghava Das and Ratikeli Siddhi Dasi
(with Dhruv and Ninad)
(Bonn, Germany)

Rasapurnima Devi Dasi

namo om viṣṇu-pādāya
kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tāle
śrīmat-kadamba-kānana
-svāminn iti nāmine

gaura-kṛpāmṛtaṁ prāpto
vraje māyāpure'pi yaḥ
prabhupāda-priyo lokam
pāyayaty anivāritam

Jai Guru Maharaj, Jai param guru Maharaj Jai Srila Prabhupada.

O' my dear father, my Gurudeva,

It has been two years since you left us for the spiritual world. But there is not a single day since then where I had not to struggle for my practices. When you were with us, bhakti practice was not so difficult. But now I am facing daily challenges. But Maharaj your instructions and your close association gives me strength to stay determined in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Being in contact with few god family also gives energy to do practices happily. I love to spend time at your samadhi .I feel like you are watching constantly from there.

On your Vyasa-puja day pray to Srila Prabhupada to give me strength to fulfil your instructions and please you so that Kṛṣṇa is pleased.

Thank you Maharaj for accepting this insignificant person as your disciple.

Your insignificant disciple,
Rasapurnima Devi Dasi



Rasarani Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Gurudeva,
All glories to our param Guru,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Gurudeva,

You said you will meet us at whatever devotional service we offer.
Every morning I am excited to do my Altar Puja because I trust you will be there, likewise with all my devotional services rendered. True enough I feel most blissful as all my offerings are through your lotus feet.

You mentioned that the Gopis always see Krsna in everything and everywhere. So I often endeavour to remember Krsna in whatever I engage in.

Hare Krsna.

Rasarani Devi Dasi
(South Africa)

Remuna Lila Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
Happy Birthday

It has now been 2 years since you left this world but your vani will forever stay with me as my backbone. I'm going to turn 18 this year, this 'beginning of adulthood' seems intimidating, but, as per your instructions, since there is no possibility for a degree in shastra, I will go to university and do a course/ BSC in Sanskrit and Philosophies/ Cultures of the world which should hopefully allow me to cultivate 10 devotees which you had mentioned in your final class in your last kartik yatra to the god family.



In Kalyana Kalpataru Srila Bhakativinod Thakura asks,

‘vaisnava carana, kalyaner khani, matibo hrdaye dhorī.’

By the mercy of Sri Nityanada Prabhu and all of the acaryas, you are that pure devotee whose lotus feet I have found to forever hold in my heart. Your lotus feet are that ‘kalyaner khani’. Further, you said that ‘devotional service is attained by the mercy of vaishnavas’ and so this gives me all the more reason to appreciate you for allowing us all to develop our ‘bhakti-lata bija.’

On a little side note, I have been trying to perfect the croissants you allowed me to serve you and your beloved Giriraj Govinda with. One time you had said that from wherever you may be, you will always come to try things that I have baked or cooked and this way, you have allowed me to serve you for as long as I can provide this service. Thank you so much Gurudeva, not only for your constant nurture, but for giving me and the god family so much of your time, love and mercy.

Also, because of the kindness of my UK god brothers and sisters, every year since you have left, Vyasa-puja has been held at my home. Thank you for the opportunity to let me serve my seniors whom you have instructed so beautifully. They always tell me about your pastimes, it’s really the best thing ever. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this god family, you have trained us all in the most immaculate way, always making sure that we stay closely knit together.

Thank you Gurudeva. We miss you so much.

Your humble little servant,

Remuna Lila Dasi

Revati Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna my dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

It is said time heals all wounds, but still I am missing you so much - every day.

This might never stop and this might be my saving grace. Because my desire, my longing to see and serve you again might be the force that will almost drag me back home.



Thank you for giving me so many reasons to miss you.

Whenever you were somewhere, wherever you came, even before meeting you, this place turned into type of a home for me.

You friendly dealing with everyone you met taught me how to deal with others.

You honesty and humility were sometimes mind blowing, you did not hide anything, did not pretend to be something you were not. Although I think you hid your light under a bushel, just to make yourself more approachable for all of us.

With your wit and humour you managed to present even difficult topics in a digestible way.

Your loyalty to Srila Prabhupada's mission was exemplary.

What to speak about your strong faith in the Holy Name. Whenever I was struggling with my decreasing ability to do all the thing I was used to do before, your simple advice was "as long as you chant."

You did not leave, you are just a few steps ahead. And whatever obstacles I might have to face on my personal journey back home, while doing my own last steps, I will stick to what I heard from you: "As long as you chant," And, "The future is bright."

Please bless me to be able to remember this up to my last moments in this world and act accordingly. Because without your blessings, what can I do on my own strength?

Thank you for everything.

Eternally your indebted servant,
Revati Devi Dasi

Ruci Devi Dasi

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to his holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.



Oh, dear Guru Maharaj,
voice like thunder, heart like gold,
you walk the path fierce and bold,
spreading the fire of devotion untold.

Beneath the desire tree, where mercy flows free,
you planted the seed of bhakti in me.
Not just words, not just sound,
but the truth, so deep, so profound.

You showed us Krsna is forever present,
not lost in time, no past nor distant.
Through every kirtan, every tear,
His name resounds, his love draws near.

You carry Srila Prabhupada's dream in your hands,
a torchbearer, a lion, across many lands.
Through temples, through hearts, through souls you ignite,
the spark of bhakti, so brilliant, so bright.

You are the voice in the chaos, the light in the storm,
the strength in surrender, the fire, the form.
Like the thunderous mrdanga, your kirtan shakes,
breaking the barriers, the fear, the mistakes.

You walked the paths where great souls tread,
where dust from holy feet is spread.
From Vṛindavan's sands to Mayapur's grace,
you leave behind footprints time won't erase.

You gave us more than just words to recite,
you gave us purpose, you gave us sight.
Through service, through struggle, through joy and through pain,
you showed us Krsna - again and again.

I stand here, hands folded, heart open wide,
grateful, hopeful, with nothing to hide.
May I serve, may I be kind, may I follow your way,
through words, through deeds, through all that I say.



May I carry the mission, the message, the song,
may my heart in this service forever belong.
And though my steps may falter, my mind may sway,
I pray for your mercy to never stray.

Guru Maharaj, guide me, let me be true,
in service to Prabhupada and always to you.
This offering I give, humble and small,
but with love, with surrender - I give it all.

Guru Maharaj, in your book, 'Guru and Disciple,' you emphasise the importance of having vision and actively contributing to Srila Prabhupada's movement. I am sincerely striving to follow your instructions. I have begun creating Krsna conscious ('Krishna Kids') animated videos for children, hoping to inspire young minds in devotion. I humbly seek your blessings that this endeavour may be pleasing to you and of service to Srila Prabhupada's mission.

Your servant,
Ruci Devi Dasi

Rukmini Devi Dasi

My dear Spiritual Master,

nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

I bow down to you, and if I had to sit in front of you now, what would you say?
Would you be happy with service I have tried to offer?
Would you be disappointed with the mediocre and the mindlessness?
Would you be mad at me, for not being able to do justice by your instructions?

It's this shadow of not knowing that feels suffocating at times. It's weird. The world keeps turning, and I keep moving, and life keeps happening but you're not here. As if the screen has just turned silent and colourless.

Sigh. Still at stage one: Disbelief. Okay, say something positive, Rukmini.



This weekend his holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami did a japa workshop. He asked us to fill in the blanks: The holy name is my...

I thought that that the holy name is my portal. My portal to you. It is the gift you have left me. In those moments at the goshala, minutes before you could leave, I felt it strongly; I couldn't be closer to you than my hand to my beads and my lips to the mantra and my heart.

I clung to each mantra like a desperate hug. I don't feel this now, but I remember. I'm not sure how to use the portal. Pranada Prabhu said I didn't need to know, that the holy names will show me. I take solace in that.

'Do something for the students in South Africa to your capacity.'

Something is shifting, a tide is turning. I'm not sure if it's inside me or out. I'm still anchored by ignorance but I'm willing, Guru Maharaj. I see the need. Use me, or move me out of the way of others who will be useful. Whatever it takes.

Today I read about how Srila Prabhupada sat on the snowy park bench telling the subway conductor, Mr Reuben, how he had books and temples but only time was separating them from him. That he was never alone. He always had his spiritual master with him. Mr Rueben saw nothing and no-one else, just an old man on a cold bench. Prabhupada could see everything.

And my heart aches for a level of realisation that's out of my grasp. On this cold bench, my heart aches for you. And all the while I hear, "Mission."

Yes. If I was sitting in front of you, you probably would say something like, "Taking your time, you village pumpkin."

Your daughter,
Rukmini Devi Dasi

Sachimata Devi Dasi

Dearest Kadamba Kanana Swami,

Please accept my most humble obeisances on the occasion of your Vyasa-puja. All glories to



his holiness Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj and to his divine grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

As stated in your last online message two years ago, although you are not here with us on the physical plane you are still with us in “Vani,” That is, through your words, your instructions and your inspiration. Hence, “Forever Present.”

Maharaj, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart; as you have been instrumental in helping me to stay on the path through thick and thin. Although I was initially initiated in 1984, I sometimes, I felt like I was a devotee in disguise. I looked like a devotee to devotees, but was I really acting like a devotee at all times? In all situations? Outside of sadhu sanga? Or was I merely chanting my rounds, trying to get them done, so they would be done. Was I merely living the lifestyle of a devotee to a degree? Who was I fooling? Was I fooling my god family, the general public, or merely fooling myself?

Your last message which I just recently watched again said, “Do not waiver because you have the greatest treasure.” “Never forget that nowhere in this world is there such wealth as what we have been given.” What a wonderful life we have been given. You said to relish it, hold it close, and do not take it for granted. Chant every day, hear every day, (really hear) and your life will be wonderful.

You said life is short, and that the time is not far away from any of us when there is coming a Festival, a time where all of us will be together again. Maharaj, you have shown us from your wonderful example, how to do it right. How to die right. How to be real and how to leave the material plane perfectly holding tightly to the holy name, to the instructions of Srila Prabhupada, and to really love Krsna.

Thank you for coming into my life before I foolishly wasted another golden opportunity to get it right. Thank you for continuing to inspire me through your instructions, through your incredible kirtans, through your magical smile and the twinkling in your eyes, and the divine love in your heart. Thank you for trying to help us to also really love Krsna.

Please keep me close and never let me go. I remain forever indebted to you.

Your servant,
Sachimata Devi Dasi



Saci Indira Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

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

Another year has gone dear Gurudeva and your presence is getting stronger within my heart. It feels like you created a unique bhakti yoga timepiece that chimes not just at set intervals during the day but at the moment when we need a gentle boost, reminding us to use every single second wisely that we have on this planet as your disciple.

This past year I continued my daily sadhana of listening to your available recorded material and reading your wonderfully written books. Listening to your divine grace feels like that I am still traveling with you, attending your morning lectures, your room conversations, preaching programs, transcendental kirtans, and so on. Praying that this feeling of growing closer to you will increase forever.

The power of the resonance of your voice, the solid logic of your arguments, the loving patience you displayed in constantly repeating the foundational principles of bhakti to ensure that we all became fixed up and did not jump forward prematurely. The sensitivity you showed to the cultural diversity you faced, and the adjustments you made to attract people from all walks of life in every country, all this and more made you a unique and extraordinary Guru.

Thank you ever so much again for giving me a chance in this lifetime by showing me the light. Thank you for still looking after all of us and giving us mercy from above. Praying that as a family we can serve your legacy to the eternity, and we can stay united to serve you and Srila Prabhupada.

With unlimited love and prayers at your lotus feet.

I beg to remain your humble servant,
Saci Indira Devi Dasi



Sadbhuja Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

A year has passed, a very busy year on my side. I gave 23 Concerts on Festivals and Yoga Centres, and 10 retreats. I find retreats are a wonderful way to create substantial progress for people. For they really enter into a process of transformation. Also we conducted our first Retreat in China with 18 Participants. I remember that before Jayadvaita Maharaj designated you to take care of Brooklyn temple you were meditating a lot on going to China and reaching out to this big field of opportunities.

It's my pleasure now to step into this adventure and together with my wife we reached quite some progress this year. She built up an internet presence which reached 2.8 Million people so far within nearly one year. By now most Chinese we come in contact with already know her, which is a great advantage in such a highly competitive place like China. We plan to go to China for 2 months in April-May to do retreats, kirtans and build up a network. Kore is also planning to organize a little Festival to bring people together. Will be exciting for sure.

Also by the inspiration of Keshava Swami and Mantrini Devi Dasi. I started a Bhagavad-gita Online course with around 50 participants using and adjusting the well thought out power points of Keshava Swami adjusting it for new people. It's really a nice way to bring people closer to Krsna.

Also we plan to start a project in Koh Phangan, Thailand , a place where Yoga people, digital nomads and many different folks come together to form one of the hubs in this world like Bali or Goa. My wish is to connect these people to Krsna, hoping for your blessings for this as well. I'm very grateful that Krsna allows me to live such a wonderful life, being able to share Krsna to others, lots of Support and well wishing. I couldn't ask for more and will do my best to make good use of every opportunity.

It's so nice to see all my god brothers and sisters keeping on with their spiritual progress and that is the result of your thoughtful guidance making us independent thoughtful, self-motivated and authentic in our spiritual and material life. Thank you so much. May I always be able to



please you with my endeavours. Thank you for continuously being present in my life, by your instructions, by your disciples and in many subtle ways.

Hoping for your blessings.

Your humble servant,
Sadbhuja Dasa

Sahasra nama Dasa

My dear spiritual master Kadamba Kanana Swami,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

All glories to you, and Jayadvaita Swami and Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Guru Parampara.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to you for continuing to inspire me and give opportunity to render devotional service to Krishna and his devotees. I want to share share that from you I learned that our correct attitude towards all living beings is of great importance, especially to Krishna devotees.

I remember one day in Vrindavan, with Nadia Prakash Prabhu, we were standing outside to your door for darshan. One of your lovely disciples whom I was seeing for the second or third time, came up to the stairs and stopped to talk with us. I do not understand English well and that is why Nadia Prakash Prabhu communicated with your disciple.

Although I did not understand the conversation, I realized that his attitude towards us was one of incredible respect, humility and love. And that is so rare nowadays. Amazing. He shone like a diamond in the night every word and gesture.

This seemingly small incident impressed me so much, that I admired both you as a teacher and all the devotees. I can boldly say that such sweet relations between strangers are impossible in the material world. Thanks to this incident, I realized that I was in the spiritual world for a moment.

This experience is one of the many with which you have gifted me, I say gifted because it is by your causeless mercy. And I do not know what I did to deserve it.



I realized another thing is that your disciples love you in a very sweet way, I can define it as the way you love Krsna. This makes me proud to be your disciples and take the best examples from your disciples and you to grow the seed of bhakti in my heart.

I want to become a worthy disciple of yours one day, inspire people along the way and please you by giving them Krsna as you and your disciples do.

Thank you for your causeless mercy Guru Maharaj. Dandavat pranam.

Your servant,
Sahasra nama Dasa

Sanatana Goswami Dasa

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories at your lotus feet,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

My best wishes on this most auspicious day of your appearance.

It is hard to believe how quickly the years are passing, and once again, it is time to write our Vyasa-puja offering.

This year, one word has been constantly ringing in my mind, "Mission." Your last words emphasised this, and I have reflected deeply on what it means for me. While each of us may interpret it differently based on our circumstances, for me, it is about supporting your mission - African preaching. We must find ways to engage devotees and our spiritual family in this service, as I know this would be most pleasing to you.

Another important instruction you gave on September 15, 2022, in Vrindavan at Balarama Hall was that you want all your disciples to be known for their kindness. Maharaj, I am sincerely trying to cultivate kindness, but sometimes my conditioning gets in the way. Still, I will keep striving, hoping that one day I can fully embody this instruction.



Somehow, I have been placed in a management role, and at times, it feels incredibly difficult. I often feel discouraged and wonder if it is even worth it. But then, I remember what you wrote in your book, 'Diving Deep,' about the three levels: organisation, the perfect process, and divine intervention. You masterfully explained how those at the organisational level suffer the most when things go wrong and how we should all aim to reach the highest level - Krsna Prema. Your analogy of an oil spill, relating it to kanistha adhikari, madhyama adhikari, and utama adhikari, has given me immense strength during times in need.

One thing that always inspires me is your unwavering faith in Krsna consciousness. You have faced so many challenges - being shot, your Guru's fall down, cancer, and countless other setbacks - yet your faith never wavered. You took personal responsibility, stayed deeply connected with Mahaprabhu's mission, and ensured that each of your disciples learned from your example. Not only did you live a perfect life, but you also showed us how to leave this world with full surrender.

Maharaj, you have set an example for us in every aspect of devotional service. One of the greatest lessons I have learned is from your relationship with his holiness Jayadvaita Swami. We were fortunate to witness our Guru Maharaj worshipping his own Guru Maharaj with the utmost devotion. I remember when his holiness Jayadvaita Swami asked you to go to New York. In one of your classes, you mentioned that this was not something you would have chosen for yourself, but because it was your Guru's instruction, you followed it without hesitation. Despite not liking the cold weather, you endured it all just to fulfil his request. In turn, we also witnessed how a Guru reciprocates with his disciple - the loving exchanges between you and his holiness Jayadvaita Swami were a living example of the Guru-disciple relationship. Not only did you write your book, 'Guru Disciples relationship,' but you also demonstrated it through your actions.

Maharaj, I pray that you continue to shower me with your mercy so that one day I can fulfil your instructions become a worthy disciple.

Your insignificant servant,
Sanatana Goswami Dasa



Sanatani Devi Dasi

Dandavat Pranam.

All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

I miss you every day. But you know this, because you appear in my thoughts and my dreams. Last year was tough being burnt out about after spending too many years just pushing forward, super busy and not looking after myself. Really neglecting that third ball we should juggle. So I am working hard on that now. Balancing seva and my personal life. Doing my seva, I feel very connected to you. I often think, "What would Guru Maharaj do?" When I accepted this seva, you said: "Make Oslo great again." So for that I cannot give up on that mission you gave me. Probably you knew that all along. That it would keep me going. Thank you.

Towards the end of 2024 you came in my dreams and you were so happy to see me and I was very excited to sit by your side and talk with you. You told me how proud you were of me and happy that I took siksha from Mahatma Prabhu (this is something I asked you about back in 2018, and you said it was ok for me to take siksha from him, so now confirmed again). You also told me you had a really important instruction to me, and you wrote it on a whiteboard. I do not remember the full sentence, but the main thing was that "Humility will be your biggest quality to work on." Pretty straight forward there, Gurudeva.

I wish I could sit and talk to you and share all my inner thoughts and ask for your advice. You always gave me very practical and realistic guidance. And you always chastised me when needed. I even have it recorded. I miss it all. Thank you for leaving me with such an amazing god family. They all carry one small piece of you.

Thank you for being the one that will bring me back to Godhead. I trust you and I owe you everything.

Your servant,

Sanatani Devi Dasi



Sandhya Devi Dasi & Visnucitta Dasa

Hare Krsna Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.

I miss you always. Remember you every now n then. Yes I know that now you are omnipresent. Always near to me, hearing my prayers, but your physical absence is always felt.

Maharaj I am really indebted to you for all that you have given me, in the form of your blessings.

I still recall the time you spent at our home, indeed your home Maharaj. I live by those precious moments.

I cannot forget that blessed day of my birthday 8 January 2023. When you had come to live in Vrindavan. You were not well, you also had given me the sewa to make pagri for Sadhbuj Bhagwaan and Giriraji.

You allowed me to do the abhishek of Sadhbuj Bhagwaan. I felt so blessed that time that I think I wasn't worth this. I felt so blessed. Later as we were about to leave you stopped us for maha prasad.

Guru Maharaj I still remember, you pulled the mat yourself for us to sit and have prasad, did not allow anyone to do so. I felt the guilt in me, as I am not worth this. You served a variety of maha to us with your pious hands.

I felt as if a daughter has come to her father's place (maike) and you served each and everything... I had tears in my eyes for your overwhelming love. My husband Visnucitta and my younger daughter told me that it is your Birthday, and Maharaj is giving us treat in the early morning.

Like a caring father, Guru Maharaj you asked about each and everyone in Amritsar.

You then blessed me with the Narsimha Deva pavitra from Mayapur on my neck. That day I can never forget, it is locked in my heart forever. I made pagris everyday and served Sadhbuj and Giriraj ji till my stay in Vrindavan. I loved seeing them accept my sewa and wear those pagris.

And now when I come to Vrindavan, sitting near your Samadhi, I feel you can listen to me more closely.



Your last journey recalls in my eyes while sitting there and I am in tears always. Gurudeva please keep us always close to your lotus feet, make us capable to serve you more always. Please be by my side always through every thick and thin in this life.

You really wished to come to Amritsar once again, and I feel you are more nearer to me. I miss you more Gurudeva when Other Maharaj's come to Amritsar Iskcon and then I pray to Lord Krsna that I wish you were here.

It sometimes is really hard to think that I cannot see you physically and neither can I share anything with you. But then I get some message or video from you blinking on WhatsApp or Instagram. I feel, you are always there by my side, and talking to me through your message.

My dear Gurudeva, on your Vyasa-puja, I pray to you for your divine blessings upon me and my family so that we all progress in bhakti, and that are able to spread Krsna consciousness.

Always at your service

Ever yours servant

Sandhya Devi Dasi & Visnucitta Dasa

(Amritsar, India)

Sarad Bihari Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

It has been a long while since I have written to you. Life has been an adventure since your departure. Of course we miss your physical presence but I can also feel your eternal presence in many situations in my life.

Guru Maharaj, I was thinking a few days ago how the holy name is independent and acts independently out of his own free will. We may make all the arrangements such as having a nice kirtan mandali, good sound system, nice musical instruments, and invite the best kirtaneers, but ultimately the holy name acts independently and will only appear out of its own accord. If we have a nice mood that may or may not attract the holy name to appear but ultimately he has the say to appear or not.



Then, I was thinking how this also applies to the pure devotees who carry this holy name in their hearts, like yourself Guru Maharaj. Such devotees are fully devoted to serving Krsna and are not bound by any external or material strings, or situations. They are full time servants of the holy name, and their Lordships and are thus completely independent in that way. One may make all the arrangements to serve them, or please them or invite them to shower their mercy, but ultimately, such pure devotees shower their causeless mercy according to their own sweet will which is in accordance with the sweet will of the Lord.

Thus, I feel so grateful, that even though I have no qualification to be your disciple, I am full of offenses, sins and faults, devoid of sincerity, humility and love for the Lord and his devotees. Still you have accepted me and showered your mercy upon me. In this way I feel eternally indebted towards you.

Srila Gour Govinda Swami has mentioned how one who thinks that the guru is gone, is a fake hypocrite disciple who was only attached to the externals of the fame, position and other attributes that come in being a disciple of such a great vaishnava. Just like krsna has his aprakat lila, unmanifest pastimes, in the same way the guru is simply unmanifest. But one who has the eyes of faith can see him.

He also mentions that a true disciple with true feelings for the guru can never maintain his life after the departure of the guru and would rather die with the guru than live on uselessly. There is this example of the disciples of Srila Rasikananda Prabhu who passed away along with the guru in true separation from him. Maharaj further elaborates that the only reason a true disciple lives on is to carry the order/ mission of the spiritual master and shower his eternal mercy to the entire world.

Dear Guru Maharaj, I feel so useless that even after your departure I live on such a normal life. I also don't feel any qualification to carry on your mission. But all I can do is simply pray to your lotus feet, that I may please you with my small endeavours in following your various instructions to me. Knowing that you are pleased with me is my only solace to this forest fire of separation from you. The only thing I can offer you from my side is my life of service to you, and a life of loyalty to your instructions. Even to fulfil this, I require your causeless mercy.

Srila Gour Govinda Swami has also mentioned that after the departure of the guru, the spiritual master appears to the sincere disciple in various forms. Like in the forms of other devotees that may guide one. I have practical experience of this Srila Gurudeva. I have seen that after your departure I have suddenly become sheltered by so many devotees. I clearly can see your presence in their words which are in accordance to the words of Srila Prabhupada and sashtra.



On this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I pray for your causeless mercy and strength to carry on a life of loyalty to your instructions. And I hope that by the end of my seva I may receive the reward of your graceful smile upon me.

Your fallen disciple,
Sarad Bihari Dasa

Sattvatanu Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

I offer my most humble and heartfelt obeisances at your lotus feet.

It is only by your causeless mercy that I find myself engaged in the service of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Jagannath. I am ever grateful for the eternal connection you have forged between me and the pure teachings of the parampara.

In this material world, amidst countless distractions, your guidance and blessings have allowed me to take the first steps on the path of devotion. Though I am unqualified and insignificant, I sincerely pray that you continue to shower me with your mercy, helping me to overcome all obstacles and to remain firmly fixed in my spiritual practice.

Through your grace, I am connected to Srila Prabhupada's mission, and for that, I am eternally indebted. I humbly pray that my efforts in chanting and serving the mission may be pleasing to you and to Srila Prabhupada, and that I may always remain under the shelter of your compassionate guidance.

Though many challenges may arise, I vow to remain unwavering in my commitment to the path you have illuminated. Please bless me with the strength, humility, and determination to continue this journey of devotion, always remembering the eternal bond I have with you and the sacred parampara.

Your lowly servant,
Sattvatanu Dasa



Satyarani Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please kindly accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

“So far the personal association with the Guru is concerned, I was only with my Guru Maharaj four or five times, but I never left his association, not even for a moment. Because I am following his instructions, I never felt any separation.”

(Letter to Satyadhyana- Calcutta 20 February, 1972).

Once we are connected with the spiritual master, it seems there is never a time, that we are living separate from him and the opportunities he has created in our lives, so long we follow the path laid out by him. Though I am mostly forgetful, still the times I am reminded of this, it lessens any false distance, my mind may create.

Guru Maharaj, you have created wonderful and unimaginable opportunities in my life with all the gifts you have given me, somehow they seem to expand in their sweetness over time. Whilst I may not be able to understand this or not consistently appear to exemplify gratitude or joy. Still I am appreciative of the times I am able to perceive your blessings in my life.

One gift was Caitanya Bhagavat by Srila Bhaktisiddhanata Sarasvati Thakur, you took the time to find the online version and shared it with me and no matter the number of times, one may read of Mahaprabhu and his associates, somehow the captivating depth of their devotion, commitment, sincerity, heartfelt gestures or rather expressions of love, appear to be sweeter than reading of it the time before.

Gifts of this world have an expiration or become stale, but transcendental gifts that purify and furnish our hearts make it a suitable residence for the Lord and his associates. At death we will be left with our inner world and by the grace of the spiritual master we have an opportunity to make Krsna our concentrated focus.

Over time, we remember and reflect on different classes or experiences and each time we reflect, we seem to gain a fuller insight or appreciation or some better understanding in what



you have said and done. Though there are many things which I feel will always be beyond me.

You would often say material life is like a broken car, you fix one part then another part needs to be fixed and life actually really is that way. It seems like such a simple thing to say but it actually is so real. We struggle to make adjustments, to make things functional and joyous but really that desire and the material design are incompatible. We cannot actually fix or adjust much, it is part of the program, we can purify everything but all this still urges us to seek permanency, consistency and reliability and that really comes from connecting with all the gifts from the spiritual master.

In one initiation class, you joked that the spiritual master will pack you up with all that you need on a little boat and then suddenly push you out and then you look around and see all the things he packed. You were honest, it really is that way, you did pack us up for a safe journey and every gift is a means to deepen our devotional sentiment and awaken positive quality that would allow us to enter a reality we genuinely wish for even if we may be unaware.

Srila Prabhupada was beyond exemplary, his sincere commitment to his spiritual master gave him the inspiration to do amazing things and empower whoever was willing. He did so many amazing things and taught so many lessons. One of the most valuable lessons he taught by his own example was continuous connection and devotion to his spiritual master even in his external absence. Srila Prabhupada is still very present and still creating auspiciousness in this world and so to are all his dedicated followers wherever they may be.

Life is certainly not the same as before, but even so despite our heartache, we have so much assurance and out of love you packed us up with so many gifts that have been passed down the parampara. These gifts still expand and even in this way we are still with you and you are with us.

Your servant,
Satyarani Dasi

Savita Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisance
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.



On this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja I reflect on the Nectar of Devotion (NOD). In the NOD, there's mention of dhaya-bhak. As our spiritual father, you have bestowed upon us so much inheritance in the form of an opportunity to enter into the kingdom of Godhead and various media and recordings. When I listen to you Srimad Bhagavatam classes, it feels as if you're still physically here and your jokes are as hilarious as ever.

Thank you Guru Maharaj for being my beacon of hope, my anchor and for accepting an unworthy person as your disciple. I am eternal grateful and will endeavor to serve you, the vaishnavas and Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple to the best of my ability.

Your servant

Savita Devi Dasi

Sesa Das & Yasoda Jivan Devi Dasi

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, Srila Jayadvaita and unto you.

In Bhagavad-gītā 3.21, Śrīla Prabhupāda translates the word *pramāṇam* as “example,” referring to being exemplary. Interestingly, many scholars define *pramāṇam* as “a means of knowledge.” And, what greater proof of devotional characteristics exists than a personified example, as Kṛṣṇa explains in this verse? Today we meditate on your deep qualities, which inspire us to deepen our Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

You are a leading servant. You guide me, our godfamily and so many others in unlimited ways, whether through revealing Kṛṣṇa's abode during Vraja-maṇḍala parikramā, guiding us preaching endeavour, or our own personal situations. Whilst I always saw you taking the role of a leader, I now see the depth with which you accepted every situation as service and saw yourself as a servant of your spiritual master and this movement, a leading servant.

How fortunate are we to gain such a spiritual master who exemplifies so many qualities - from having such a deep reflections which you'd share so openly and honestly with us all, to taking on impossible missions such as reversing diminishing temples, saving stricken cities and persons! You showed us all the upmost care and personally are so involved in our lives as a loving father tends to his children. You do not merely teach philosophy; you demonstrate it in action, walking the path from gr̥hastha to vānaprastha to sannyāsa, showing us the journey by your



own example and realisations.

One particular quality of yours permeates my mind today; your unwavering surrender to Kṛṣṇa. When shot you showed us what it means to take shelter in the reflections of Dharma the bull from Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam. In every challenge, you sought Kṛṣṇa's hand rather than demanding to see His face. Whilst preaching you showed the importance of receiving mercy from Śrīla Prabhupāda's servants and just as the Pañca-tattva plundered the treasure house of Krishna-prema and distributed it freely, you ran across continents, cities, and homes, changing the destinies of so many lives distributing that very mercy.

Your example of unwavering surrender plants a deep seed within our hearts, teaching us that, regardless of circumstance, we must always take shelter of Kṛṣṇa and trust in His divine plan. You personally got so involved in both of our lives and are our rock through the good and challenging times always grounding us with your guiding words, your example of surrender and your fatherly love unto us.

Thank you for gifting us such a valuable jewel. I cannot even begin to understand the extent of our fortune to have come in contact with such an incredible spiritual master, let alone have personal time and guidance from you.

Attempting to become your servants,

Sesa das & Yasoda Jivan devi dasi

Seshasayi Dasa & Hema Gauri Devi Dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.



All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

We wish you a happy Krsna conscious appearance day dear Guru Maharaj,

Offering from Seshasayi Dasa and Hema Gauri Devi Dasi

I would like to thank you dear guru maharaj for accepting us as your disciples.

With your blessings our family is growing in Krsna consciousness. You helped us in every stage whenever we are down and removed our obstacles in our spiritual journey. We are very grateful to you dear Guru Maharaj. Being in a grahastas life with many ups and downs still we could stand up and cultivate our spiritual journey. It is only because of your mercy.

Last year we got an opportunity to serve his holiness Jayadvaita Swami and his holiness. Svyam Bhagavan Keshava Swami. We see this as a mercy on us to see elevated vaishnavas and get inspired. We also had an opportunity to do service in Sri Rama Navami event organised by his grace. Sudhama Prabhuji.

Please bless us to contribute more and more to the mission, serve the devotees and bring new people to Krsna consciousness.

Hare Krsna

Your servants,

Seshasayi Dasa and HemaGauri Devi Dasi

Sneha Bhakti Dasi

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

Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories unto the dust of your lotus feet,



All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

About eight years ago, you said in a talk that, “You are sitting here but you are also somewhere else.” My understanding of this statement was you are connected to some other world, the world where everything is transcendental; the world that gives you empowerment; the world that gives you instructions and above all the world where Srila Prabhupada gives you lots of love. How your worlds have reversed now. Gurudeva, you are sitting there but also somewhere else. And that world is a world filled with your well-wishers and disciples. And despite being away, you are even closer than ever. You had said, “Do not worry, I will still look at you.” And I strongly feel that lot of days but then there are lot of days where I easily forget you. Yes, I chant my Gayatri where I meditate on you, pay obeisances to you, I listen to your kirtans and classes and despite that I don’t feel separation. And I wonder, why? I wonder sometimes where the intensity is!! There is no one in this world who is dearer to me, who is closer to me – then why is it that I don’t feel the separation regularly.

His holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj has made it to Australia. We know he is here only and only because of his love for you. Through his service and this love, I have started to understand how to keep a relationship alive even after someone leaves. There is a saying, “Action speaks louder than words”, and he is demonstrating that. He has even made a provision to meet tune in group. A group that was formed as a service to Srila Prabhupada, on behalf of you. A group that was formed to serve you when you visited Brisbane. Unfortunately, you never physically made it to this centre, but I am grateful to you for making it happen somehow or the other.

You had said, you wanted your disciples to be known for being kind. I am trying hard working on that. On, your special day, I pray, I beg that please don’t ever love me less even when the enemies within are taking over, even when I am not very kind. I am trying to become a good daughter and a good servant of yours who can contribute to this mission of Srila Prabhupada. As you once said, when we go up there, Krsna will be standing at the door asking, “What have you done in your life and why should I let you enter this spiritual world?” I want to say, “I am disciple of his holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami, please let me in,” and that will help me make it. For that I want to reach a place where I am confident, that I am not wasting life, that I fulfilled the desires of my spiritual master, my spiritual father. And then I will say with confidence, that I am a disciple of his holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami, please let me in. I know you are waiting for each of us for a bigger festival. I can’t wait to be a part of it.

I rest myself at your mercy.

I surrender unto your lotus feet, I completely do.

Sneha Bhakti Dasi



Sri Hari Dasa

nama om' viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate Kadamba Kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

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guru dasa Jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

prepare purva-dakṣyam ca bhaktacara-pravinata
pararthatapi karuṇyam yasya sarve ca te namah

Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to your appearance Srila Gurudeva,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

This is a great opportunity for me today to make an attempt to glorify you on very special occasion on your appearance day. I find myself in a situation where I am trying to glorify a person who is already greatly renowned on this planet for his expertise and innovation in preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Being your disciple it is my duty to glorify my spiritual master according to my capacity. Although my capacity is very limited but your personality is so glorious and there are many things to say on that. We glorify you every day singing Guruvastakam prayer, but today is even more special being the day of your appearance.

Your fame as a great speaker of Kṛṣṇa philosophy and its delivery to variety of audience is well known around the world. Hearing Srimad Bhagavatam from you is so attractive and gives one enthusiasm to hear more and more. You had always spoken to establish the glories of the personality of Supreme Person, Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa.

mahāprabhoḥ kīrtana-nṛtya-gīta-
vāditra-mādyan-manaso rasena

Your chanting of Hare Kṛṣṇa maha mantra in kirtans left and still leaving a deep impact on



hearts of the listeners. Many persons who have had the fortune of hearing your kirtans and lectures, certainly find themselves mesmerized by the holy name. They become enlivened chanting the holy names, jumping higher and higher seeing you chanting like a roaring lion. People forgot all their fears and hesitations and chant in great ecstasy getting your pure association. What a great fortune occurs to such souls who get such opportunity in human form of life.

Seeing your attractive personal qualities and having the fortune to come in contact with you makes me also realize its significance. I am very grateful to devotees who introduced me to the Loft which is a refuge for many conditioned souls seeking protection from Material energy. In the course of time as we hear more about your personal qualities and your activities, certainly the desire to know you increases more and more. Gradually one learns from devotees the best way to make a relation with you is to engage in devotional service. One also learns, just by engaging in devotional service and serving the devotees like a servant, one can please you the most.

yuktasya bhaktāś ca niyūñjato 'pi

Srila Gurudev, You made many arrangements to engage your disciples in devotional service, even when you left the planet, Persons interested to understand and aspiring to participate in Sankirtan movement of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu are given so much care and expert guidance by your disciples. All this happened through your personal guidance. This is how you shown your compassion for all the conditioned souls. I am grateful to you.

Hearing from Srimad Bhagavatam one develops intelligence to distinguish between material and spiritual life. By hearing Bhagavatam and seeking guidance from devotees my intelligence has also started to develop to some extent. I have observed how for many parents great anxiety is to help their children make a bright future. However these parents due to lack of intelligence and knowledge of Krsna consciousness are not able to really help their children. Their major concern is to get them good education in making money and get settled, once they secure a big paying job or business. Parents who have little or no knowledge of spiritual life feel great satisfaction once they have done this duty forgetting the real goal of life. Majority of them are so sure to think that is the best way to settle in life, have a good job, beautiful husband or wife, big house & good health and so on. Not many persons are fortunate enough to be born in families of devotees and hence their future is very dark.

Turning the pages of Bhagavatam and reading glories of devotees engaged in service of the Supreme Lord constantly, one is able to understand glories of devotional service and Spiritual Master. Sastra states certainly the position of Spiritual Master like you is glorious who



offers the best Kṛṣṇa conscious lifestyle opportunities to his disciples. All glories to you who has made different ashram arrangements according to time and place for devotees. At these ashrams one is able to perform devotional service and make the best use of their lives. This is certainly the real and the best settlement.

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

Srila Gurudeva, You save the conditioned souls from blazing fire of material existence by engaging them in devotional service out of causeless mercy. How can one pay the debt of such mercy? You are saving people from the rat race of chasing false happiness in material realm. You do it very expertly by offering them access to the source of all pleasures, following the chain of disciplic succession starting from Supreme Lord himself. All glories to you who came to show the success of this Vedic technology by his personal example and save many conditioned souls.

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

Out of great kindness you also saved me from engaging in pursuit of following illusory happiness and accepted as a disciple by initiating me in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. It is a great favour and I am eternally indebted to you for this Srila Gurudeva.

yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi

It is stated in sastra by mercy of the spiritual master one receives the benediction of the Supreme Person, Kṛṣṇa. Out of compassion, you also offered me an opportunity to engage in full time service which is to happen soon Kṛṣṇa willing. Owing these debts to you, I am obligated to pay them and therefore my duty is to perform service unto you which is the only way to attempt to repay. On this special day I pray to you to be more merciful and grant me knowledge, enthusiasm and strength to be used as an instrument in devotional service.

O Spiritual father, you have been an expert (Dakṣya) in dealing with devotees, therefore I pray to you to give me intelligence so I can learn to deal with devotees appropriately. This will certainly help me serve the devotees with gratitude and humility, for your pleasure and it will be pleasing to devotees also. I have many shortcomings and due to them will make mistakes



therefore I need your mercy even more. Getting your mercy I will also become sincere and strong in service to you and Lord Gauranga and the vaishnavas.

Yours,
Servant of the servants,
Sri Hari Dasa

Sri-Govinda Dasa

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada, and your fine self.

I have been fortunate to have your close association, I have been reflecting on our time together and the comment you made about, “Independently thoughtful men.” These words, “Independently thoughtful,” weighs heavy on my heart. You clearly followed Parikṣit Maharaj’s life model and through the pages of Srimad-Bhagavatam I see that I must follow Parikṣit Maharaj’s life model as well. I have come to a crossroads in my life and I have to make a strong spiritual decision.

Missing your association and wisdom.

In the service of Srila Prabhupada
Sri-Govinda Dasa
(South Africa)

Srivas Pandit Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

vāñchā-kalpatarubhyaś ca kṛpā-sindhubhya eva ca
patitānām pāvanebhyo vaiṣṇavebhyo namo namaḥ



It has been so long since we last met. Yet, that last meeting feels as if it was just a week ago, every-time I think of you. Your kindness towards me feels undeserved yet you always made me and every one of your disciples feel like they were your only disciple. You thought us not only by your words, but also by your actions and emotions. Every time I feel some separation, I read your written messages in the books you signed for me and the videos I have of us speaking and I cannot help but think I will see you at the next Rath-yatra. But alas that will not be.

It has been difficult without you present, but I hold on to your general and personal instructions and feel a sense of overwhelming debt that I will never be able to repay. I will try my best and pray that you continue to bless me with the strength to stay fixed in my devotional service and devotional practice.

Your underserving servant,
 Srivas Pandit Dasa
 (Centurion, South Africa)

Sruti-Kundala Devi Dasi

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

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

We first met in Melbourne. I remember arriving in Melbourne in December 2015 and that first year was the most challenging year of my life. I cried, prayed to Sri Sri Radha Vallabha asking for help not knowing what to do where to go in a foreign country: I felt so vulnerable. The next thing I know, his holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami is coming to Melbourne. I had no idea what Kṛṣṇa had in store for me. I always heard devotees saying, “You will know when you find your spiritual master. It will be revealed from within your heart,” And I remember thinking how this will happen.

I attended an outreach program you did and spoke to you after the kirtan. I can never forget those soul piercing eyes. I kept thinking about the program and our conversation throughout the night and I wondered when will I get to talk to you next? The next day a devotee approached my husband and myself asking if we could make around a thousand cookies for a



beach kirtan that you were holding. Without hesitation we said yes and did it. I was now mesmerised by how you engaged both of us in your service. It was as if you read my mind or better gazed deep into my soul. As the days went by, I knew you were the one Krsna sent. You stood by me in my hardest times. I was, 'crazy' but in a good way' as you said. "Not to forget, the 'your homeless girl," Because I would sit on those stairs from 4.30 am till the time you sleep just to be able to get any small opportunity to serve. As I was new we were not given much to do, but you so kindly included us and engaged us in various ways. You instructed us (my husband and myself) to work together as a team. And I can go on about how merciful you have been to me. Maharaj I miss you dearly.

The years since your departure from this material world have been terrifying. I recall attending your Samadhi installation in 2024 and some devotees were mercifully distributing some of your belongings to those who rendered service to you. I was so eager to grab onto something when a devotee made me realise: what did I really do for you? And I felt so low that I could not do anything at all for you.

Seeing how dedicated others are to contribute to your Mission, what am I doing? How do I contribute? Everyone says do something, then what can I do Guru Maharaj to please you and to contribute to your mission that was so close to your heart. I feel so useless and only wish that you were here to engage me as you did.

I wish I could do more to serve you. Please use us as your instrument Guru Maharaj so that we can remain in service to you. I cannot thank you enough for everything you did, and you still are doing for me. Without you I have no hope. I remain your eternal servant.

Your insignificant daughter,
Sruti-Kundala Devi Dasi

Sruti Rupa Devi Dasi

Dear Gurumaharaja,
Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Sometimes, we find ourselves at a crossroads, faced with choices that shape our direction. Fortunately, even without a map for my life, your guidance and influence continue to lead us forward.



Life takes us in the direction of our efforts and reflections. While we may sometimes be surprised by where we end up, if we look closely, every situation is simply the result of past actions. Yet, through it all, your mercy remains ever-present. I am forever indebted to you for accepting me as your disciple. Though I am far from an ideal student and life often feels like a trial, staying close to your lotus feet reminds me of life's highest priority.

I am endlessly inspired by your true selflessness and genuine love—by the way you not only explain what real love is but also show us where to find it and how to give it. The heart is a place of longing for true fulfillment, and until we discover it, we continue searching.

Thank you for the shelter of kirtan, for your unwavering mindset, your strength, and your ability to overcome all obstacles while maintaining the spirit of a youthful person—one who sees life as an adventure, finds joy in every day, and shares that joy with others but all connected to Krishna consciousness.

Your aspiring servant,
Sruti rupa devi dasi

Sudama Dasa, Rupa Manjari Devi Dasi & Family

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept our humble obeisance

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to HH Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj

We Wish you a happy Appearance Day.

Time flew by quickly and once again we are excited by the opportunity to share our heartfelt offerings

at your lotus feet.

Time after time, when worldly conditioning challenges us, when the attachments and detachments of

mundane affairs make us waver from the path of the devotional journey, and when the blows of modes

of nature attack our determination to practice devotional life, we have been committing spiritual suicide

by our self-abusing lifestyle and being neglectful of our duties in this Krsna consciousness movement.



Our condition reminds us of the following verse you often quote in your discourses:

durgame pathi me 'ndhasya

skhalat-pāda-gater muhuḥ

sva-kṛpā-yaṣṭi-dānena

santaḥ santv avalambanam (CC Antya 1.2)

Śrīla Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja Gosvāmī prays for the mercy of the saints to grant that stick of support to

guard against slipping from the path. Though we have not developed such great humility and purity,

we beg your causeless mercy to chance and advance confidently by engaging in Srila Prabhu-pada's

mission.

For us, you are that all-merciful SAINT[santaḥ] who has awakened our real fortune.

Further Śrīla Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja Gosvāmī refers the instructions of Sri Kṛṣṇa to Uddhava where He

says that one should know ācārya as Himself.:

ācāryaṁ mām vijānīyān

navamanyeta karhicit

na martya-buddhyāsūyeta

sarva-deva-mayo guruḥ (SB 11.17.27, CC Adi 1.46)

May you brighten up our vision to appreciate the essence of this statement, as it is.

You are that Acarya who walked in the footsteps of previous acharya, as it is.

You are that great Acarya who not only led a life as vrajavasi but also left this world as a true vrajavasi, as it is.

You are like that great Acarya who Srila Vishvanath Chakravarti Thakur praised in Guru-ashtakam, as

it is.

Drowning in an ocean of desires and struggling to breathe the life air of The Pure Bhakti we seek your

shelter. Your support helps us fight the odds in conducting our spiritual battle, when the path is

- slippery like ice, we seek protection in your sturdy instructions.

- fuzzy that surprise, we turn to your witty and profound teachings.

- Stormy like blaze, we soak in your soothing moonlight kirtans.

This year

- we were able to conduct various online preaching programs, regular monthly programs, and festival celebrations across Germany and in Lichtenstein.

- We had the fortune to be in Vrindavan and recharge our batteries.

- Our outreach initiatives are appreciated by many and is helping us to gift Kṛṣṇa conscious-



ness to

many souls out there.

- We dove in bliss by conducting Srimad Bhagavata Saptaha twice this year and helped ourselves

pick some of the valuable teachings from the life of Citraketu and Ajamila.

- Vrajendra nandan das, Sri Vibhav Krsna are trying to follow your instructions for reading, chanting,

and conducting kirtans. They serve in Gauradesh with Kirtan services and have taken part in the

Kirtana Mela 2024. Please bless them immensely and inspire them from within to carry out your

instructions with utmost sincerity.

C2 General

Under the showering of your mercy may we continue to expand your preaching mission to near and

far. Hence please continue to pour out your ever increasing causeless mercy upon everyone of us

who are joining us in spreading Krsna consciousness with great dedication.

Some thoughts that visit us repeatedly are about our inabilities, and disqualifications to serve our best.

Still, like last time, we would like to improve on keeping our commitment to you. May we not shake or

break our promises.

Here is our humble prayer at your lotus feet:

Oh, dear Gurudev!

Oh, dear Gurudev! Engage us in your service truly fitting

Correct us with words so befitting

Oh, dear Gurudev! Stop us from expecting what we're getting

Guide us with the right goal-setting

Oh, dear Gurudev! Wake us up from idly sitting

Encourage us to keep from quitting

Oh, dear Gurudev! Remind us of the dangers of forgetting



Recover us from the path of regretting
While we struggle
with worldly juggle

Oh dear Gurudev! Spare us your torchlight of wisdom
Stop our aimless unwanted roam
Life's short
That's what we got

Oh dear Gurudev! Protect us from falling doom
Beg you to carry us back home

Bestow your causeless mercy on Vrajendra Nandana Das, Sri Vibhav Krsna so that they make you proud by being instrumental in Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's sankirtan movement. Your blessings brings them service opportunities and please have your ever-compassionate eye on them dear Guru Maharaj.
Ignoring our inabilities and disqualifications and considering us your immature disciples kindly empower us so that we can improve our quality of service unto you, Srila Prabhupada, and his exemplary entourage of this century. Help us in singing your glories in all three worlds.
Your servants

Sudama dasa, Rupa Manjari devi dasi,
Vrajendra Nandana dasa,
Sri Vibhav Krsna

Sukhayanti Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.



As I reflect on who you are, the theme of, “exemplary inspiration,” has deeply resonated with me this year. When I think of you, I remember your personal dealings and down-to-earth interactions with all of your disciples. You never placed yourself high on a pedestal, looking down on us; instead, you were amongst us, understanding our struggles, our pains, and our difficulties - guiding and inspiring us in our Krsna consciousness. Through sharing your own life experiences, you made us feel that you, too, were a person just like us.

Of course, you were never ordinary. The achievements of your life were nothing short of extraordinary. And yet, that is what makes you so unique. You were not a Srila Prabhupada disciple - just like us. You came to the movement with a rebellious mood, much like many of us. In the beginning, you were uncertain about the process, just as we were. You got married. But then, at a relatively young age, you took vanaprastha and later sannyasa. Soon after, under the order of your spiritual master, you began initiating disciples.

You are a source of inspiration. You proved that impossible is indeed a word in a fool’s dictionary. You showed us that there are no limits and that anything can be achieved through mercy. In your final days, you spoke of mercy often. You had always spoken about it, but somehow, at the end of your time with us, it felt even more emphasized. You reminded us that all of your accomplishments were simply the result of mercy and the mercy you received from other devotees. Yes, mercy, but you did so much to attract that mercy. And by doing so, you showed us what we must do if we wish to receive the same.

Through your life and achievements, you showed us, your disciples, how we must lead our own lives if we, too, want to become successful in Krsna consciousness. You transformed Krsna consciousness from a distant dream, from a vague promise of future success, into an undeniable, irrevocable fact.

I am not you. And the more I look at myself, the more I am humbled. I no longer have false ideas about myself or what I can accomplish in this lifetime. If I can leave this body while chanting the holy name, I will consider myself fortunate. But it is because of your inspirational example that I can even imagine that much.

And at night, when no one is there—not even my own mind—I dream that maybe, by following your example, I too can one day do something meaningful in Srila Prabhupada’s movement.

Your servant,
Sukhayanti Devi Dasi



Surabhi Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to your lotus feet,
All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

It is almost 2 years since you left but the rememberence of you stays with me.
It still inspires me to stay on track with my spiritual practice and keep the focus.

You are the greatest inspiration of my life.
Thank You for everything.

Your humble servant

Surabhi Devi Dasi

Svarupa Damodara Dasa

Hare Krsna Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisance.

All glories to guru and Gauranga,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I am trying my best be live in this movement of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Srila Prabhu-pada. I am always using your kirtans and lectures to maintain by inspiration towards Krsna consciousness.

It is very difficult to ensure at every moment I am able to please Krsna (which was one of your instructions to all of us), seeking your blessings so that I can do it.

I have real desire to come back home back to Godhead but sometimes getting carried away by



material things until being humbled again by Krsna's arrangements.

Chanting with full focus is difficult for me, I got opportunity to attend Holy Name retreat at Govardhan retreat center and at Ekachakra dham by which I am able to understand how shallow and empty my chanting is, I am able to do better sadhana amongst serious devotees than being alone.

I am praying and seeking your help so that whatever little contribution I can do to Srila Prabhupada's mission can be done until I am alive here and come back to you soon and serve eternally under your guidance.

Thanking for your great contributions and care towards each one of us.
Please help me understand your glories and to follow in your footsteps.

Your servant,
Svarupa Damodara Dasa
(Chennai, India)

Svayam Bhagavan Keshava Swami

Dear Kadamba Kanana Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Prabhupada fascinated me, not only because of his spiritual depth, but because of his beautiful character and ingenious practicality. Though completely transcendental, he remained down-to-earth. He showed how to navigate the complexities and intricacies of life from the transcendental platform. In the world, but not of it.

Dear Maharaj, you embodied this very same specialty. Along with teaching me transcendental knowledge, you trained me in practical affairs. From you I learnt about management and leadership; how to get things done without getting injured. Through observing you I learnt how to address audiences, balance opinions, connect to diverse individuals, and counsel those seeking help. You taught me how to adjust my approach while maintaining my authenticity.



Your purity in diplomacy, perceptiveness in practical affairs and problem-solving superpowers help me navigate daily life, which is becoming more complex than I had ever imagined. Most amazingly, through it all, you remained a sadhu, living with the vision of eternity and focused on loving Krsna.

You were my teacher, not just in spiritual matters, but in the school of life. We miss you. After the December marathon I would always report to you how it went. As the months of the year went by you would visit the UK and definitively direct me towards my next life goal. April would come and we would come and meet you for Vyasa-puja. Those were life-changing festivals. In the Summer we would connect somewhere for a Ratha-yatra and dance in kirtan. You would always be reachable on the phone in case a question came up. Sometimes you would email if you had an idea, were worried about something or heard a rumour in the Iskcon grapevine about us. Always present, making yourself fully available. I am humbled that you took such a personal interest, despite how impersonal I can be. I cherish those moments, now realizing how life-changing they were.

These days I travel the circuit, following your trail. I am visiting countries which you invested so much of yourself in, seeing the effect you had on devotees and the legacy you left. I attempt to contribute in my own small way, trying to be part of all the incredible things you manifested. I sometimes stop and think what you would tell me if you saw my life as it stands. Lots to improve on, but I hope there is something there which may make you smile.

Thank you for recruiting me into the greatest movement on earth.

Your servant,
S.B. Keshava Swami

Tanumadhya Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you. All glories to Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj, and all glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Another year has passed, but not without your presence. I am getting to understand more now what



it means to have you present in my life through your lectures, kirtans, excerpts from your classes and interaction with your disciples. You can even be present in my thoughts. The most valuable lesson I learnt is that it is up to me to make the connection, without my determined endeavour I would not be able to sense that you are always close by. Without my endeavour I would not even be aware of it.

In my early years, while I was still aspiring to become your disciple, I could always find an answer to a prompting question, but I had to take the time to read your blog posts or find a random lecture to listen to. It happened more than once that you mentioned something which directed me to find an answer.

I guess what I am really trying to say is that I understand now what it means when we hear that the relationship with our spiritual master is reciprocal. You are always available, but it is us who need to take the time to connect with you.

You have left us with so much to turn to. Although it wasn't your kirtans that attracted me at the beginning, it is specific kirtans that now touch my heart in a very deep sense. Thank you for always being there for us.

Your servant,
Tanumadhya Devi Dasi

Tarun Caitanya Dasa

Dear Gurudeva,

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

Recently, I have been reflecting on how fortunate I have been to have had so much of your as-



sociation in Radhadesh - the japa walks, conversations, and the lectures you gave here. I now realize how unaware I was of the immense value of those moments and how often we truly appreciate what we had only after we lose it.

I am doing my best to keep my promise to you and to continue my service here in Radhadesh, even when my mind sometimes rebels against it. On difficult days, I remember your instructions and advice, which give me strength and direction.

I know I am not your best disciple, but I am striving to improve. I sincerely hope that one day I will be able to live up to the trust you have placed in me.

Thank you for everything.

Your servant,
Tarun Caitanya Dasa

The disciples of South Africa

Vyasa-puja Offering to His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj

On the Occasion of His 72nd Appearance Anniversary

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to your divine grace.

As we gather to honour your sacred Vyasa-puja, our hearts are heavy with longing yet filled with gratitude. Life has been difficult since you departed from this mortal world, but we continue to draw strength from the love, wisdom, and fire of devotion you left us. You taught us that surrender means to serve with enthusiasm, no matter the obstacles. And so, in your absence, we strive to continue your legacy - to uphold your mission with the same spirit of courage, sincerity, and unwavering dedication to Srila Prabhupada.

Here in South Africa, the seeds of devotion you planted continue to grow. Your kirtans still echo in our hearts, urging us to never stop calling out to Krsna. Your instructions guide us, reminding us that the real treasure of life is in serving the devotees, sharing Krsna consciousness, and keeping the mission alive. Whether through book distribution, harinam, university



outreach, or caring for devotees, we remain determined to carry forward your vision.

But Guru Maharaj, we miss you. The world feels different without your presence, your humour, your intensity in kirtan, your deep insights into the scriptures. We pray for your blessings - for the strength to remain steady, for the wisdom to make the right decisions, and for the faith to always take shelter of Krsna, just as you taught us.

On this most auspicious day, we rededicate ourselves to serving you and Srila Prabhupada with all our hearts. May we always remain instruments of your mercy and always be counted among your disciples, striving to fulfil the mission you so fearlessly carried forward.

Your servants,
Your loving disciples in South Africa

Tulsi Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Another year has passed. We are trying to fulfil your desires, but I think we are falling short. It is not so easy when you are not here. We try to keep up with good sadhana, good reading habits, visiting the holy dham. We are trying to spread Krsna consciousness, to support some of the young devotees, but without you is not so easy.

We have some progress in New York. We opened the windows of the building, balcony is renovated and ready for use, Bhakti school is going on, Kadamba Cafe is about to open and the best of all things Jayadvaita Maharaj made Radha Govinda temple his home base. And still if you would be here personally the things would be much better.

We are missing your practical guidance, your relevant classes, your powerful energetic kirtans, your friendly and warm behaviour with us. Also your fatherly corrections and slapping.



One time you ask me to become more serious in spiritual life, to grow up.

I replied: "I will try."

You immediately said: "That is not good enough simply to try, you have to do it. I need a plan."

One time a disciple of yours offered obeisances to you, but he did not prostrate himself completely on the ground. You immediately corrected him in a fatherly way:

"You have to offer full dandavat. I offer full dandavat to my guru."

I try to remember that the spiritual master is always with his disciples, always watching them and their actions. The nice thing is that always when we listen to your kirtans, your classes, speak about your personality, remember interesting moments with you, we immediately remember you, it is like you are here with us.

There are two ways to associate with the spiritual master vani and vapu - physical association and his instructions. For quite some time we had the fortune to have your personal association and render some service to you. Now vani is our connection with you.

Dear Guru Maharaj, please give us spiritual strength so that we can fulfil your wishes and your instructions to us. If we do that our life will be successful.

Please be merciful to us.

Your servant,

Tulsi Dasa

Tulya Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

Because of my limitedness I find it difficult to describe your glories. You are so much more than words can say. You have said many things and gave many instructions, but there is one that I really embraced with all my heart. You said: "Just do some devotional service." The result of that is happiness in the heart and a desire to do more devotional service. The point is, that your words go deep and if we follow them, something is happening in the heart.

I am so grateful to Krsna that you came into our lives. You are a torch light that can bring a



soul out of this dark tunnel of material suffering. And with your words of wisdom. You are the light at the end of a tunnel. You are the most intelligent, wonderful, loving and compassionate person there is. We are so blessed to have you. Although I do not dream about you, I know that you are present in my life. I can see that every day. I pray to Krsna that I can always serve you more and more.

Your servant,
Tulya Dasi

Tusta Krishna Dasa & Premanjani Rupa Devi Dasi

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this auspicious occasion of Vyasa-puja, I would like to begin by offering the Guru Vandana mantra:

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

“I was born in the darkness of ignorance, but my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torchlight of knowledge. I offer my humble obeisances unto him.”

Srila Vishwanath Chakravati Thakur says:

“One who, with great care and attention, loudly recites the Guruvastakam prayers during the auspicious Brahma Muhurta will obtain direct service to Krishna, the Lord of Vrindavan, at the time of their departure.”

Similarly, Srimad-Bhagavatam (11.3.21) instructs:

“Any sincere seeker of ultimate welfare must approach a bona fide spiritual master and take shelter of him through initiation. Such a Guru has deeply realized the scriptures, is free from



material entanglements, and can guide others on the path of transcendental knowledge.”

Gurudeva, I never imagined I would be able to connect with Krsna as I was always seeking material happiness, but you have showered so much mercy upon us that we now realize how lost we would have been without your guidance and Srial Prabhupada teaching.

I am eternally grateful for the personal opportunities you gave me to serve you - whether it was washing and ironing your dhoti, cooking for you, or simply being allowed to sit with you and speak how we are going and what we are doing for Krsna. I always served you with awe and reverence, but out of boundless mercy and kindness you opened your heart to me and asked me to treat you as a friend. Now, you have left this world for your eternal service to Srila Prabhupada, Gaura Nitai, and Sri Sri Radha Krsna but your presence and instructions remain deeply imprinted in our hearts.

I still remember that 2009 Nityananda Trayodasi day when you made me reflect for the first time that one can fall in love with Krsna through his holy names. Your final days in Vrindavan were a testament to this truth. Despite having no physical strength, you continued chanting until your last breath. This has left eternal impression on us, reaffirming the supreme importance of chanting Krsna’s holy name and surrendering to him.

As we spoke last time in Vrindavan about new temple construction, the update is that the construction of the new temple in Western Sydney is progressing well. I am pleased to share that construction of walls for the new temple has started, and we remain hopeful that we will soon be able to welcome devotees from around the world to take darshan of Sri Sri Radha Govinda, Sri Sri Sita-Rama, Lakshmana, and Hanuman, Sri Sri Gaura-Nitai, and Srila Prabhupada. Dear Gurudeva, we aspire to serve them with the same love and devotion that you have demonstrated throughout your life.

On this Vyasa-puja, as you have always instructed, we renew our vows to chant at least sixteen rounds of the Hare Krsna maha-mantra daily and to follow the four regulative principles. We humbly pray for your blessings so that we always remain steady in Krsna consciousness and develop even a fraction of the deep taste and attachment that you have for the holy name.

Your eternal servants & friends,
Tusta Krishna Dasa & Premanjani Rupa Devi Dasi
Sydney (Australia)



Uddhava Dasa

Please accept our humble obeisances.

All glories to his holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

We all share a lifetime to learn, to work, to teach and to contemplate. It seems that you were living many lifetimes at the same time. You had time for everyone, you had time to read, you had time to serve, you had time to meditate and you had even had time for me. We share the same amount of hours in a day, but somehow Krsna made your hours much longer than mine. How else could you manage all that you were doing? How else could you manage a whole family? How else is it possible?

That's Krsna's grace. That special attention you received from him, that you earned by giving yourself cent percent. That is what we strive for, in the limited time that we have every day. I hope a spark of grace may find my way.

Your servant,
Uddhava

Vaidarbhi Devi Dasi

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Happy Vyasa-puja.

Gratitude is all that my heart is filled with every time I want to write to you. It's your Vyasa-puja day, and if I say I feel blessed to have such a spiritual master, that would be an understatement.



It is said that words of a sadhu are like razor sharp cutting the illusion of so called reality. Recently I heard your lecture where you said, we all have material desires, but at least let us begin with us not having faith in it, there's one thing when we say material desires will make me happy, that's big illusion, it will drive you to do so many things and then you get those things but then we are still not satisfied, that's the nature of material life. With your words clearly eliminating all the hopes I have from this material world still it is so strong it is hard to give up.

This past year due to your blessings and devotees mercy, I have started an attempt on giving Srimad Bhagavatam discourses. You always emphasise on distributing this mercy to everyone in that attempt, I try to go for harinaam as much I can but not enough because of my shy nature or so to say due to my false ego.

I am really praying to you to shower me with strength and skills to do local preaching, I really want to serve your instructions, please help me do it. Although I am not qualified, please give me your blessings so I can be the instrument of your mercy

Your daughter,
Vaidarbhi Devi Dasi

Vallabhi Kanta Devi Dasi & Gargamuni Dasa

Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept our most humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

We do not know where to begin in expressing our gratitude. You have brought so much auspiciousness into our life. Whatever we can write or speak today is only because of your mercy and teachings.

You have transformed our lives, and everything good that others see in us is due to your kindness, even though unworthy. The ability to repeat something from scriptures or to discern right from wrong is all a result of your guidance.



You have given us so much transcendental knowledge and instructions, yet still struggle to fully apply them in our lives.

Thank you, Gurudeva, for making life meaningful. We will do our best to follow your teachings and remain eternally grateful for all that you have given us. Praying for your mercy always.

Your servant,

Vallabhi Kanta Devi Dasi & Gargamuni Dasa

Vamsi Gita Devi Dasi

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

Gurudeva, On this most blessed day of your Vyasa-puja I offer my pranaams to you again and again. For me personally I do not just remember, honour, praise and worship you today, actually you are never more than a thought away. I keep you safe in my heart and very alive in my memories.

It is really hard some days to not have your physical association and it is those days I find myself crying endlessly. Other days I remember we are all suffering in this miserable material world and I know you served your purpose here to the best of your ability and now you serving the Lord in his humble abode. You are and always will be a preacher - singing and dancing with Lord Caitanya's sankirtan party.

My saving grace is that I am able to listen to your voice daily either by kirtan or a class. You are with me every day. Someday I wish you would speak to me and I could see you with my material eyes and then I realize you never left me. Your continuous guidance and mercy is what protects me. I find you forever present in all your instructions. You continue to bless and love me. I know if I follow your instructions and do what I was supposed to be doing as a devotee this will please you.

It is not so hard to please you but this material world makes it so difficult. With the added stress of having to deal with all people and most times its devotees to. All I can do is pray



and carry on. I feel alone most days Srila Gurudeva, but knowing I have you on my side is what motivates me to carry on flying my plane.

You have known all my struggles and all the pain. You are my strength and it is only because of you I will continue to serve our very merciful Lord Jagannath, Baladeva and Lady Subadra. This is my kind offering to you Gurudeva. Thank you for saving me Gurudeva. Thank you for the years of your physical presence, your association, your guidance, your protection, your love and the commitment to all your disciples to take us back home so we all can serve Srila Prabhupada's Iskcon together.

I am so proud to know such a great man and to be a daughter of your grace. You left a void which nobody can fill. I seek your forgiveness and I pray someday I will make you just as proud. For now please continue to allow me to serve you. I will love you always. Thank you for giving me shelter.

Your daughter,
Vamsi Gita Devi Dasi
(Durban, South Africa)

Vamsi Vadana Dasa

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

**nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine**

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj,



Guru and Disciple relationships are so special. When the disciple accepts the teacher and his instruction deep in his heart, then he tries the best he can do, to follow and to serve him. But we need faith that makes us feel connected. I feel that you gave me that faith in you.

Gurudeva, you are my guiding light. I feel your presence even if you are not here. We are really fortunate to have all lectures and kirtans recorded with you in the past. Most of the god brothers and god sisters share so many photos and videos with you, so this keeps me really close to you. Usually when you love someone in the material world you need to see him, to listen him. To associate with. Of course our relationships can be there even without recorded videos or kirtans, but nowadays it helps us so much.

Dear Guru Maharaj we need your mercy and the mercy of vaishnavas to be confident in our spiritual life. You are so confident in everything you do. We can feel your spiritual strength based on your endless confidence in the process of Bhakti. The most powerful way to have strong faith in someone and to follow him is to see that he lives his life honestly the same way he speaks. And you are that grate example for me. I appreciate that, this really keeps me to have faith in the process and do not give it up even when I feel weakness in my spiritual life.

I heard you saying that we have Srimad Bhagavatam, we have prasadam, kirtans, festivals. So this makes us to have more faith and to engage ourselves in devotional service. It's easier to be confident with all this things. You said before to hold on to this and to hold on the books that Srila Prabhupada gave us. You are always inspiring me to be determined in my spiritual life and to follow our Jagad Guru Srila Prabhupada. We got the mercy from you and we just have to use it. To share it with others as you did.

I pray that I may always feel your presence. You definitely have the main role in my life. Sorry that I'm not perfectly following your instructions. Please forgive me that I fail often and I can't make my life fully depended on you, the vaishnavas and Krsna, but you are really compassionate to all of us and gave us everything what we need! And hope one day this mercy of you will be properly used by me.

I am also very thankful to your Guru Maharaj dear Jayadvaita Swami, who really opened his heart for many of us and gave us shelter as real spiritual grandfather. The connection between you both is so inspiring for me.

Dear Gurudeva, these were just some thoughts about your spiritual strength, your wonderful example while you have been here with us and about this strong wish to serve your Guru and Srila Prabhupada.



Thank you, Hare Krsna.

Your servant,
Vamsi Vadana Dasa

Varsana-lila Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Maharaj

Please accept my humble obeisances and hearty wishes for your auspicious appearance day.

How are you Maharaj? To satisfy my urge to know the answer to this I have a motion picture in my head wherein you are enthusiastically singing kirtan or energetically moving from place to place organising and managing some festivals or sincerely engaged in your services pleasing Srila Prabhupada or blissfully dancing in Mahaprabhu's sankirtan party and many more. In the midst of all these engagements quite often I am bothering you with my requests either for your guidance or help to intervene to correct my understandings and to dissipate my doubts. Every single time whenever I have turned to you with such requests, you have showered your mercy upon me. Thank you so much Maharaj.

Though we are not meeting you in this body, you have very lovingly created various effective and successful ways to reach us and to make sure we will always be in Krsna consciousness. Through your immersive kirtans. Through your books and lecture, you have shared so much with us that every year the same read or a lecture brings a deeper meaning, makes more sense and highlights the scope of practical applicability. Through all senior vaishnavas and Maharaj, senior god brothers and sisters who have already pleased you with their services and are still going on with the same momentum to spread the glory of this sankirtan movement. Thank you so much Maharaj for holding our hands and showing us the way through all of them.

I know you have asked us to take charge of our own bhakti but I am still very much dependent on you and other senior devotees - I still have to mature in my devotional life and still have to do things which pleases you. However, I am hopeful that I will be that disciple which you have envisioned for me and to not let you down.

Last year for me was the year when at every step I was deeply grateful and full of gratitude. The year where I have seen, felt, observed and soaked in immense mercy which flowed towards me due to your grace, the kind hearted vaishnavas, our god family and all the devotees around the world. There had been many incidents, events which I have experienced in-



dividually and also as a family have each day firmed my belief that the love and care of both guru and Gauranga has no bounds. I am sincerely thankful to you Maharaj for always enlightening me with the wisdom which have kept me near to devotees and Krsna in all ups and downs. Thank you for being forever present with me and with all of us.

Maharaj I would like to beg for your forgiveness for the offenses committed by me unwillingly out of my ignorances and anarthas.

Your Vyas-puja is an opportunity to me to be more sincere in my Krsna consciousness and assess my real offerings towards you. Therefore I humbly seek your blessings to be able to perform my services constantly with love, enthusiasm, jest and to always keep the fire to serve the mission ignited in me.

A very happy Krsna conscious appearances day dear Maharaj and thank you for making us all so fortunate by appearing.

With lots of admiration, adoration and respect yours always insignificant servant,
Varsana-lila Dasi

Vasant Pancami Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you. All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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

Two years have now passed since your departure, yet your presence and guidance continue to resonate deeply in our lives. By your grace, our family now resides on a small farm in rural Texas, in a community of just 1,400 people. Although it is far from the sacred land of Vrindavan, the misty mornings here, with their gentle views of the land and cows, often remind me of its transcendental beauty.

I often reflect on your instructions to develop the farmland at Iskcon Vrindavan. I vividly recall the moment you emerged from Srila Prabhupada's room and, with your characteristic



demeanour, said, “Now you are talking if you can do something with that land.” Those words have remained etched in my heart, guiding me even now as I engage in projects related to land and cows. Though my current circumstances keep me away, my hope and prayer are to one day return and fulfil your wish.

This year, by your mercy, many devotees graced our farm. On Gopastami and during Rathayatra in July, despite the intense summer heat, about 250 visitors gathered here. We could feel your blessings throughout these occasions. In the interim, we have been trying to serve by distributing books and sharing Krsna consciousness with the locals.

Recently, we rescued a young Indian breed cow from a slaughterhouse. He was deemed too weak to survive, but by Krsna’s grace, he has recovered under our care. Even the Christian farmer who sold him to us was astonished at his transformation. It is in moments like these that I am reminded of how Krsna consciousness brings miracles into our lives.

Above all, the greatest miracle is the shelter, direction, and purpose you have given me. Listening to your lectures and reading your quotes is a source of constant strength, lifting the burdens of material existence and aligning my heart with service to Krsna and Srila Prabhupada’s mission.

I remain ever indebted to you for everything. Please continue to guide and inspire me so I may one day truly fulfil your instructions and serve in a way that pleases you.

Your servant,
Vasant Pancami Dasa

Venuya Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.



Krsna says in the Bhagavad-gita as it is: “Everywhere are His hands and legs, His eyes, heads and faces, and His ears are everywhere. In this way the Supersoul exists, pervading everything.” (Bg13.14).

You often said, Guru Maharaj, that we cannot see Krsna directly, but we can see the hands of the Lord through his arrangements. It is said that Krsna guides the living entities from within, as the Supersoul, and the spiritual master guides them from without.

In your last personal talks to your disciples you repeatedly said that you will be always on our side. Many of us experience this and I want to express my deep gratitude for your extraordinary care even from the other side. Without your guidance I would often feel at a loss. I am so thankful for a couple of very merciful arrangements in which, I am sure, you were involved. Like in your physical presence, the needed association is always at the perfect time.

You said, “Spiritual life is about taking shelter.” Your ‘Forever Present,’ book is such a shelter for me. I often ask you for guidance and open up this book and find helpful answers. It is really a treasure chest. You put so much experiences and realizations in this book.

Dear Guru Maharaj, you desire from your disciples that we become what you would like us to be. I am sure that I am not there yet and you know my struggles. That is why I appreciate the last sentence of the chapter, ‘Struggles,’ so much: “If we think that we are the exception, then we should understand that Krishna is greater than we are and no matter how great our weakness is, Krishna’s mercy can lift us above it.”

I am becoming more and more aware, that Krsna is everything and that nothing is possible without his mercy and the mercy of the vaishnavas. And that nothing is possible on my own strength. Through initiation you connected me with the Guru parampara.

When I shortly visited Mayapur last March for the first time I could feel the spiritual power close to the samadhis of Srila Gaura Kisora dasa Babaji, Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura dasa and Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura. You often mentioned how important it is to connect with these acaryas and to hear about them. I want to thank you for this extraordinary gift of taking shelter at the lotus feet of all these great personalities.

And thank you thousand times for the Hare Krsna maha mantra that I am allowed to chant every day and which effects so many changes in my life, character and habits.

Hopefully, I can one day really be your servant of the servants and a servant of everyone.

Your insignificant servant

Venuya Devi Dasi



Vijaya Govinda Dasa

Hare Krsna Maharaj,

All glories to you,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

There is one kirtan of yours that I constantly listen in which you are singing from the bottom of your heart. It is a Kirtan mela from 2013 in Mayapur. It is like a big journey in which you are sharing with all of us how beautiful, how wonderful, how amazing, how incredible, how lovely is Krsna. It feels like we are going through a stormy waters in a big pirate ship in the ocean of love and the ocean of bhakti.

This kirtan of yours is really what touches sincerely my heart and open it deeply to the love for Krsna. I am deeply grateful to you Maharaj for opening the doors of Vrindavan to us in such sweet and adventurous way through kirtan. Thank you for your mercy Maharaj, without you I would never be here.

Your servant,

Vijaya Govinda Dasa

Visnurata Dasa

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

gauru-krpamrtam prapto vraje mayapure'pi yah
prabhupada-priyo lokam payaty anivaritam

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

namaste sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadai-pascatyā-desā-tarine



Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my respectful obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to you. All glories to his holiness Srila Jayadvaita Swami. All glories to his divine grace Srila A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. All glories to Iskcon and all the vaishnavas.

On the most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, besides gratitude and glorification – I would like to offer something valuable, but I cannot offer anything besides: broken “names,” lack of service enthusiasm and taste; lack of time dedicated to Srila Prabhupada’s missions; sadhana, family and health still far from perfection or even far from a good standard.

My misfortune is the result of my free will to offend your lotus feet and the lotus feet of the vaishnavas feet, which are worshipable and a real place of pilgrimage

Your feet are the actual sangam

“One Ekadasi during the Kumbha-mela in Allahabad, Prabhupada was sitting back with his eyes closed, his legs stretched under his desk, talking about Ekadasi. Prabhupada said, “Lotus pods fried in ghee are very good on Ekadasi.” Somebody immediately ran to the market to arrange for lotus pods, but just two minutes later a Ramanandi brahman and his 9 year-old son arrived, both of them wearing Ramanandi tilak. They paid their obeisances, and the father put a cloth bag from his shoulder on Prabhupada’s desk. Prabhupada put his hand in it and said, “Just see, it has come.” It was lotus pods fried in ghee. He looked at the Ramanandi and said,

“How are you?” This man happened to be the priest of a Bengali family in Firozabad, U.P., where Prabhupada used to stay. Even though this person was a Ramanandi, he did the Gaura-Nitai Deity worship for this family. Prabhupada ate some of the pods, distributed the rest and said to the Ramanandi, “You haven’t taken bath in the confluence, the sangam?” The Ramanandi said, “Swamiji, I have come to take bath in the sangam,” and he put a plate under Prabhupada’s feet. Prabhupada adjusted his feet on the plate and this man bathed Prabhupada’s feet in sangam water from his pot while he chanted mantras. Prabhupada looked at him, smiling. During that time, December 1976, it was rare to get Prabhupada’s charanamrita and all of us desired it. This Ramanandi sprinkled that water on his head, drank some, and then sprinkled some on all of us. He said to Prabhupada, “Your feet are the actual



sangam. What will we get in bathing that sangam? Your feet will purify the Ganges and since you are not going to the Ganges, I brought the Ganga here. I will mix some of this charanamrita in the Ganga.” Prabhupada smiled and said, “Give me your son. I will make him an acharya...” (Source: Vanipedia, Atma Tattva das Remembers Srila Prabhupada).

“Vaishnavas are the actual place of pilgrimage, because they carry the Lord in their hearts.” This important verse was actually spoken by Maharaja Yudhisthira to Vidura in the 1st Canto of Srimad Bhagavatam and is repeated three times in Sri Caitanya Caritamrta. Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport that an advanced devotees carries Lord Visnu within his heart, therefore he is a moving Temple and a moving Visnu.

This explains, why your blissful and ecstatic kirtans attracted so many devotees, scholarly lectures and adventurous traveling preaching, why you were so strict, yet with such a humble and merciful heart, “Harder than the thunderbolt and softer than a rose,” (SB 11.11.29-32). You are a moving Caitanya, since you carry your Guru, Srila Prabhupada, Krsna and Lord Caitanya in Your heart, and naturally they carry you in their hearts.

Saints are themselves places of pilgrimage

bhavad-vidhā bhāgavatās
tīrtha-bhūtāḥ svayaṁ prabho
tīrthī-kurvanti tīrthāni
svāntaḥ-sthena gadā-bhṛtā

‘Saints of your caliber are themselves places of pilgrimage. Because of their purity, they are constant companions of the Lord, and therefore they can purify even the places of pilgrimage.

Purport: Since an advanced devotee carries Lord Viṣṇu within his heart, he is a moving temple and a moving Viṣṇu. An advanced devotee does not need to go to holy places, for wherever he stays is a holy place.’ (CC Madhya 20.57).

For the sincere followers and disciples the faith in Guru and Krsna is never lost. The strength and inspiration are never lost, since the instructions are always there. This simply means that I am not a sincere devotee and I pray to become one.



‘My Guru Mahārāja is with me. I never lost this faith, and that is fact. There are two words, vāṇī and vapuḥ. Vāṇī means words, and vapuḥ means this physical body.

So vāṇī is more important than the vapuḥ. Vapuḥ will be finished. This is material body. It will be finished. That is the nature. But if we keep to the vāṇī, to the words of spiritual master, then we remain very fixed up. It doesn’t matter. Just like Bhagavad-gītā. It was spoken five thousand years ago. But if you keep to the words of Kṛṣṇa, then it is always fresh and guiding.’

(His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvami Prabhupada’s Appearance Day, Lecture -- Atlanta, March 2, 1975).

Sincerely praying for your blessings and forgiveness.

Your indebted and insignificant servant,
Visnurata Dasa

Visvambhara Caitanya Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Since your departure, I have only come closer to you. The gravity of your departure has awakened something in me: to be a serious disciple of yours. Furthermore, it has increased my understanding and appreciation of the sheer gravity, grandeur, and unlimited nature of your giving. I have been showered by your mercy like no one else; while others may have done things to deserve the mercy they received, I did not.

I say I love you but I fail to fulfil the purport. Inspired by the words Kṛṣṇa and Sudhama receive from their guru: Sandipani said: “O my children, you have suffered so much for my sake! The body is most dear to every living creature, but you are so dedicated to me that you completely disregarded your own comfort. This indeed is the duty of all true disciples: to repay



the debt to their spiritual master by offering him, with pure hearts, their wealth and even their very lives.” (SB 10.80.40-41).

The perfection of my body would be, for it to be used in your service; the perfection of my mind to understand your purpose and execute it, with the zeal you showed when serving your guru maharaja.

So far, I understand that you want me to be the best version of myself, and so serve the essence of Lord Caitanya’s mission, which is to spread this movement’s name far and wide, specifically by taking care of the spiritual lives of others.

Oh, how wonderful it is that I have been asked by your disciples to write this offering to you. Reminding me of your instruction for me at initiation, to fill this big name of servant of Lord Viśvambhara. The One who gave no less than the biggest wealth of all: love of god to the most unqualified kali-yugaitis, by taking care of the spiritual lives of others. Let me do so with the lion-heartedness of Lord Nrsimhadeva, the clarity in purpose of Narada Muni, and the buoyant nature of Hanuman.

You once prayed on my behalf to Lord Nrsimhadeva’s picture, having given me Nrsinga oil from Mayapur, during your last stay in Radhadesh. You said, “May you, dear Nrsimhadeva, remove all material desires of this fellow and fulfil all his spiritual desires.”

Thank you.

Your servant,

Visvambhara Caitanya dasa

Vrajajana Dasa

Hare Krsna lieber Guru Maharaj,
Bitte akzeptiere meine demütigen Ehrerbietungen.
Alle Ehre sei Srila Prabhupada.
Ich möchte dir heute meine Dankbarkeit ausdrücken.

Ich bin dankbar, dich zum ersten Mal in Leipzig getroffen zu haben, es muss wohl 2011 gewesen sein. Ich kann mich nur an deine Worte erinnern, dass es momentan schwierig ist, deine Flüge zu finanzieren.



Ich bin dankbar, dich in Mayapur 2013 näher kennengelernt zu haben. Ich habe dir nach einer Morgenlecture nur eine kurze Frage stellen wollen, du hast mich daraufhin zu einem Gespräch in dein Zimmer eingeladen, welches dann 2 Stunden lang gedauert hat. Es ist für mich ein prägendes Ereignis in meinem spirituellen Leben geblieben.

Ich bin dir dankbar, dass du in Simhachalam in Deutschland die Festivals immer wieder besucht hast. So konnte ich mit dir weiterhin Gemeinschaft haben und durch diese Gemeinschaft, speziell durch deine Kirtanas, hast du mein Herz erobert. Ich bin dankbar, dass du mich daraufhin als deinen Schüler angenommen hast und mir die Einweihungen gegeben hast, die mich mit dir stark verbunden haben. Ich bin dir dankbar für deine Ratschläge und Anweisungen, die du mir immer wieder gegeben hast. Sie werden mir in Erinnerung bleiben und sind weiterhin mein Wegweiser im spirituellen Leben.

Ich bin dir dankbar, dass du dir immer wieder für mich Zeit genommen hast, obwohl du so viele Verpflichtungen hattest. Du hast Kontakte auf der ganzen Welt geknüpft und trotzdem immer wieder die Zeit gefunden, für deine Schüler da zu sein. Ich möchte dir meine Dankbarkeit mit meinen Taten zeigen, indem ich deine Anweisungen befolge und versuche, Menschen mit dem Krishnabewusstsein zu verbinden.

Ich weiß, dass dies dir immer sehr wichtig war.

Dein Diener,

Vrajajana Dasa

Vrajesvari Devi Dasi

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshtaya bhu-tale
srimate kadamba kanana-svamin iti namine

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshtaya bhu-tale
srimate guru dasa jaiadvaita-svamin iti namine

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

Please accept my humble obeisances in to your lotus feet.



All glories to your beloved guru Jayadvaita Swami. All glories to Srila Prabhupada

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

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Passed away one more year without you, physically, in this world and sometimes the pain is still so strong. But at these very moments you appear in my dream to see that you're by my side (as you always are) to smile or show what's right and what's not, to remind me to keep going forward and not to give up whatever happens; to keep conquering Kṛṣṇa every day. And to be one step closer to you because you are waiting for all of us (your disciples) there on the opposite shore. As you said - we are only an arm's length away from each other. How to do it? You still telling us through your words in your lectures, books inspired and realized by following your spiritual master who has followed his spiritual master and so on. That's the way you gave us the Absolute Truth as it is - to be humble and kind servants of the servants of the servants.

So, today is a very special day - your Vyasa-puja Maharaj. The day to show you our gratitude for your appearing and giving your mercy so generously; that you are an example of how to live in Kṛṣṇa consciousness, be happy and how to satisfy the Supreme.

I bow down in your lotus feet and pray to be more serious disciple and devotee, deserving your mercy and love.

Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Your eternal servant,
Vrajesvari Devi Dasi



Yasomatinandana Dasa

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Krsna,

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Like a Wish-fulfilling desire tree

Dear Kabamba Kanana Swami,
My homage to your lotus feet,
May there be all fame and glory.

What does it mean to be compassionate to thee,
especially, the fallen conditioned entity?

By your shining mercy,
even amidst dark kali,
we proceed steadily
to spread Kṛṣṇa, eternally.

By your shining example,
in the dark age of hypocrisy,
guided by your instructive vani,



we learn your rhythm and melody.
Never have I been so happy in Sri Caitanya's party,
doing service day to day
in a place full of calamity.

By your grace,
I came to Paris,
under the shelter of Janananda Maharaj,
who takes care of me,
so is my dear god family, in Revatinandana Prabhu.

By your permission I could qualify
to worship Radha-Parisisvara,
Jagannatha Baladev Subhadra
and Nitai Saci-Suta.

We had a transcendental book marathon,
to please the guru Parampara,
Śrīla Prabhupada and his devotees,
joining for Christmas ecstasies.

Now, I'm on my way to the Maha Kumbha and back to Simhachalam, where we first met,
linked up in Prahlada-Narasimha's Dhama.

You are always traveling within the heart. Never lost, forever present and a great part. It's just
a start to eventually return to Śrī Guru & Gauranga's transcendental lotus feet.

O Gurudeva, when will we again meet?

Your fallen and begging servant prays,
Yasomatinandana Dasa



Yudhisthira Dasa

Hare Krsna.

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada,

My dear Guru Maharaj,

This year, was the best year to date in Krsna consciousness. I do not know what happened? At the beginning of 2024 I wanted to do something to strengthen my devotional connection to Krsna, and invest something in the service of guru and Gauranga. And so I did something, small things.

Like going to bed and rising early; chanting my rounds in the morning; reading a little of Sri-mad

Bhagavatam and Bhagavad-gita every day; trying my best to come for every Sunday feast program; and having at least some association with the devotees of Krsna, on a regular basis. And low and behold, it worked. I have become inspired. And it is amazing, yet maybe not surprising.

I am feeling your presence in my life. I turn to you for guidance and shelter, and I am finding it. You make yourself so available, Maharaj, and it is such a beautiful feature of your mercy towards me. You have always been so kind to me. I cannot remember a single time where you chastised me, even at those times when my ridiculous shortcomings become embarrassingly apparent before you.

Whenever I would have a moment of your time in private, you would always relate stories of your own life, as a child, as a youth, or some amazing adventure. There were never any, 'big' instructions given. This may, of course, serve as evidence, pointing to my very fallen nature. I am not qualified for instruction on any deep tattva. However, I have come to realize that this association, these moments spent in close proximity to you, has had a very profound affect on me.

My mind has changed, just as it is described in the sashtas, like the incidents of the Caitanya



Caritamrita, with the mayavadi sannyasis of Varanasi.

Dearest Guru Maharaj, you have given me everything I will ever need, in any life, by my service to you. There can be no more worries. There can be no more impediments. All is well. Some remnants of unwanted things may linger, but these are of little consequence. I am forever connected to Lord Sri Krsna, the darling son of Nanda Maharaja, through your outstretched hand, coming down to me, a drowning man in the ocean of miseries, from the rail of the boat of transcendental knowledge, the jnana palvena. You told me that as a youth you were a mariner and had your own little yacht. You even said that you had the qualification to sail big boats, 40 feet and bigger, to cross the Atlantic Ocean. On this wonderful boat, the boat of Krsna consciousness, Srila Prabhupada is the helmsman, forever confident at the rudder, and Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Nityananda Prabhu, are the eternal sponsors.

Only a fool sees the guru as disappearing. Dearest Maharaj, I wish now to continue to increase my inspiration for devotional service, associate with the devotees, serve them, and continually invest, at least something, into the fire of the sankirtan yajna, as ordained by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, and brought down within the literal grasp of my hands and the sight of my eyes by our own Srila Prabhupada.

I know you Maharaj, you are forever a Prabhupada man.

The servant of your servants, servants, forever,
With love,
Yudhisthira Dasa