

# ŚRI VYĀSA-PŪJĀ

Appearance day of our beloved  
spiritual master His Holiness  
Kadamba Kanana Swami

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# COMPLETE FREEDOM OF LIFE

Every living being is anxious for full freedom because that is his transcendental nature. And this freedom is obtained only through the transcendental service of the Lord. Illusioned by the external energy, everyone thinks that he is free, but actually he is bound up by the laws of nature. A conditioned soul cannot freely move from one place to another even on this earth, and what to speak of one planet to another. But a full-fledged free soul like Nārada, always engaged in chanting the Lord's glory, is free to move not only on earth but also in any part of the universe, as well as in any part of the spiritual sky. We can just imagine the extent and unlimitedness of his freedom, which is as good as that of the Supreme Lord. There is no reason or obligation for his traveling, and no one can stop him from his free movement. Similarly, the transcendental system of devotional service is also free. It may or may not develop in a particular person even after he undergoes all the detailed formulas. Similarly, the association of the devotee is also free. One may be fortunate to have it, or one may not have it even after thousands of endeavors. Therefore, in all spheres of devotional service, freedom is the main pivot. Without freedom there is no execution of devotional service. The freedom surrendered to the Lord does not mean that the devotee becomes dependent in every respect. To surrender unto the Lord through the transparent medium of the spiritual master is to attain complete freedom of life.

Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam Purport 1.6.37

# SIGNIFICANCE OF SRI VYASA-PUJA

BY AMRITAVANI DEVI DASI

The term “Vyāsa-pūjā” literally means worship of Śrīla Vyāsadeva, the guru who disseminated Vedic knowledge for the upliftment of humanity. It is the occasion on which the genuine representative of Śrīla Vyāsadeva is honoured.

The Supreme Personality of Godhead, Śrī Kṛṣṇa, is the original guru, who first imparted the truth through the sound of His flute to Brahma, who in turn imparted it to Nārada, who instructed Śrīla Vyāsadeva, who then disseminated this knowledge through an ever cascading flow from gurus to disciples in the disciplic succession.

In this glorious commemoration, the entire disciplic succession up to Śrīla Vyāsadeva is worshipped. As our spiritual master is a bona fide representative of Vyāsadeva, we take this opportunity to contemplate the great treasure trove of gifts he has benedicted us with, and express our heartfelt appreciation in worship.

The principle of accepting a spiritual master is essential in spiritual life, and we are fortunate that the pure teachings of Śrī Kṛṣṇa have reached us and impacted our lives in a very personal way through the mercy of Śrīla Kadamba Kanana Swami.

Vyāsa-pūjā will be significant to us for different reasons. For some, it is a remembrance of the deep fatherly care of one who is undoubtedly our ever well-wisher; for others, the focus may be on appreciating the one who made the presence of Śrī Kṛṣṇa and the spiritual world so much more tangible, while still being so practically present in our lives. But for all of us, the Vyāsa-pūjā is significant because it is a celebration of connection – the connection to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Kṛṣṇa, which is almost impossible to attain without this mercy of Their most confidential servitors.

It is inconceivable really, what this connection means and I have no qualification to properly describe it. But I stand humbled by the knowledge that Mahārāja has given me the opportunity to serve Śrīla Prabhupāda, Lord Caitanya and Rādhā Kṛṣṇa, and that nothing in the world can

actually make him withdraw his mercy. The guru is always committed to delivering us conditioned souls, and not just delivering us from birth and death, but giving us access to the full experience of love of God. Śrīla Prabhupāda says, “Our only shelter is the Supreme Lord, and one who teaches how to approach Kṛṣṇa is the functioning form of the Personality of Godhead. There is no difference between the shelter-giving Supreme Lord and the initiating and instructing spiritual masters.” (Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta Ādi-līla 1, text 47, purport)

His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Mahārāja is an ocean of transcendental qualities. We remain inspired by his personal approach and his ability to see each person as an individual with the potential to serve Kṛṣṇa in a unique way. He was not one to focus on our many inadequacies, often stating that in Kali-yuga, weakness is our birthright. He simply kept us close to the mercy, knowing that in time, the process of Kṛṣṇa consciousness will purify us. He carved out a space for even the most eccentric, having full faith that simply connecting to Śrīla Prabhupāda’s movement will bring us closer to our eternal identity as a servant of Kṛṣṇa, and in the process, shed off our many false designations. With complete compassion, and with joy in this mission, he invested his time, energy and resources, showing us the next steps in the path toward spiritual realization. And this guidance is ongoing, forever present in the legacy he leaves behind.

How can we properly express our gratitude to the one who has connected us with our true lineage and placed us on the path back home, while we were wandering as vagrants in this world? How can we properly worship the one who saw us as we truly are – souls who by nature are blissful, eternal and knowledgeable – when our lifestyles and attitudes express the exact opposite?

Mahārāja reminds us, “Worship of the spiritual master goes beyond offering flowers or incense. It is in every action that we worship the spiritual master.” (Guru and Disciple: Awakening spiritual vision). He emphasized that worship of the spiritual master goes beyond one’s personal worship to the point of really pleasing the spiritual master.

So Vyāsa-pūjā is an opportunity for us to think about the next step, whether it is in some new commitment, a greater service, a more magnanimous offering to the most magnanimous personality, the one who opens the doors of the spiritual world for us and continues to give us glimpses of its ever expanding and blissful nature.

Prior to coming to Kṛṣṇa consciousness, we may have heard, “God is justice” or “God is peace,” and of course, “God is love”. But our spiritual master taught us that God is “a certain blissful personality” (Wonderful Kṛṣṇa), and in his presence and especially his kirtanas, he gave us direct experience of this bliss. We were often transported above the bodily platform, having

glimpses of the spiritual world, where every word is a song, every step is a dance, and every day a festival of glorification. He brought home the words of His Holiness B.R. Sridhar Swami, who stated, “You are a child of immortal nectar. You were born in nectar, born to taste nectar, and should not allow yourself to be satisfied with anything but nectar.” (The Search For Sri Krishna: Reality the Beautiful)

Where do we go for nectar now in the physical absence of the spiritual master?

We go to the community of his disciples and friends, all of whom have captured his spirit in some way. By hearing about, remembering, and serving our spiritual master together, especially during this most auspicious occasion of his Vyāsa-pūjā, we can know and appreciate him more deeply, and once more taste the nectar of his association.

We also go to his instructions, and reaffirm our commitment to following them. In Guru and Disciple, Awakening Spiritual Vision, Mahārāja writes, “We are very much on the receiving end, but after the disappearance of the spiritual master, the crux of our relationship is what we offer to the spiritual master. It is there that we are again strongly reconnecting and we can feel that connection coming to life. My appeal to you is to please carry on in this mission of spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Assist me in this movement, creating space for individuals to be human and express a human nature while keeping loyal to spiritual principles. Assist me whether I’m here or not and if you do that, then I will be there.”

He created a safe space for everyone, and here reminds us that he is still present, especially when we imbibe this family spirit of kindness and deep care while actively serving the movement. In attempting to follow this mood, we take shelter of all the great saintly personalities he held close, especially Śrīla Prabhupāda, whose teachings he embodied and whose mission was his life and soul.

In Forever Present, Mahārāja says, “You became my disciples to become pure devotees, nothing less. That’s what you are supposed to be; that’s what it means to be a disciple; that’s what I would like.”

His uncompromising dedication to pure devotional service is expressed in all his words. Yes, he was understanding; yes, he was compassionately tolerant of our weaknesses, but his final instruction was that we become pure devotees. And although we may be intimidated by this lofty goal, we are simultaneously nourished by his mood that it is mercy and the prayer of the pure devotee that eventually carries us. So let us do something to conquer his heart again and again, and attract his mercy again and again. As mentioned in the Garga-saṁhitā, “It is the saint and not the sun that removes the darkness in the hearts of men.”

Mahārāja often quoted Śrīla Prabhupāda who wrote:

“Actually the mercy of the bona fide spiritual master is there equally for everyone, just like the sun is shining equally everywhere. Yet there are those who refuse to come out completely into the light.”

[Letter from Śrīla Prabhupāda to Gurukrpa, Bombay, March 30, 1971]

On this occasion of Vyāsa-pūjā, let us step into the light of the spiritual master boldly, with greater faith and trust, knowing that we have his mercy and prayer. Let us take even one instruction and carry it on our head like a śiromaṇi. And most of all, let us bow down perpetually in our hearts to that saint who came our way to show us an ideal life of service to Kṛṣṇa in love.

Amṛtavāṇī Devi Dasi



# THE NECESSITY FOR A SPIRITUAL MASTER

Someone asked Śrīla Prabhupada the question, "Do you really need a guru for spiritual life?" Prabhupāda said, "Of course! Is there anything you can do without a guru? You need a teacher for everything. If you want to become a carpenter, you have to learn from a carpenter. If you want to be a car mechanic, you have to learn from a car mechanic. If you want to become a professor, you have to learn from a professor. So for anything, you need a teacher, a guru, somebody to learn from."

That is how it is in spiritual life also. On our own we can learn a little but not very deeply. If we want depth we need to inquire from a spiritual master.

So somehow or the other, invest in a relationship with a spiritual master because that is the secret of this movement. Even within the entire Gaudiya Vaiṣṇava sampradaya, ISKCON stands out for one thing - it's guru nistha; it's great conviction. And Śrīla Prabhupāda is the one who stands out for his guru nistha. If we study the history of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura's Gaudiya Matha, they didn't have a daily guru-puja; they had one once a year! But Śrīla Prabhupada instituted it daily. Very central in our entire spiritual life and the arrangements that Śrīla Prabhupada made is the guru-disciple relationship.

Śrīla Prabhupada often said, "Why did this miracle happen to me? I have so many God brothers, all highly qualified! So why did this miracle happen to me? I can only say that it is because I cent percent followed the order of my spiritual master!"

In the concluding words to the Caitanya-caritāmṛta Śrīla Prabhupada writes that Kṛṣṇa is present in the heart as Paramatma along with all His associates and devotees. In this way the spiritual master is also present within the heart and always guiding us from within.

(Guru & disciple 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-sūnyavādi-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,  
“The transcendental transporter”

The word transport means to move something or someone from one location to another. The word transcend means to go up and across.

In the mundane world people are often moving from one part of a city to another part of a city, from one city to another city, from one country to another country, from one planet to another planet, from birth to death and then birth again, and death again, and this goes on for millions of lifetimes.

Then again other people are being transported back in time, reflecting on their lives that have flashed by, lamenting for what could have been. Or people are transporting themselves into the future, hankering for something that they believe will make them happy. The mind is the chariot that is taking them back in time or into the future.

The concept of transport remains limited to the material plane, until such a time that one meets a personality who adds the transcendental dimension to the word transport.

brahmāṇḍa bhramite kona bhāgyavān jīva  
guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde pāya bhakti-latā-bīja

According to their karma, all living entities are wandering throughout the entire universe. Some of them are being elevated to the upper planetary systems, and some are going down into the lower planetary systems. Out of many millions of wandering living entities, one who is very fortunate gets an opportunity to associate with a bona fide spiritual master by the grace of Kṛṣṇa. By the mercy of both Kṛṣṇa and the spiritual master, such a person receives the seed of the creeper of devotional service.

(CC. Madhya-lila, 19.151).

Everyday I relish listening to your classes, listening to your kirtans, watching your videos, looking at your photos, remembering the precious occasions when I was physically with you, most importantly remembering your instructions, and trying to implement your instructions. I then realize how fortunate I am to have had, and to still have the opportunity to associate with you, a bona fide spiritual master, a transcendental transporter.

Association with you dear Gurudeva, means that I am being transported from this material world to the spiritual world, transcending repeated birth and death. My efforts in my daily practice of Krishna consciousness may be there, but I quickly meet my limits in this regard. By your causeless mercy Gurudeva you add the transcendental dimension to my Krishna consciousness. A teacher is sometimes kind enough to give a child the one percent that he needs to pass his exam. In the same way Gurudeva, your mercy is carrying me daily, and when the final exam comes, I know that I will join you in your eternal pastimes, because you are a transcendental transporter.

Your servant,

Acyuta Kesava Dasa

(East London, South Africa)

## **Adi Ganga Dasi**

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

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

I am beginning to see why reversals are so important. The anartha nivṛtti phase is not for the faint-hearted and sometimes it takes a hard knock to disassemble the hard knots in the heart. But as realisations come through, I can see so many examples of self-centredness and coldness that needed to be addressed in myself. I am grateful for these experiences, painful though they are.

You have always accepted me, even with all my faults. Once I wrote to you, asking if the main premise of Krishna consciousness was just to do service and sadhana and ignore the heart's desires for connection and warmth? You wrote back and said that "Devotees are also human being and need love and care. So please be a part of my disciple family." You invited me in to your family when I was feeling bereft. My gratitude is boundless.

On another occasion, I had gone to Krishna Kirtan Prabhu's home to pick up a consignment of your books. I spoke to your servant Nitai from the porch, and was just about to leave when I heard the books had not yet come; it was at that point that I heard your voice from inside say, "Adi Ganga, you will never get anything done from the doorstep. Come inside." This was a profound message for me because again you were inviting me to be on the inside rather than the outside. I took this to mean that I needed to overcome my hesitation and reluctance and get more involved, go deeper in Krishna consciousness. When I came in, I was able to take darshan of you for a few minutes. You were with Keshava Maharaj and you said: "We are planning on writing more books for your book table. You will write them too." I am relishing being part of your book team with my godsister Amrtavani, which you yourself arranged.

You are always inviting me in Maharaj, into your inner circle, your inner chambers. I hope I can touch your heart as you are the centre of mine. I am preaching through writing books for new audiences as directed, and I have a draft almost ready for your perusal. I seek your blessings so that someone so unqualified as me is able to present the vaishnava conclusions in a way that would make sense to the spiritual seekers out there.

Although it is the disciple's duty to please their spiritual master, it is you who delights me. May I be able to reciprocate in some way, although I know that the priceless treasures you have given me of your knowledge, shelter and protection can never be repaid.

Your servant,  
Adi Ganga Dasi

## **Adirasa Dasa, Citra Malini Devi Dasi & family**

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances.

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

Whenever we remember the times we were blessed with your personal association, our hearts become filled with deep emotion. Those moments will always remain the most precious in our lives.

Through your personal example, you have shown how one can wholeheartedly offer oneself in service to Srila Prabhupada's mission. Your unwavering adherence to devotional standards stands as a powerful example of how to remain steady, sincere, and uncompromising in Krishna consciousness.

Your instruction to live in the association of devotees, keeps us protected from the most dangerous condition of falling away from Krishna consciousness life. Over time, we have realized that devotees association is the key to staying focused and spiritually alive in the process of sadhna bhakti; without it, everything would become dry and mechanical.

Under the guidance and care of Sudama Prabhuji and his family, we have now two initiatives — Bhakti Vriksha and Bhagavatam for Kids with the support of our god family. In Bhakti Vriksha, around 15–20 devotees, including children, are regularly participating, and we hope even more people will be attracted. Everyone is very enthusiastic and eagerly looks forward to gathering every Sunday for association, discussion, and devotional service.

Bhagavatam for kids has also received a wonderful response. Around 20 children are already attending, and since it has only recently started, we are hopeful that more will join in the future. We feel very happy and grateful to be engaged by Prabhuji in these services, which are nurturing the spiritual lives of everyone in our community.

This year we are also taking advantage of the Bhakti Shastri Course held every Friday. We hope this course will help us to deeply study the books of Srila Prabhupada so that, through this, we may immerse ourselves more in Krishna consciousness and be better equipped to contribute to the movement.

Spiritual activities such as home programs, regular hearing of Srimad Bhagavatam, and ongoing discussions on the Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad-gita under the guidance of Sudama Prabhuji, keep us on the right track and closely connected with guru, sadhu, and sastra. In this way, we are able to keep our body, mind, and soul engaged in devotional service, helping us remain spiritually nourished and focused in our Krishna consciousness.

We deeply miss your personal association. We miss your live, blissful classes, kirtans, your wonderful humour. Simply being in your presence, we could feel the glimpse of transcendental reality. As you have often mentioned that the relationship of spiritual master and disciple is eternal and divine and it gets deeper after the departure of spiritual master when the disciple

follows the instructions wholeheartedly, we beg for your mercy that we may continue to engage ourselves more and more in your classes, kirtans and books so that our relationship with you grow deeper and deeper.

We eternally hanker for your causeless mercy so that we may remain firmly on the path of Krishna consciousness and develop a strong attachment to devotional service. Please bless us Maharaj that we give our best in following your instructions sincerely and seriously, and that we may be able to render some small, menial service in the mission of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Caitanya. We are deeply grateful for everything you have given us and pray that we could serve you better.

Thank you Maharaj.

Your insignificant servants,

Adirasa Dasa, Citra Malini devi dasi, Gauranga Das & Mohini

## **Adityajeet Joshi**

Respected Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this sacred occasion of Vyasa-puja, I offer my heartfelt gratitude and prayers at your lotus feet, Kadamba Kanana Swami. You are eternally present through your vaṇi, your kirtans, and your loving service.

Maharaj, you guide and inspire through your deep preaching and soulful kirtan. Your singing carries devotion, joy, and remembrance of Kṛishna, making bhakti feel living and personal. Your humility and warmth reveal the true heart of a vaiṣṇava.

I deeply cherish the memory of you personally calling me and speaking in Hindi. That simple exchange reflects your genuine care and compassion, and it continues to encourage me on my devotional path.

Although you are not physically visible to us at present, you remain fully present through your instructions, your voice, and your example. By remembering and following your teachings, I feel your guidance and shelter.

I pray to always stay connected to you through kirtana and service, and to follow your instructions with sincerity, gratitude, and faith.

Your aspiring servant,  
Adityajeet Joshi  
(Jalandhar, Punjab, India)

## 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.

This year due to the instructions and inspiration of my senior god brother and god sister, I began hearing your lectures regularly. The most wonderful experiences came about from this. You always happened to speak something profound (but elegantly simple) and relevant to my time, circumstance, and need. Your kindness shone through, as did your humour, empathy, mood in executing Srila Prabhupada's mission, personal likes and dislikes, in other words. I got to know you a bit better than I did before. Through this activity, I have been grateful to feel like you were by my side throughout the year with all its tides and turnings.

These days I am praying you continue to watch over me; you send me your blessings and guidance through those you send for me. This search for personal siksa is currently a central and prominent aim in my life. Excitement, anxiety, hope, fear, and confusion stir within me. Each day I reset my intention to walk in your footsteps while balancing personal well-being, health, sadhana, and seva. I strive to operate with a sustainable intensity but also to be at the cutting edge, as you would say. I pray that you guide me through this time, through this exciting adventure in Kṛiṣṇa consciousness. I will continue to meet you in your lectures and I hope you will remember me, your disciple and aspiring servant, with compassion and love.

Your lowly servant,  
Advaita-candra Dasa

30 January, 2026  
Sri Mayapura Dhama

# Akshobhya 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 payayaty anivaritam

Hare Krishna dear spiritual master,

As years pass by, I feel more dependant on your mercy. I feel how week am I without the mercy of my spiritual master. You continue to shower me not just with valuable instructions but with opportunity and capacity for serving Krishna. Although I am very insignificant but by your grace we were engaged in this year book marathon, intensely.

We were inspired by his grace Adbhuta Hari Prabhu to distribute 9500 Bhagavad-gita to school students. All the devotees involved worked very hard to achieve this score. I humbly want to seek your blessings for the following devotees, who were involved so that they can advance in Krishna consciousness:

Gaurav, Jitesh, Vedant, Ashutosh, Rohit, Swapnil, Ved, Pushpendra, Om, Kartik, Saket, Ajeet, Adarsh, Shiva, Anu, Ajay, Utkarsh, Tanish, Nikhil, Nehal, Mahesh and Raasnidhi. There were so many devotees and people in general who helped us in sankirtan. Also I would request you to shower mercy upon all those kids who participated.

I pray to you to give me strength to perform devotional practices nicely.

Hare Krishna

Your eternal servant  
Akshobhya Dasa

# Anakulya Devi Dasi

nama om visnu-pādāyakraṣṇa-presthāya bhū-tale  
śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om visnu-pādāya krisnna-presthāya bhū-tale  
śrīmate guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om visnu-pādāya krisna-preṣṭhāya 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  
jnanaanjana-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.'

As your Vyasa-puja approaches, I find myself pausing to reflect on the past year. It is a time of introspection, though I must admit, I often feel with all my shortcomings, I find myself drawn back to your instructions and your example.

'The Power of Kindness.'

In the Srimad-Bhagavatam (3.25.21), it is described:

titikṣavaḥ kāruṇikāḥ suhṛdaḥ sarva-dehinām

The symptoms of a sādhu are that he is tolerant, merciful and friendly to all living entities."

Gurudeva, you are the living embodiment of this verse. You possess a strong, kind nature - a kindness that is not weak or sentimental, but a sturdy compassion that reaches out to us regardless of our condition. You have always been the epitome of kindness to all of us, even when we feel we least deserve it.

Your teachings are not just philosophical concepts for me. They are the anchors in my daily routine, because of your example:

- When I encounter difficult people or stressful situations in my day-to-day life, I remember your kind heart. This reminds me to pause and choose patience over frustration.
- On the days when my practice feels heavy or I feel distant from my goals, the memory of your encouragement keeps me moving forward. Your strength gives me the courage to try again.
- You have shown me that spiritual life is not lived in a vacuum since it is lived in how we treat others and how we carry our consciousness through the mundane hours of the day.

Gurudeva, I may not be the disciple, but I am your disciple. I thank you for never giving up on me and for showing me that a strong heart is one that is filled with kindness. I pray that in the coming year, I can more faithfully reflect a fraction of the mercy you have so freely given to me.

Happy Vyasa-puja.

Your servant,  
Anakulya Devi Dasi  
(East London, South Africa)

## **Anant Rupa Dasa**

Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I am very grateful to you for accepting me as your disciple. I am grateful to you for the kindness and love that you have given to me and my beloved wife. It has been around four years since you accepted me as your disciple. I very clearly remember the time when I first wrote to you requesting your shelter and guidance. Your response was so welcoming and accepting that

I was completely amazed. Whenever I read those words of yours, they always feel very fresh and uplifting.

The only time I could get your personal association was during the final days in Vrindavan in September 2022. It started with Radhashtami, and day by day your energy kept rising, pushing me and all of us higher and higher. I cannot express it properly in words. That was the most powerful stay of my life in Vrindavan dham—the most beautiful months of my life. How could I ever forget those blissful parikramas we had with you? How could I not remember those days when you were doing early morning worship of Giriraj and Sadbhuj Gauranga? And how can I forget that day when, even though you were in a very critical physical condition, you broke your own promise and gave initiation to my wife?

I am deeply indebted to you for everything that you have done. What I remember most now is what you taught during your last days—that when the spiritual master is on the planet, he helps and guides the disciples, and when he leaves the planet, it becomes the duty of the disciples to carry forward his mission and spirit.

Dear Guru Maharaj, sometimes I am enthusiastic, and other times I am quite lazy. So please give me strength, intelligence, and enthusiasm to carry out your mission of spreading kindness and the mission of Caitanya Mahaprabhu. I am also grateful to your disciples, who have always been helping and encouraging me.

I wish you a glorious Vyasa-puja, dear Guru Maharaj.

I am always missing and remembering you.

Your insignificant servant,

Anant Rupa Dasa

# Antaranga Dasa

Dear most merciful Spiritual master,

On this sacred and most auspicious day of Vyasa-puja, we offer our sentiments with heavy hearts—hearts that words cannot carry. I wish to express my deepest gratitude.

I offer my humble obeisances not only at your lotus feet, but also to the memories of You, your laughter, sastric clarity, guidance, personal exchanges, and compassion, which are close to impossible to find in this material world. Your illusion-cutting sense of direction has been one of the greatest blessings in my life. I miss you in ways I never knew were possible. I miss sitting before you, feeling seen without having to explain myself. Your association was not merely guidance; it was life itself—a living reminder that Krishna is near, personal, and endlessly patient with his struggling servants.

Since your physical departure, I feel like a child calling out in the dark, hoping my loud cry will reach you. Yet amidst this grief, I recognize your unprecedented mercy. You taught us all how to find you—that you reside in your instructions, in your soulful kirtans, and in your glorious disciples.

You reside in the center of the harinama circle; you reside deeply within the scriptures; and above all, you reside when we practice what you embodied—kindness and love for everyone. Though my eyes no longer behold you, your instructions continue to chastise me, comfort me, and gently push me forward when I want to stop.

Gurudeva, I am still learning how to be your disciple without your physical presence. Some days I fail miserably, and some days I feel your hand guiding me from within. Please forgive my shortcomings and my forgetfulness. Please allow my longing for your association to purify me rather than paralyze me. On this Vyasa-puja, all I can truly offer is my continued attempt to remember you, to serve the mission to which you gave your life, and to keep walking the path you illuminated so brightly. You are missed beyond measure, but you are also forever present—alive in the service you inspired and in the hearts you transformed.

Your ever grateful and longing disciple,  
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-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

Haribol, Hare Kṛṣṇa,

Carissimo Gurudeva, mi inchino e ti porgo i miei omaggi.

Ti ringrazio tanto e continuo ad omaggiarti nel mio cuore.

Questo ultimo anno ha visto nuovi inizi e realizzazioni importanti.

Mi sento di dirti che percepisco la tua guida e la tua mano, o dovrei dire la tua voce, nei momenti di stallo o resistenza interiore di cui faccio esperienza.

Sono andata a trovare Sindhukanya e il suo progetto so che lo segui già nella dimensione trascendente in cui ti trovi.

Quando sono con persone come lei, tu ti fai sentire più chiaramente quindi un mio proposito è di andare a trovare i Vaishnava e seguire i loro meravigliosi progetti in questo nuovo anno.

La mia relazione con i tuoi insegnamenti sta passando attraverso una fase di studio di me stessa grazie all'aiuto del Centro Studi Bhaktivedanta e al corso di counseling relazionale. Posso già vedere i frutti dell'impegno e sto conoscendo persone di grande profondità e calore umano. La verità è che ci vuole tempo, costanza e coraggio nel mio caso. La vicenda lavorativa va avanti, il percorso spirituale mi sembra una magra offerta a questo punto, ma non mi scoraggio e continuo perché tu sei con me.

Caro Gurudeva, mi manchi tanto e al tempo stesso ti sento per sempre presente: la comunità Vaishnava a Simhachalam è un eterno ricordo di come tu sia qui.

Vorrei davvero glorificare alcune delle tue virtù che sono state dall'inizio una spinta per me a seguire il tuo esempio:

Abhaya, il tuo grande coraggio che irradia dalla tua persona anche e soprattutto nel metterti in discussione per i diversi progetti cari a Srila

Prabhupada, Dana la tua grande generosità nel dedicare tempo individuale ad ognuno di noi e nel donarci anche semplici oggetti quotidiani che ora personalmente sono portali per connettermi con te, Satya, verità o onestà, l'aderenza alla realtà dei fatti espressa con Amore, quella che tante volte ci hai indicato come kindness, gentilezza. Per ora le scrivo come promemoria. Queste qualità si sono manifestate nella tua persona per me fino a questo momento, so che molte altre le capirò meglio nel corso del tempo.

Il tuo servizio ai piedi di loto di Srila Prabhupada è ciò che trascende ogni virtù e anche qui al momento posso solo comprenderne una piccola parte. I Vaishnava però mi aiutano e sto scoprendo molto su di te in questi ultimi tempi e davvero è un tesoro raro, mi ritengo molto fortunata. Per favore guarda anche a Krsna carana prabhu che sta facendo del suo meglio per diventare infermiere e provvedere alla sua famiglia.

Gurudeva, ti rinnovo i miei omaggi e le mie promesse. 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 a te che tu puoi offrire a Srila Prabhupada e a tutta la parampara. Rendi migliori i miei sforzi con la forza della tua grande devozione e per questo non c'è modo di ripagarti.

Grazie eternamente di essere per sempre presente,

Ys,

Anuttara Devi Dasi

## Arjunacarya Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please bless me to say something of substance on this divine occasion of your Vyasa-puja. Please accept my offering to you. You have set the perfect standard and counselled us through our shortcomings time and time again.

I once asked you long ago how to deal with the guilt of shortcomings. You replied, a little guilt is good, but it's not good if it totally consumes you. You reflected a balanced view: be conscious of your actions, but dissect the reasons for which you perform them. Do not dwell, but forgive yourself and do better next time.

When devotees came to see you for personal darshans they would vulnerably ask sincere questions – often related to shortcomings. On one occasion someone was having trouble chanting. I remember hearing your response:

You said “Well can you at least chant four rounds a day?”

On another occasion a god brother came to see you. They told me their challenges. They didn’t need to say much, but you picked up on what they were going through just from seeing them. You looked at them and said, “What are we going to do to help you become Krishna conscious?” What can we do? You did not put the weight solely on him. You asked him, “What can we do?” You stepped in to help his spiritual life through your unwavering support.

On another occasion, you were dealing with someone who was suffering from psychological distress. You supported her and moreover, moved so much heavy negative material energy from her, so that she could flourish in her life and continued being a devotee.

These things seemed so simple and normal at the time. But now you are not physically here, it is easy to look back and say this was not normal. You truly were overflowing with love and compassion for us conditioned souls, and would do anything you could to help us.

I never really questioned my good fortune in life, to be able to associate with you. I never felt like I deserved it. You are a sadhu by nature, you are my siksa and diksa Guru. You demonstrated how to live aligned with sashtra. You are kind, caring, always joyful and the epitome of sweetness. You are the best guru anyone could be blessed with. Your physical association was your causeless mercy bestowed. I am the most undeserving and unqualified to have had your physical association. Yet you still gave me your grace. Thank you.

In your presence, you saw through me so clearly, as you did with others. You saw my shortcomings and you tolerated my delusional questions which were often driven by mental anguish and entanglement in the material energy. I could not tolerate my own questions if someone else asked me, yet you did.

You did not just say to people: be tolerant. You were the most tolerant. More tolerant than a tree, and, more loving than a father. You never left me, you never gave up on me. You stayed by my side, you watched over me, nourished me through your prayers, and alleviated my anxiety. In your presence the negative, self-critical and psychologically disturbed person in me was silenced. In your presence, the innocent, sincere and loving person in me flourished. You brought out the best in me and offered the service of that Arjunacarya Dasa upwards to Krishna. You magnified Krishna’s attention on me.

Thank you for lifting me out of distress and tolerating my shortcomings. Thank you for teaching me how to be Krishna conscious through your example. Thank you for giving me a glimpse of what true happiness in life feels like through devotional service.

Anything I may have done to please Krishna is by your divine grace. All glories to your lotus feet, all glories to you dear Kadamba Kanana Swami. I know you are here, watching me write this. Never did you accept any praise unless formality required you to. So today on this formal celebration of your Vyasa-puja, is the day where we have our chance to praise you with love and gratitude. This Vyasa-puja is one of the greatest gifts we have, as we are able to publicly celebrate your mercy and vocalise our love and gratitude to you directly.

Yet still, even on such formal days, you never take credit for all of the mercy, you embody and impart to us. You are so pure and exemplary that you pass on any credit we give you, and say “Anything I have done is by the mercy of his divine grace Jayadvaita Swami, his divine grace Srila Prabhupada...I am just a simple pumpkin.” To that, Kadamba Kanana Swami, I offer my obeisance.

Please accept my humble obeisance, my love and my gratitude. Please bless me to strengthen what is currently a feeble attempt to surrender my life wholeheartedly to your lotus feet.

Your servant eternally,  
Arjunacarya Dasa

## **Arundhati Devi Dasi**

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

The first sloka of the Sri Sri Gurvastakam (Glories of the Spiritual Master by Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura) explains to us disciples the glories of our spiritual master. Specifically the first sloka sheds light on why I am struggling so much and how you, my beloved spiritual

master is helping me to break free from the endless circle of birth and death.

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

From the ocean of mercy in the spiritual world you are sending us disciples infinitely benedictions.

My dear Guru Maharaj, all good things this year happened because of the, ‘benediction I am receiving from your mercy flow.’ I am understanding it better now, that without the mercy of my spiritual master I cannot offer any service for our Lordships. There were so many situations where the logical mind would say it is impossible to do but it was possible just because of this mercy flow. I also understand that all those things that I did not perform properly happened because of my own failure and not proper attitude.

We had some highlights this year. Many children and adults theatres were conducted, where I wrote the scripts, trained the actors, dressed them, searched the music and made the requisites with the help of the children and parents.

Govinda’s Restaurant in Göteborg is developing in a good direction and it is just my husband and me who are serving, cooking, cleaning, dishing and managing. We have about 50 lunch guests a day from Monday until Friday. I also started to give lectures on our Saturday programs.

We had two major festivals Janmashtami and Ratha-yatra where Istvan cooked in our small kitchen for about a thousand people an opulent feasts with the help of three devotees. We were in charge of the whole prasadam project, shopping, cooking, packing, transporting, arranging devotees who were helping to serve, cleaning. Devotees were happy with the prasadam and we got also good donations to maintain the temple and Govinda’s.

Our spiritual mentor, board director, personal friend and ever well-wisher Tapas Prabhu went home back to Godhead this June and this felt like a major earth quake for or little congregation in Goeteborg and in Stockholm. Floating in the air and losing the ground, some not nice things had happened but just because of the support of you and Tapas Prabhu in the spiritual realm, and Srila Prabhupada's mercy, we could get ground back under our feet and could go on with our preaching prasadam project, even stronger thn before.

From the next year on we as congregation will get help from senior devotees from Almvik farm to stay on track. My dear Guru Maharaj, I feel really not good that I am still struggling

so much to fulfil the little tasks you gave me to perform. The children's book publishing of Jahnava Mata is not done, the Bhakti sashtri course is still not completed and our home deities get not dressed properly. I am reading a bit but it is by far not what I should. To be a very loving devotee is also not so easy and I am struggling with this as well.

Family life is not always like a sweet ice cream and I can see how many qualities I have to develop to become a loving mother, wife and friend. In all this chaos I am missing you very much and I feel very much pain of separation in my heart. Nobody can sing and dance in such ecstasy as you Guru Maharaj. Nobody can give such heart-warming funny and deep lectures as you Guru Maharaj. You are always so positive and encouraging. There is nobody who can replace you.

I am falling to your lotus feet and beg for your mercy, that one day I will be able to fulfil the tasks you gave me. That I can develop the qualities of a vaishnavi and can satisfy you, our beloved Tapas Prabhu and Srila Prabhupada in the service of Sri Guru and Gauranga.

Your disciple,

Arundhati Devi Dasi

## **Bahulasva Dasa**

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
śrimate 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  
śrimate 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

This lifelong project of trying to become a devotee is up and down. My lifeline as so many times before is the maha mantra. My sadhana is wobbling but I do not dare to give up chanting. I had a life situation for a while when I neglected chanting and my social life was not good at all during this period. When I started to chant again so many pieces were put in place again.

This was just different social circumstances, no deep realisations. But I could clearly see the kind hand of Krishna behind it.

I am trying to practise Krishna consciousness in a relational way, as sambandhana - see how we all are connected with Krishna. We belong to Krishna, are loved and accepted by Krishna. Our consciousness are not always so clear do to our cloudy mind and proud ego, but we can find clear vision and thoughts in scripture and with mature sadhus.

On the note of being relational I always think of how you wished us disciples to be known for being kind. I like that instruction very much and have it as my leading star. Being fully human before we become saints can be a god advice. I want to cite a part from a letter from Swami Sadananda to Vamandasa, "A complete acceptance of oneself, Be it as a righteous orderly citizen, a criminal, or a saint- with all consequences is the sole prerequisite for a man. To be able to lead a life as himself and then really to be able to dedicate his life to God...One can only wish to be, what One really is-and to have the courage to do so-that's very rare. It all starts with being who and what one is, only then one can be and become joyful." (Untraceable reference).

I remember your compassionate look at me, we were in London at Soho Street temple in a room upstairs, you were talking to us. This was my last meeting with you in Summer 2022. I asked something, I do not remember what it was, but you just said, "What haven't you gone through." It was my loss of my wife, you still had so much sympathy for me, despite your own suffering, you were so compassionate towards me. I can never forget that. What an example of kindness.

As I getting older, soon 71, everything gets slower, chanting my rounds now take almost 3 hours. If not more. I cannot do things so fast anymore, I have to concentrate on quality. Especially quality in relations with everyone. I do not like to say only devotees, everyone is important. And most important is the relation with Hare Krishna mantra.

I am really happy that I found the path of bhakti, because I do not have to search anymore for the meaning or the goal because they are all there. The path is the goal in eternity. I hope and think your mission is going well and is being well taking care off, I am not very involved any more but are a well-wisher.

Your servant,  
Bahulasva Dasa

# 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.

This year, I am making a sincere effort to move forward with a renewed determination to follow your divine instructions and guidance. Although I often find this path challenging due to my own shortcomings and weaknesses, I remain hopeful by remembering your own example of tolerance and perseverance in the face of life's many difficulties. Reflecting on your journey gives me strength and helps me accept my own struggles with humility and gratitude.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to assist, in whatever small way I can, in your mission, which has always been your foremost priority and life's focus. In particular, I am thankful to have been able to contribute some lakṣmi toward initiatives such as the Kadamba Foundation. I also continue to engage in devotional service by participating in harinama sankirtana, book distribution, temple kirtana, and by serving the devotees, following your guidance as best as I am able.

Following your advice, I have been trying to periodically refresh my spiritual life by applying Krishna consciousness in practical and thoughtful ways, understanding that spiritual practice can sometimes feel difficult and demanding. Your instructions in this regard have been especially valuable in helping me remain connected and encouraged during such times.

I offer my heartfelt gratitude for your constant care, guidance, and patience in my life. Thank you for your continued mercy and unwavering support. I pray that I may develop the sincerity and steadiness required to serve your mission more faithfully and to always remember your instructions as my shelter.

Your servant,  
Bali Mardana Dasa

# Bhaktavatsala Dasa

HHare Krishna Guru Maharaj.

Please accept my humble obeisances  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

You truly made me feel like your loving son. Despite Jaipur parikrama's chaotic start, you stayed calm, saying, "What can be done," And "It is all good," When the buses started to break. Your compassion and understanding were incredible. You cracked jokes to make me feel relaxed, handled complaints with ease, and made everyone feel like Krishna arranged it all. You glorified me and encouraged me. You gave me more service like arranging accommodation in Coimbatore and Jaganatha Puri yatra again next year, deepening my connection with you. Our daily phone talks showed me your personal care. You ensured disciples had best accommodations, travel plans, prasadam, and you were so worried that how would we collect donations for the yatra to become super reasonable for everyone. I clearly remember initially it was 250 Euros for the whole package for 2 nights in Jaganatrha Puri and 4 nights in Mayapur including food and travel including visiting Kheer Chor Gopinath Temple but than you instructed me to make it 200 than to 150 and than to 100. That was the most difficult task to ask some well to do and kind disciples and devotees who were not your disciples to sponsor. I was very hesitant to ask since I had no personal relationship with them and why I am asking instead of you approaching them, but I had to do it to please you and indeed it all went very fine with your blessings.

As a perfect spiritual master you were engaging me in devotee's service. You were teaching me the art of engaging and empowering others by empowering and engaging me. When I said I would take a break after Jaganatha Puri and someone else can lead once we reach Mayapur, you smiled and said, "We will decide at that time," Making me feel needed and valued. All the arrangements had happened and we all were very excited but Krishna had other plans, and the parikrama did not happen.

Now, you are putting me to a new task in New York - a daunting task, beyond my capacity and intelligence, but I know it will happen because it is your desire. I am banking on your prayers and blessings, hoping you are looking at me again, empowering me to serve. Your selfless service and love inspire me deeply.

Your servant,  
Bhaktavatsala Dasa

# Bhaktin Laura

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

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 trip around the sun. Another year has passed. A year of big changes for me. This is a moment of dedication and reflection: taking some time every year to write down an offering for your transcendental birthday helps me to maintain our connection strong and alive.

In both easy, or hard times your presence is still a landmark of my life. I can feel that some troubles I am going through now are sent for make me stronger along the spiritual path. During Christmas holidays I finished reading the Srimad-Bhagavatam: it took me two years. A little conquer on my spiritual path.

I already started the Caitanya Caritamrita: that was your most inspiring book among the scriptures because it is the apotheosis of love of God and since you are a pure devotee you could feel the importance of showing us what does it mean through the pastimes of Lord Caitanya.

Now I am working with some other devotees to open a bhakti centre called, "The tree of Bhakti," near my town: this is challenging but it is a great possibility to serve people and Krishna and to fulfil Prabhupada's desire of spreading bhakti centres all around the world.

"Do something extraordinary for Krishna." You told us. I know I am not very good at but I am trying with this little contribution. I pray I still deserve your unlimited mercy: please continue to give me the possibility to serve Krishna and the devotees if this makes you happy. I can see your smile.

Sometimes I dream of you: you are sitting in a long table with other devotees and we are taking prasadam together. I can see I am crying and I tell you: "This is the last time we can meet."

But you smile and say that we will meet again.

This is a big hope for me. How long until we meet again?

I know I must work very hard to join the spiritual world; maybe thousands of lives from now. maybe never. But if I could achieve your eternal pastimes please let me be a blade of grass at your lotus feet to serve you forever.

Your eternal servant,  
Bhaktin Laura

## Bhaktin Priyanshi

Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaj,

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

All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your 73rd Vyasa-puja,  
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj,  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Guru Maharaj, thank you for being so kind to me always. For loving us all without any judgements or conditions. You are the mercy incarnation of Lord Nityananda who knows no boundaries to shower his causeless mercy upon the conditioned souls like me. Without you, our world is dry and rotten and so my life was impossible without you.

As it is said that Guru choses us, definitely it was you who chose to bless this sinful conditioned soul. I would never forget the day you blessed me and my family members with your personal presence in Vrindavan, the day when mercy of Lord Nityananda entered in my life.

You are like a beam of hope giving light in my dark stormy world. You were the one, who was aware of a lost soul desiring and struggling to get some knowledge about the Supreme. When my path got perplexed with so many doubts; so much hopelessness; so many worries but it is all by your mercy Guru Maharaj, that I am getting so many opportunities; so much care; hope and many ways to be fixed on the path. Definitely it is nothing other than your mercy, and so your mercy knows no limits. You are my spiritual

father who holds my hand and directs me on the path at each and every step. Wherever I am stuck, you are always there to guide me, may it be my material duties or spiritual practices, you guided me to be disciplined, Thank you for being my siksa Guru.

In your seva to Srila Prabhupada, we see you being always super active and unstoppable. You sacrificed your comforts for the service to Lord Caitanya. You are always so kind towards all the jivas. Your reciprocations are sweet and your love for us is unconditional. You are so much present in our lives. You are always present to guide me through your vani association. Many of your disciples have felt how you corrects us and lead our path through your nectarian lectures that are full of jewels of Krishna katha.

Whenever I go to the temple and whoever comes to know that you are my siksa Guru, everyone gets so astonished as everyone know how you dedicated your whole life in the service to the Supreme and that you are the pure devotee of the Lord. Your adorable smile and laugh makes our heads free of any fear, or any worries and fills our hearts with unlimited satisfaction and peace. With your presence, I am feel always so confident and fearless.

I remember this time in Vrindavan when you again called me to home, Iskcon Vrindavan. It was so magical how after 7 years I went to Vrindavan and this time being aware of your mystical presence in my life. I got so happy when I came to know how you chose the best day, your solar Vyasa-puja for me to be there. You allowed me to meet the sweetest god family by your mercy and kindly blessed me with an opportunity to serve you on your Samadhi. I finally offered my letter to you and visited your room and like a father, you blessed me with lots of merciful gifts from there.

Your causeless mercy and love attracts us towards this mission of Lord Caitanya. Your melodious sweet voice with which you chant the pure holy names of the Lord is there enough to transform the hearts. You even blessed my family and relatives with your mercy and I remember how in a lecture you assured us that your relatives will also follow to the spiritual abode so do not worry.

Just where can I see such mercy and kindness? Definitely nowhere as you are the mercy incarnation of Lord Nityananda himself who knows no boundaries to his mercy. Each of your action attracted us towards Krishna consciousness, you cracked jokes in your lectures. Your transcendental humour made us comfortable and the deep, fascinating knowledge made us more attracted towards the need for hearing about the spiritual matters. You are the most caring father, who always looked for us and never left us alone in this impossible stormy world. Your fatherly love and affection for us is more than the thousand mothers can shower on a child. As you say kindness is in dealings so we can always feel your kindness, mercy and affec-

tion in all those small and big things which matters a lot for us.

So as Srila Prabhupada says, 'daksha,' who is perfect in every thing. We see how you are a daksha; perfect in everything, in all the services really as being the pure devotee of the Lord. We miss you

a lot Guru Maharaj. I wish that all of your siksa and disciples will be able to make it to the spiritual world by your mercy to meet you again and forever, just having a hope of your words in my heart, that we will meet soon.

Now I am working under your guidance, to become what you want me to be. I will be always grateful for all the opportunities and your presence in my life. I could not imagine that Krishna will bless me with such a Guru in my life who will guide me through each and every single aspect of my life. Your presence and guidance means more than the world to me, and I know that for your mercy nothing is impossible.

Please bless us all so that we all can become the pure devotees as you wanted us to be, so that we can serve Srila Prabhupada by our efforts being limitless in this movement. I kindly beg for your blessings to become strong in my spiritual practices. I am a hopeless mercy case and I only see you as a beacon hope so kindly bless me with strength to be fixed on the path and to serve and please you.

I want your blessings to be always there to serve you forever. The only wealth I have in my life is your service which I would never want to lose. Thank you Guru Maharaj for each and everything.

You Were Always There  
Bhaktin Priyanshi

When hopes were broken, strength was lost,  
My world lay shattered, tempest-tossed.  
Dark clouds gathered, blocking the way,  
My trembling boat began to sway.

When faith stepped back, unsure and weak,  
With silent tears I could not speak.  
You came to heal, to reassure,  
With gentle words so calm and sure.  
Again you came and held my hand,  
Through storms I could not understand.

Your vaṇi stayed, a guiding light,  
Restoring faith, restoring sight.

In this harsh world, with faults so clear,  
I fell again through doubt and fear.  
Yet you stood close and made me rise,  
Turning my falls to hopeful tries.

I ran once more, my heart aware,  
You stood behind me, always there.  
Cheering softly, steady, true,  
Making the impossible feel new.

Lost in the cycle of birth and death,  
Chewing the chewed, forgetting my breath.

Wandering paths I'd walked before,  
Bound by illusion, returning once more.

Then mercy entered my darkened way,  
Through this journey, step by step, you stayed.  
You fixed my heart on the eternal aim,  
And taught my soul to call Krishna's name.

Through Krishna consciousness, pure and clear,  
You steadied my mind with loving care.  
When I could not see where life should lead,  
You anchored me in service and creed.

You never judged my fallen state,  
Nor measured mercy, love, or fate.  
Though bound by flaws and worldly ties,  
Your grace still reached my lowered eyes.

As dearest friend and well-wisher true,  
You made my storm-tossed heart feel new.  
Even in trials, dark and wild,  
You guarded me, patient and mild.  
As spiritual teacher, you made known

The path of bhakti, fully shown.  
With sacred truths, my world you filled,  
With love for Krishna, deep and stilled.

As spiritual father, wings you gave,  
Protecting me in ways unseen, unbrave.  
From known and unknown dangers near,  
Your shelter stayed, your care sincere.

You are the reason we remain,  
Fixed on this path through joy and pain.  
I cannot see my life apart,  
From mercy's spark within my heart.

A Guru pure, Krishna's blessing rare,  
A father, guide, beyond compare.  
Though unseen now, your care still stays,  
You were there then, and all my days.

When all seemed lost beyond repair,  
No matter what, you were always there.

Your aspiring servant,  
Bhaktin Priyanshi  
(Haryana, India).

## **Bharata Dasa**

Hare Krishna beste Guru Maharaj, aanvaard als je blijft mijn nederige eerbetuigingen all glorie to Srila Prabhupada, beste Maharaj ben dankbaar Uw vader en Zoon te mogen ontmoeten ,afgelopen jaar,,door hun voel ik Uw warmte zo speciaal ,vrolucke noten klinken in mijn hart ,als ik aan U denk ,graag neem ik U overal mee ,vooral in de kirtan ,ole.

Your servant,  
Bharata Dasa

# 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 obeisance.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Maharaj, I am so grateful for giving me shelter into your lotus feet.

Unfortunately I came to Krishna consciousness late and did not have your association for a long time. But every single moment from our meetings is sealed deeply in my heart. These memories keep my confidence and determination to follow your instructions, especially in the difficult periods.

Thank you very much for the inspiration and the mercy you are giving to all of us.

Your eternal servant,

Bharuni Devi Dasi

# Bhavamayi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to you, my dear spiritual master.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this sacred occasion of your Vyasa-puja, my heart naturally turns toward gratitude and reflection. I offer these few words not as a measure of my realization, but as a small attempt to express what your presence has meant — and continues to mean — in my life.

Guru Maharaj, you taught me that spiritual life is not meant to be comfortable, but meaningful. Through your words, your kirtans, and your fearless surrender to Srila Prabhupada's mission, you showed me what it means to live for Krishna with one's whole heart. Your example constantly reminds me that devotion is not theoretical — it is lived, sung, walked, and sometimes cried through.

Even in separation, your guidance feels alive. When I hear the holy name, I remember how you would sing — not for performance, but as a soul calling out to Kṛṣṇa. In those moments, I feel sheltered, reminded of why I took this path in the first place. Your kirtan has been a bridge — carrying my restless mind back to my heart, and my heart back to Krishna.

Guru Maharaj, I am deeply aware of my own shortcomings. I struggle with consistency, with faith, and with surrender. Yet, I take courage knowing that your mercy does not depend on my perfection, but on my sincerity. You have always emphasized honesty in one's spiritual life — standing before Krishna and guru without pretence. That instruction alone has protected me many times.

Guru Maharaj, you carry Srila Prabhupada's mission with courage and compassion. Through your preaching, your writing, and your personal dealings, you have touched countless hearts — including mine — and reminded us that this movement is meant to be alive, dynamic, and filled with genuine feeling for Kṛishna and His devotees.

On this Vyasa-puja day, my only prayer is this:

Please keep me connected to your lotus feet. Please give me the intelligence to remember your

instructions when my mind wanders. Please engage me in service, however small, so that my life may slowly become an offering worthy of your mercy.

Whether in closeness or separation, praise or correction, comfort or challenge — I pray to always see your hand guiding me toward Krishna. May I never forget that I am sheltered by your compassion and connected to Srila Prabhupada through you.

Thank you, Guru Maharaj, for accepting me despite my many imperfections, for believing in the power of the holy name, and for showing us how to walk this path with courage, depth, and heart.

Your insignificant servant,  
Bhavamayi Dasi

## Citrlekha 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 Maharaj,  
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

In the spiritual world, time exists as a medium to increase transcendental love. You taught us it is a medium that expands and contracts in order to increase the experience of rasa. We, however, are far away from experiencing time in that way, as we are caught up in the endlessly entangling web of karmic timing here in our dwelling place on the material plane. Nevertheless, Krishna says in Bhagavad-gītā: 'kālo 'smi', which means that He still pulls the strings, even here. Thus, it is not just karma and material laws governing the movements of time in this world, but Krishna's hidden hand. And I do feel that He is very actively playing with the un-

folding of time in order to churn our hearts.

Sometimes, it feels like time passes by so slowly, which makes my heart distraught as it will take so long still, until I can meet you again, until I can be in your presence again. I keep on pondering on one of the last words you spoke to me: 'kada', 'when o when'. When, o, when will that time come that I may be in your company again? When, o when will the time come that we may listen to you again and heartily laugh about the absurdities of our own mind, behaviour and plans. When will we sing together again like there is no tomorrow, like it is the last thing we will ever do? When will there be a quiet moment again, where we can just sit in the fresh evening air and talk about the challenges that we face on our path of bhakti? I am wondering Guru Maharaj, when, as every moment seems so far away from that reality.

On the other hand, Krishna sometimes extends his mercy, even though I am undeserving, and He makes time flow so quickly. It seems to be moving faster and faster. Another year has passed, a year that I have received the invaluable chance to try and serve you in this world, a year that I have tried to contribute something to your mission. And when I look back, the feeling in me arises: 'it was not enough, it could have been more, better, grander.' And I catch myself praying: 'O Krishna, please grant me a little bit more time, so that I may do something useful for Guru Maharaj before I travel to the next destination.' And thus, I am caught up in Krishna's time paradox. But, in that paradox, I meet you. I feel my heart sometimes is on fire with energy to serve you, sometimes paralyzed in separation. That paradox keeps my heart alive, that paradox keeps your presence within me alive, for which I am very grateful, although often painful.

Guru Maharaj, I meet you every day in a memory, a picture, a lecture, a kirtan, a conversation, in the maha-mantra, but until the time we meet again face to face, I pray. I pray that I may be a better servant and disciple, that I may have the strength to make better decisions that lead me to you and to Krishna faster. I pray that I may always be faithful to your words and that I may follow in your footsteps. May I always strive to develop in your inspiring qualities. In your presence everything seems simple, clear, straight-forward and light, no more problems, complexities of mind, no more difficulties, just Krishna, Srila Prabhupada and devotional service. I pray that I may always walk that simple path of devotion and that, at least from my side, I won't take any more turns that will elongate the journey back to you and Krishna. Thank you Guru Maharaj, for your continuous guidance and encouragement on the path. How will I ever be able to repay you for your mercy, patience and love?

Your aspiring, insignificant servant,

Hare Krishna,  
Citralekha Dasi

# Dahani Devi Dasi

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

Somehow or other...

You told me that so many times.  
I think, whenever we talked about something, you used those words.  
Somehow or other, we should do something with all the blessings we got  
and serve the Lord, serve dear Prabhupada.

How fortunate I am that the Lord led me to you!  
You are my saint.  
Once you told me how, when choosing your next spiritual master, you told yourself: "I should  
find myself a saint!"  
I was so fortunate that the Lord led me your way,  
and after hearing several lectures of yours, I knew I must ask if you can grant me your shelter.  
Luckily, you kindly accepted me as a disciple.

Since I've met you, we spoke so little.  
Always about the weather, or lectures, mostly about practical points...  
Yet, you succeeded to share with me, although all our meetings could be counted by fingers of  
both hands,  
some very deep, personal visions of the Lord or some of your deep realisations.  
I never understood why, who am I to hear this?  
Whenever I thanked you, you were so humble. And yet, natural.

With just a few words shared, I always knew that you understood me.  
And that you understood all that I didn't share aloud.  
I am sure of it. I could hear it in your answers.  
I always felt blessed in your presence, all was clear whenever you speak,  
and I was certain that this family I was accepted into is my forever family.

In my god sisters and god brothers I see glimpses of your spirit.  
I am grateful for having their association occasionally.  
The rest of the time, I try my best to be my spiritual father's daughter  
while serving, chanting, and working with the devotees of our yatra.

I miss you pushing me forward. Sometimes, even without a word.  
Gently, yet each time a tiny step closer to the Lord.

Today I played one precious recording of our conversation, in which you shared  
how after many years of service in Vrindavan,  
from Sri Sri Radhe Shyam your attention went somehow to Sri Sri Gaura Nitai.  
You realised they are the ocean of mercy. That you should focus on them and serve them.  
And they reciprocated.

You became an ocean of mercy, and pulled us to your shores.  
I wholeheartedly thank you for that.

Never in my life have I met another person like you.  
How fortunate I am,  
You are my saint.

After you left our realm,  
we all miss serving, chanting and dancing with you.  
We miss you rushing us for the second round of harinama, after lunch break in the park in  
Amsterdam.  
We miss you playing the people, not music - like you once told us.  
We miss your sincerity, truthfulness, softheartedness,  
your clarity, vision, dedication - and your perfect managerial skills.

The qualities you've shown are really so rare in our realm.  
You are my saint.  
Thank you for all the encouraging words.  
Thank you for being such an exemplary vaishnava.  
One of a kind.

Your servant,  
somehow or other,  
Dahani Devi Dasi

# Dayalu dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj Hare Krishna,

My obeisances to you.

All glories to you and your endeavours and service to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

You are what you say. You do what you say. You live the life you preach.

You are what Bhagavatam says about persons like you. You are a Bhagavata.

Your life is purposed to glorify Krishna, spread Lord Caitanya's movement and serve Srila Prabhupada.

His holiness Sacinandana Swami said, that he met you in his dream, after your departure from body and he said, that you were truly happy. He said that you were finally singing with unlimited devotion to Lord Caitanya.

That is truly wonderful Maharaj. That is what I want to see, you being happy. And that is what my life will become more and more, that my service will make you happy and happy. I want to bring you pleasure as I mature in bhakti and as my life develops.

The time living in temple was truly a gem. This gem will be carried through the end of this body, and meanwhile, we will make sure, that we become better and better devotees, live life more purposed around Krishna and 1 thing which is very inspiring – distribute prasadam and make business in this ganra.

Please bless us that we can make this happen and preach to people by spreading knowledge, Holy Name and enormous amount of prasadam. This year I want to open a Vegan burger place, so please bless us that we succeed for Lord Caitanya and Srila Prabhupada.

Even though you are not physically present with us, we can still feel your presence, still you are making arrangement and taking care of us. And we, are serving you. This is just wonderful, we love it and hope that our capacity will increase to do it even more as the time goes on.

I am sorry, because I am childish and selfish, but I learn from my mistakes (some of them slower).

Thank you for being an unbelievably amazing bold, kind, fiery and solid person. Many of my god brothers and sisters have faith in you just because of that. Because you are a well together person.

And that is why we love you, and are going behind you and trying to serve you.

Your servant,  
Dayalu Dasa  
Hare Krishna

## 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.

On this most auspicious appearance day of Srila Nityananda Prabhu, I beg to offer my humble obeisance at your lotus feet. Please accept this offering as a prayer for your mercy and blessings. It is revealed in sashtra that the spiritual master is the representative of Lord Balarama, and on this sacred day I am reflecting deeply on the principle of guru-tattva.

Srila Nityananda Prabhu, the embodiment of Lord Balarama's mercy, is renowned for His limitless compassion, tolerance, and magnanimity. Even when assaulted by Madhai, He did not withdraw His mercy but instead increased it. Remembering this pastime, I see my own unworthiness and shortcomings. Like Madhai, I am fallen and imperfect, yet by your causeless mercy I have not been rejected. Through you I am learning that the mercy of the Lord descends not because of qualification, but because of sincere dependence.

Lord Balarama is the original spiritual master and the source of preaching strength, and this same fearless preaching spirit is visible in your service. Your willingness to cross cultural, social, and geographical boundaries to distribute Kṛishṇa consciousness — such as your service in Africa, has deeply impressed upon me the true meaning of compassion and selfless dedication to Srila Prabhupada's mission.

In my own service, I struggle to maintain steadiness in sadhana, health, and preaching. You once described these responsibilities as “juggling balls,” and this instruction has remained with me. I understand that balance is the ideal, yet I am gradually realizing that it is only by mercy that one can continue serving despite imbalance and limitation. Your example teaches me that sincere effort, sustained by mercy, is itself an offering.

Serving in Manchester, I often feel my lack of qualification and support. Yet when I reflect on the sacrifices you have made by accepting challenging services solely to please your authorities, Srila Prabhupada, and Kṛṣṇa, then I am reminded that devotional service is not measured by comfort or capacity, but by surrender and obedience. This understanding gives me strength to continue despite my weaknesses.

On this day of seeking the mercy of Srila Nityananda Prabhu, I understand that such mercy flows through the disciplic succession and reaches me through you, my spiritual master. This truth is expressed in the prayer:

yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo  
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi

“By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the mercy of Kṛṣṇa; without his mercy there is no possibility of advancement.”(Guruvastakam)

As Srila Prabhupada writes: “One must first receive the mercy of Lord Nityananda. Without His mercy, one cannot approach Lord Caitanya.”

You have often expressed your desire that your disciples develop a deep relationship with Srila Prabhupada. By your kindness, I feel increasingly dependent on both you and Srila Prabhupada for guidance, shelter, and direction in my life of service.

Although this period of my life is filled with difficulty and vulnerability, I see it as a valuable opportunity to deepen my dependence on your shelter. I humbly pray for your continued blessings, that I may become a sincere instrument in your hands. If, by your mercy, I am able to help even one soul take shelter of devotional service as Srila Prabhupada considered his mission fulfilled by making one devotee - I will consider my life successful. You have emphasized the importance of mission, and I have taken this instruction to heart. Please bless me that I may always remember this mission and serve it with humility, perseverance, and gratitude, under your guidance and the mercy of Srila Nityananda Prabhu.

Your most insignificant servant,  
Devarsi Dasa

## **Dharmesvari Devi Dasi**

Thank you dear Gurudeva for allowing me a space within this mystical process. I will hold your instructions close to my heart for the rest of my life.

With deep respect.

Your humble servant,

Dhamesvari Devi Dasi

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 & Rasarani Devi Dasi**

Hare Krishna Dear Gurudeva

Please accept our humble obeisances.

Dandavat pranaams

All glories to Gurudeva,

All glories to Param Guru,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

We are most fortunate and grateful to receive regular darshan of your Samadhi dear Gurudeva.

Your words of wisdom always guide us. You will be happy to know we regularly attend our devotional service at SSRRT. We are hopeful you are present with us whenever we do service.

Thank you for your advice to always seek all blessings from all vaishnavas. My mum passed away on 2 2026, we have throughout offered prayers for her well-being through your lotus feet. Thankfully many vaishnavas prayed for her soul to have a blessed onward journey. My mum had a blessed send off with many deities garlands and maha from Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple. We are at peace.

Also thank you for your kind words, where you said there would always be mercy at the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada, even if we fall short at certain times. We listen daily to your kirtan during our altar worship at home.

We love you lots to dear Gurudeva. Thank you for giving us both shelter at your lotus feet. We are most fortunate

Your servants,

Dharmaksetra Dasa & Rasarani Devi Dasi

(Durban, South Africa)

## Dhruva Tila 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-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to you Gurudeva,

All glories to Param Guru his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Jagad Guru Srila Prabhupada.

Maharaj, although you are no longer physically present before me, your influence in my life has only grown deeper and more profound. I find that your voice, filled with that unmistakable blend of gravity, wit, and deep compassion, echoes in my heart during moments of doubt. You taught me that spiritual life is not a spectator sport but a courageous leap of faith, and I am eternally grateful that you gave me shelter under your lotus feet and reached out your hand to guide me.

Thank you for showing me what it means to be 'real' in Krishna consciousness. You never asked for blind followers; you asked for sincere souls. Your life was a testament to the power of the holy name, and through your kirtans, you gave me a glimpse of a world beyond this material shore. You showed me that even in the face of the greatest physical trials, a devotee remains fixed, joyful, and utterly dependent on Krishna.

Maharaj, I feel my own inadequacy as I attempt to carry on without your physical presence. I beg for your continuous blessings over my life. Please, guide my intelligence, so that every decision I make brings me closer to the dust of your feet. Kindly, empower my service within Iskcon, that I may contribute to the mission of Srila Prabhupada with the same sincerity and "no-nonsense" dedication that you modelled for us.

With your blessings, purify my heart of all duplicity, so that I may serve the vaishnavas with genuine humility. My greatest desire is to be a disciple you can be proud of. I know that your pride lies not in my material success, but in my determination to keep chanting, to keep serving, and to stay loyal to the movement you loved so much. I pray that I never lose sight of the standard you set.

I beg to remain a small instrument in your hands as you continue to serve Srila Prabhupada in the eternal realm. Please never let go of my hand.

Your insignificant servant and disciple,

Dhruva Tila Dasa

# Dinanatha Dasa

Hare Krishna Dear Guru Maharaj,  
Dandavat pranam. Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

Wish you a very happy appearance day Maharaj. I am pretty sure that the spiritual world would be reverberating with the holy name through your ecstatic kirtans on this special day. In this material world, your instructions and kirtans continue to inspire, connect and help many of us to establish and strengthen their faith in Krishna.

But, with each year that has passed by since your departure to the spiritual world in 2023, your physical absence is felt more and more by me.

Wish I had more association with you  
Wish I had shared more realizations with you  
Wish I came more early into this movement  
Wish I had been part of more dham yatra (parikramas) with you  
Wish I had asked so many questions in search of those perfect answers from you.

So many of these questions and thoughts lingered in my mind strongly throughout the last year 2025 due to my own personal experiences that eventually lead to its subsequent realizations though. But little did I realize that you were holding my hand and guiding me through all these challenges and obstacles that I have faced during the last year.

“I strive to be a better person than I was last year,” were the last lines of my previous year offering to you. A commitment was made with my last year offering and the year 2025 began like a breath of fresh air. But soon, it changed. I was lost myself in a whirlpool of shortcomings – shortcomings of mine, shortcomings of others and shortcomings of the society that I was part of. I began to have this fundamental question of why there are even conflicts between devotees? Bhakti life is meant to be simple and joyful, but it isn't, why? (The question bewildered me a lot) and this is where your instructions in “Diving Deep,” Really gave me an insight, an understanding and an assurance to navigate through the problem.

“The More deeper we penetrate into the substance of spiritual life, the more we find ourselves in a world untouched by the waves of material ocean.” These words of yours from the book,

“Diving Deep,” Gave me hope and also made me realize that you did not leave my hand though I am so fallen and unqualified disciple of yours. Thank you, Maharaj, for instilling the courage in me through your guidance (imparted via many of your books).

Though your physical absence is felt many a times but your voice through your lectures, kirtans and books strengthened the connection towards you. I began to realize that I have to hear you more and more to give that substance to my spiritual life. It gave me hope to come out of my own struggles and redeem myself as someone who can take charge of one’s spiritual life by serving and following the instructions of you (my Spiritual master). I still fall short of this due to my own anarthas but taking shelter of vaishnavas (especially our god family) renewed a great sense of inspiration and hope.

It is only through your blessings and the mercy of vaishnavas, I got the opportunity to transcribe some of your lectures for your upcoming beautiful book, “A Voyage to transcendence,” (which is getting ready for 2026 release). The book is shaped by your class on the boat of transcendental knowledge. In this regard, it has been such a pleasure and honour to serve Amrtavani Devi Dasi who has been entrusted by you with the task of keeping your vision alive by publishing books. By serving devotees (senior disciples) like her (who have had several years of association with you) I feel your presence in my life stronger than ever before. Thank you for being there Maharaj and showering this special mercy upon me. I am extremely thankful and highly grateful to devotees (dear god family) who had helped me connect to the transcription service of your lectures.

I remember your words on one of lectures about, “Conquering in relationships. We conquer people not through some technique or fixed process, but simply by making an effort and displaying great qualities.” Such an invaluable piece of instruction from you makes me understand the true importance and strength of vaishnava relationships.

“Death is just a change of service,” Is a key statement in one of your lectures that reverberates in my mind always as in this year I had experienced a personal loss (my wife, Varsana-Lila’s elder sister) Pallavi departed this world because of cancer amidst chanting and Srila Prabhupada’s kirtans. Your life continues to be served as an inspiration to many devotees across the world facing death. It once again reminded me on how you have led an incredible life in service and devotion focused on the holy name till your last breath and most importantly taught us the significance of being compassionate and kind to everyone.

Kindly help me Maharaj as I keep falling short time and again due to my internal anarthas. I beg for your forgiveness. Please keep me under your guidance and shelter. With your immense blessings and mercy, may I become more tolerant, kinder, more compassionate, more com-

posed and eventually be the disciple of your vision.

Your meditative immersion of Caitanya Caritamṛta is the shelter for everyone to develop that sweet and strong relationship with the Lord, to attract Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu's mercy and to go back home back to Godhead.

May Lord Jagannath bless us all to please you and be worthy of assisting you in your loving devotional service unto them. Once again, a very happy appearance day Dear Guru Maharaj,

Your insignificant servant,  
Dinanatha Dasa

## **Divya Gita Devi Dasi**

Hare Krishna,  
My dearest Gurudeva,

I am cleaning and still cleaning my heart and soul so that I can write more deeply to you.  
Thanks Gurudeva for showering your blessings on me.

Bow down,  
Divya Gita Devi Dasi

## **Divya Nama Devi Dasi**

Hare Krishna,  
Hare Krishna, lieber Guru Maharaj,

bitte akzeptiere meine demütigen Ehrerbietungen.

Alle Ehre sei Srila Prabhupada.

Ich bin Dir von Herzen dankbar für Deine Barmherzigkeit, mich – sozusagen in der letzten Minute Deines Erdenlebens – als Deine Schülerin aufgenommen zu haben. Mit tiefer Dankbarkeit erkenne ich, welche unglaublich seltene Gnade mir durch Krishna zuteilgeworden ist:

mit Dir, einem wahrhaftigen spirituellen Meister, in Verbindung treten zu dürfen.

Ich vertraue darauf, dass das Nama meines Namens eines Tages für mich zu einer gelebten Realität werden wird. Mehr und mehr lerne ich, nach innen zu lauschen, um Deine Stimme in meinem Herzen zu hören. Deine Bitte, niemals mit dem Chanten aufzuhören, hallt klar in mir nach – ebenso Deine Worte, dass es spürbar nicht besonders inspirierend ist, erst um acht Uhr mit den sechzehn Runden zu beginnen.

Ja, bei mir geht es weiterhin viel um Regeln und Regulierungen. Ich bemühe mich um Disziplin und Regulierung, mal mehr, mal weniger inspiriert. Doch ich verspreche Dir, dass ich aktiv daran arbeite, mein Sadhana beständig zu vertiefen und zu verbessern. Trotz meines nicht immer rühmlichen Sadhanas nehme ich wahr, dass dennoch außerordentlich viel Gnade auf mich herabkommt.

Was den Seva betrifft: Im vergangenen Jahr durfte ich in Goloka Dhama (dem Tempel in Deutschland) durch Deine Gnade mehrere Seminare organisieren, darunter erstmals das Bhakti Festival – ein Festival mit Yoga, Workshops und Kirtan, vor allem für neue Gäste –, ebenso einen zweiwöchigen Kirtan-Kurs sowie einen siebentägigen Bhakta-Kurs vor Ort. Auch in diesem Jahr werden diese Veranstaltungen wieder stattfinden, und ich bitte Dich von Herzen, aus der spirituellen Welt weiterhin Deine schützende Hand über mich zu halten.

Ich danke Dir zutiefst für all die Möglichkeiten, die Du mir gibst, meine Talente in Deinen Dienst einzubringen, sodass ich sowohl als Mensch als auch als Devotee wachsen darf. Ebenso danke ich Dir für die Herausforderungen, die Du mir schenkst – sei es im Beruf oder im Privatleben. Ich erkenne sie als Prüfungen und Hinweise, noch feiner auf die subtilen Zeichen zu achten. Geduld, Akzeptanz und Mitgefühl – auch mir selbst und meiner Vergangenheit gegenüber – sind Themen, die mich auf meinem Lebensweg begleiten.

Lieber Guru Maharaj, ich vermisse Dich sehr. Wir hatten kaum Gelegenheit, miteinander zu sprechen. Wärest Du noch verkörpert, hätte ich gewiss viele Fragen und würde mit staunenden Augen Deine Vorschläge und Anweisungen empfangen, um sie so gut wie möglich umzusetzen und zu verinnerlichen. So richte ich nun meinen Blick nach innen und lausche Deiner Stimme – mal ist sie klarer, mal leiser. Manchmal höre und sehe ich auch nur meinen eigenen Geist. Doch ich gehe mit Zuversicht und Vertrauen weiter auf diesem Weg und übe mich dabei in vielerlei Hinsicht. Ich danke Dir aus ganzem Herzen.

Deine Dienerin,  
Divya Nama 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)

## **Gita Ganya Devi Dasi**

My dear Guru Maharaj,

I offer my beloved obeisances at your lotus feet.

This year I beg for your blessings my dear Guru Maharaj, while I am always at your service inevitably. I have been reborn so many times into so many kinds of individuation.

I have opened my eyes, since your leaving me here, to the fact that you were such a stronghold of purity and virtue and integrity in this organization. That how much those are not qualities bound to Iskcon devotees - but rather merciful, honest and godly people, anywhere.

My hope is set in a small group of honest and sincere souls and mostly myself, and I ask this year your blessings to illuminate and empower me to maintain the purity, sincerity and heart of your servitude so that your mercy may genuinely touch a few more and actually bring them back home.

It is hard to connect with you openly under current circumstances, yet our connection is never

lost. I know no one can take away or steal the love and connection we had and what that will manifest in.

I am so grateful for your clear vision, for your investments in me and your profound well-wishing and appreciation of me. I am so grateful that you took and expanded the best parts of me, and even if no one else sees, values or honours it because of their material conditioning or rupturing lust. I am secure in that spiritual power and concrete knowingness of my spiritual value, and potential.

You gave me so much, correctly and hopefully, and that will never be uncherished or lost. I pray that you may trustingly accept my necessary adjustments for the time being. I know what you might have said now, as I always intuited and you always matched.

I so much cherish your humour, which is absolutely magnifying and uplifting; your determination which can melt through mountains, and your protection. You were just something special, like Srila Prabhupada, I miss you so greatly.

Forever nothing but your true disciple.

Your servant,

Gita Gamyā Devi Dasi

## **Gita Mala Devi Dasi**

Dearest Kadamba Kanana Swami 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 the power to make advancement in Krishna consciousness. Thank you Maharaj for allowing me the last pilgrimage with Maharaj in 2022. Please note that where ever your soul is present I will be there.

Your servant,

Gita Mala Devi Dasi ((Durban, South Africa)

# Godruma Dasa

Hare Krishna, dear Kadamba Kanana Swami, dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you, to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami and to his divine grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada.

In this lifetime, the only thing I can see I am lacking is the right consciousness. You made sure that I can fight my way back. The fight will be successful, but there will be a lot of fighting needed, and you gave me everything necessary for it; all the weapons needed are available for me. No room for excuses. There will definitely be ultimate success, certainly. Because of you. Finally, I will make it back, although I used to be a rat, a traitor. You nevertheless treat me like someone who deserves mercy, to make it right - finally.

Today is Lord Nityananda's appearance day, the best day to think about you. I have no words to say how thankful I am that you are taking care of me! At the same time, I am so sorry that you are not here anymore. I really miss you. Why did you have to leave so early?

Whatever the answer, I am extremely thankful that you give me shelter. You accept me and love me like no one before. Your love makes me win the fight and be successful, while at the same time I am continuing to miss you. I miss you dearly.

Your aspiring servant,  
Godruma Dasa

# Gokularanjana Dasa

Hare Krishna dear Kadamba Kanana Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On a material platform it is ridiculous to write to you, because your gross body is resting in Samadhi. However, you are forever present in your vani, your instructions, and in the association of your disciples who carry your mood and mission in their hearts.

For me, it is always a big question how to keep up the same depth of connection with you in this phase. Most likely I will have many more years to be in this body, and I need to keep my memories with you fresh and alive. Many Prabhupada disciples were extremely delighted to see how stalwart Prabhupada-men you have become, even though you just missed meeting Srila Prabhupada physically. Your personal example of using every opportunity to connect with Srila Prabhupada—through his disciples, by studying his books, letters and so on, all this made you closer to Srila Prabhupada than to your own material father. As you said, you could speak about your father for a few hours, but about Srila Prabhupada you could speak for weeks. My humble effort is to try to follow in your footsteps by becoming a Prabhupada-man and also by becoming a Kadamba-Kanana-Swami-man. I beg your blessing to keep the relationship forever fresh in my life, that I may never forget your mood and mission.

In the last few years, whenever I was traveling and introduced myself as a disciple of you, all devotees warmly welcomed me and expressed their appreciation for you. Even though I have known you since childhood, I could never understand your full glories. You have touched hearts all over the world. With your recorded kirtans and lectures you are still touching hearts. I beg that I may discover more and more of your qualities and relish them I hope that eventually you will be pleased by the humble offering of my life.

Yours,

Gokularanjana Dasa

Your servant Gurudasa

# Gopali Devi Dasi

My beloved Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

It has been three years since you left. This world feels empty. Everything is as it used to be except you are not here. Along with you, joy and meaning departed.

But life still can be carried on because in the past something extraordinary happened. Like a magician, you entered my heart — and I quickly locked the door. Now you live there as a captive, imprisoned within the narrow cell of my heart. How are you doing there, Gurudeva? Are you alright? Please expand and soften my heart so it may become a suitable abode for you to reside in.

There is not a single day when I do not think of you. Sometimes I feel upset that you left me behind. But then I remember that for twenty-one years of my life I lived without even meeting you. So maybe I just need to wait again — to be born where you are, so that our paths can cross once more. I will seek you everywhere. I tell myself that this must happen, because God does not inspire unrealizable desires. And when that time comes, I will not make the same mistake again — I will not waste even a moment of my life without serving you.

I am a vile and unworthy sinner desiring to love you and to always serve you. Please help me, because you are my strength. Unbind me from the iron chains of my own choices. Cleanse me of every stain, no matter what it takes.

Please remove whatever impurity or malice may be at the bottom of my offering, and then accept it. Do not abandon me. Please accept me back to your service.

Your eternal servant,  
Gopali Devi Dasi

# Harsarani Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaj,

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

All glories to you and your divine lotus feet,

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this auspicious day of you Vyasa-puja I am reflecting on my relationship with you and how much of an impact you have had on me. It is also a time for me to renew my initiation vows and remember on why it is important to maintain those vows.

Not a day goes passed when I am not thinking of you. You are my beacon of hope and the lighthouse of all knowledge. You opened up doors of opportunities for me to take in order for bhakti to flourish. And I am forever grateful to you for giving me those opportunities.

The Guruvastakam prayers is the emblem of the relationship between the Guru and the disciple, the activities of the Guru, along with their potencies. I am reminded on how dedicated you on the services that you do with so much intricacies. I am also reminded on how the relationship between the Guru and disciple is going on an eternal basis like threads that are interwoven together. In

Bhagavad-gita chapter 2 it says that the soul can never be cut into pieces or withered by the wind. In the same way the bond between us (the Guru and disciple) can never be broken or destroyed by anything, not even by fire weapons or water weapons. Neither can any Trnarvatas, or Aghasuras could ever destruct the bond between us. Life after life that bond will remain on an eternal basis and that is reassuring and comforting for me to know.

So much time and effort has been put into this relationship between the disciple and Guru. You invested so much of your time, energy and effort into all of us. Now it is our turn to repay you back and to really appreciate all that you have done for us, by ensuring that we become serious about serious things, and filling our time with bhakti, along with aligning our desires with your desires.

You have always emphasised that we should always put Lord Krishna in the centre of our lives and focus on trying to please him. You want each and every one of us returning back home - back to godhead in this lifetime so that we can all help you in this preaching mission

in which ever universe you may be in. That universe which is being carried on the hoods of Lord Sankarsana along with a billion of other universes. It does not matter if that universe is sur-rounded by ocean of milk, or ocean of oil, or even ocean of gold - just as long as your presence is in that universe and we have the opportunity to be there assisting you is far more important than anything else.

One moment of your pure association is all it takes to destroy the fire of materials desires with the heart. And what to speak of a month or a year's worth of your association. That would definitely take one to the spiritual planet of Goloka Vrindavan. And through your prolonged association by flying our own plane it would take us beyond the material realms to up beyond into the spiritual sky heading towards the abode of the entire universe - the effulgent Goloka Vrindavan which is dazzling brightly and sparkling due to that abode being full of very colourful and precious gemstones.

Despite your physical body no longer being present, you remain very much present within my life. I was listening to one of yr Srimad Bhagavatam classes when a Mataji was asking about taking on additional vows. You made it very clear that we should not take on additional vows without consulting a spiritual master first. As an example you said that Srila Prabhupada did not fast for the last 5 days of Kartik so we must also not do that. You seemed very passionate about this aspect which I found to be striking.

The instructions that you had given to me are my lifeline. They help me to stay connected with you. I am thinking of how blessed we are to have been in touch with you. I am forever trying to pay off the debt to you dear Guru Maharaj. Thank you for nurturing me from the very begin-ning of my spiritual life - from a small seedling to a fully ripened fruit.

Thank you for giving the sweet taste of bhakti and the sweetness of the holy name which are far more sweeter than these temporary confectioneries.

Your eternal and insignificant servant,

Harsarani 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 sacred occasion of your Vyasa-puja, I bow at your lotus feet with a heart filled with gratitude.

Guru Maharaj, when I reflect on how you accepted me as your disciple, I am overwhelmed by the depth of your compassion. At a time when I was spiritually orphaned, having lost my aspiring Guru Maharaj so suddenly during the Covid period, you opened your heart and gave me shelter despite knowing so little about me, and despite your own fragile health. This act alone revealed to me what it truly means to be a vaishnava: to give shelter selflessly, without calculation.

Your kindness did not stop there. You also bestowed upon me second initiation, gifting me the Gayatri mantra and firmly placing my feet on a stronger, more disciplined spiritual path. I see this as an expression of your deep care and your desire that your disciples be protected by sincere sadhana and strong spiritual foundations.

You left me with one clear instruction: to read the Srimad Bhagavatam. Guru Maharaj, I hold this instruction close to my heart. Reading Srila Prabhupada's Srimad Bhagavatam daily has become my anchor, my refuge, and my constant companion. Through it, I feel guided, corrected, encouraged, and reminded of what truly matters. In following this instruction, I feel connected to you every single day.

I am also deeply grateful for your protective nature. Your caution to keep a low profile while remaining spiritually strong was not only practical but profoundly loving. It reminded me that real strength is internal, quiet, and rooted in sincerity rather than recognition.

What moves me most, Guru Maharaj, is that even while facing intense illness and personal challenges, you continued to accept and care for new disciples like me. I honestly cannot fathom the depth of compassion required to give so much when your own body was struggling. This quality of yours remains one of the greatest lessons of my life.

I often feel that I do very little to repay even a fraction of what you have given me. Still, I can sincerely say that I take your instruction seriously, and I pray that my character, my steadiness, and my commitment to devotional principles may bring you some joy. If I can grow into a more humble, reliable, and compassionate servant of Śrila Prabhupada's mission, I will feel that I am honouring your mercy.

Guru Maharaj, I love you dearly. Thank you for seeing me, for accepting me, and for giving me a spiritual home when I needed it most. I remain forever grateful to be your disciple.

Your insignificant servant

Induprabha Devi Dasi

# **Isvara Puri Dasa & Andal 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 our humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Another year has passed. It has been a very dynamic year and full with many lessons as well. We often had to make extra efforts and to step out of our comfort zone in order to keep the vows and promises we made to you, to Sri Krishna and to Krishna's devotees. In these moments, we relied on you and drew inspiration from your personal example.

This year something extremely exciting happened to us. We were allowed to visit the holy dham Mayapur. The whole family traveled. As soon as we arrived in India, the special arrangements of Sri Krishna began. The suitcases we were traveling with (2 of the largest suitcases) did not arrive with us in Kolkata. They had been left somewhere along the route. On the advice of the devotees, we had a few clothes which we carried with us as a hand luggage. This was actually a special mercy, through which we were able to fit into the taxi that was waiting for us at the airport. If we had had our big suitcases with us, we certainly would not have been able to fit them in the small trunk of the car. So, left with a little hand luggage, we were carried along the dusty roads of Kolkata.

It is hard to explain the initial impressions that hit us like a storm in a desert - the air, the roads, the buildings, the people, and the chaotic /at first glance/ super dynamic traffic on the roads.

Days followed, filled with strong spiritual energy and realizations such as: it is much easier to live with few possessions; not everything depends on us and our abilities; people in India are much happier than we think we can; everything is much easier and pleasant with godbrothers and god sisters around; we should not overeat.

By the special mercy of Tulsi Prabhu and Pandava Prabhu, we visited many holy places and learned

about the lives of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, Bhaktivinoda Thakur Maharaj, Srila Gaura Kishore Dasa Babaji, Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Maharaj, Kolavecha Sridhara, Vishnupriya Mataji and other holy persons. We visited many Vaishnava temples. Guru Maharaj, we saw and examined the samadhi of Srila Prabhupada that you have built in Mayapur.

How many difficulties you have overcome, dear Guru Maharaj, as to build this beautiful samadhi, which is visited by millions of devotees every year. Sheltered in a small nook near by the samadhi, once we took maha prasadam from Radha Madhava. At that moment we felt deep gratitude and a little pride, thinking of you, Guru Maharaj.

Since recently we have deities at home – Lord Jagannath, Lord Balaram and Subhadra Devi. We are grateful every day that they are in our home and that we have the opportunity to serve them. A true

blessing and happiness for us. Dear Guru Maharaj, another dynamic and difficult year is ahead. We will pray for your blessings that we may not fall down on the path to Krishna. We will rely on your instructions and try to do everything we do for the pleasure of Krishna.

Thank you for the causeless mercy to be your disciples. Thank you for all the wonderful spiritual brothers and sisters that we received as a gift from You! We have become so close to some of them over the time that we truly feel like family and love them very much! Each one of them is an example and an inspiration for us. We experience true joy and deep admiration for their spiritual development, their sincere and unwavering enthusiasm for devotional service, and their willingness to always take care and support our society.

Endless gratitude and love.

Your eternal servants,

Isvara Puri Dasa & Andal Devi Dasi

# Jagannatha Suta Dasa

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

man-manā bhava mad-bhakto

mad-yājī mām namaskuru

mām evaiṣyasi satyaṁ te

pratijāne priyo 'si me

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

(Bg. 18.65).

In the beginning, when I started associating with the devotees and studying the scriptures, I found this verse very difficult to live by, because I didn't know devotees much and Krishna even less so.

How can one always think of Krishna? He is out there with his cowherd boys and girlfriends, having fun with no care in the world. And we are here, getting pressed by the constant onslaughts of the material energy.

Gradually, by the association of devotees I was able get a glimpse into the practicality of the matter. Devotees are connected through service. And service is where their thinking, worshipping and offering homage to Krishna happens. By becoming His devotee one becomes very dear friend of His.

It is inconceivable how dear your friendship with Krishna is to you. How you amalgamated yourself with the essence of Srila Prabhupadas message. How I was able to witness, day in and day out, you are giving your very all. No break, in all these years. It is clear you are the real deal. And your followers, faithful devotees who are executing your desires, following very carefully in your footsteps, they are the living proof. These custodians of the mercy of devotional service is where we can plug in to get some. In the beginning we just dab in here and there, but be careful. The more one does it, the more sense it makes and the more we will see all these other things for what they are - insignificant.

Somehow or other I was blessed by you, so please let me remain in the association of these spiritual heavyweights so that I can render them some menial service.

Your servant,

Jagannatha Suta Dasa

## Jagannatha Vallabha Dasa

Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to you on your Vyasa-puja.

On this special day, I feel your absence very strongly, along with deep gratitude for having received your mercy at all. Although you are no longer physically present, your instructions, your voice, your kirtans and your example continue to guide me and give me strength. Remembering you brings both comfort and longing.

I am especially grateful for the opportunity to have served you and your mission, even in small ways. Those services remain very precious to me. Carrying them out—then and now—helps me feel connected to you, and reminds me why devotional service is the heart of spiritual life. Whatever little sincerity I have has grown through serving you.

I regret the ways I failed to fully appreciate your presence and guidance while you were here. Still, I pray that by remembering you, following your instructions, and continuing to serve, I may remain under your shelter. Please forgive my offenses and shortcomings, and kindly keep me engaged in service to Kṛiṣṇa and His devotees.

Thank you for everything.

Your eternal servant,

Jagannatha Vallabha Dasa

# Jahnukanya Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj Kadamba Kanana Swami,

Thank you for plucking me out and saving this totally fallen soul from the madding crowd,

You held my impure hands and turned them into clean serving tools,

My heart's eyes then opened-up in seeing the beauty in all you avail,

Here's how...my vision-change:

'On elevated planes I sail with ease,

determination fuels my peaceful breeze,

No givin' up, I'm in the driver's seat,

Expecting obstacles, movin' with grace and sweet,

Watching envy fade with heart so free,

Highest taste is where I want to be,

Decluttering life, cobwebs lifted high,

Non-attachment's key, sinful acts say bye,

Krishna's mercy guides me through the night,

Blissful love shines, my heart's delight."

Your honoured servant,

Jahnukanya Devi Dasi

(Thank you for this name, so carefully chosen)

# Jamadagni Dasa

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Gurudeva,

This movement is movement of mercy. We do not have your association in person, but you have left your presence with us and to continue inspire us through your books, kirtan and instructions. But I feel your presence the most when I get connected through people who have served you and people who you have served. This includes your disciples, your spiritual master Jayadvaita Swami and other vaishnavas who had a lot your association. This is because their character, their behaviour, their presence has the same presence as yours. Somehow I feel you are in them or they are in you. You are being merciful by giving your association to us through them. Thank you Guru Maharaj for looking after us through these associations.

I wanted to give an update on my current status of consciousness. In terms of nama ruci, I think my chanting has improved. I try to do all my rounds mostly in morning. Although, I am still trying to improve further on my purity. I am trying more and more to be less affected by the six anarthas. I am far but praying to Krishna regularly.

In terms of vaishnava seva, I did get a lot of opportunities to serve senior vaishnavas including Jayadvaita Swami for a few days. I feel very elated when I do get such services. This has been only possible because of you sharing your mercy via these vaishnavas.

In terms of jiva doya, I am trying my best to contribute towards sharing Krishna consciousness either through my services to Burbank temple which includes temple management and maintenance, organising festivals, kirtan, or by going on harinam. I am happy with the opportunities I am receiving.

However, I would like to utilize the potential that you and Krishna have given me to the fullest with harinam sankirtan especially in sharing holy names and distributing books. I believe I'm not doing enough as I should. I was really inspired by the visit of his holiness Jayadvaita swami

to Brisbane for the second time. He is so kind to us just like a grandfather. After observing him and serving him, I saw a character of a pure vaishnava; one who rises up against injustice to other vaishnavas; one who is the friend and well-wisher of the opposing view party as well; one who gives instruction to be kind to everyone and doing our duty; one who lives through simple means and tries to save every ounce of Krishna's energy so that it can be utilized in Krishna's service; one who gives spiritual instruction at all moments; one who is totally united with the scripture; one who is a Brahamana and accepts everything during the day but selflessly donates everything by evening to others. One who is always looking at opportunities to serve other vaishnavas. One who is a pure devotee of the Lord.

I have not seen or served Srila Prabhupada. But Maharaj gave me the closest glimpse of how a pure devotee like Srila Prabhupada would be in person. I can also see where a pure devotee like you got his qualities from. I could see all this again because of his love for Srila Prabhupada and you.

Thank you Guru Maharaj for showing mercy even from wherever you are. Please bless me that I grow in my Krishna consciousness and continue to spread it by your mercy to please you, Prabhupada and Krishna.

Your servant,  
Jamadagni Dasa

## **Jaya Balarama Dasa**

My dear Gurudeva,

I offer my humble obeisance to you. All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

My dear Gurudeva being as unworthy as I am, you have given me so much that even in millions of lifetimes I will not be able to pay back even a percent of what you have given me. It is only by the mercy of your lotus feet that I am able to get the mercy and shelter of the supreme Lord and Srila Prabhupada. Without you my dear Gurudeva I am nothing and I have nothing.

The kindness and care and love you have given me is far beyond anything I deserve. I remember once during the Durban festival of chariots, it was during the evening that I had gotten the opportunity to speak to you outside of one of the tents. It was a chilly night and I had on my shawl, and as always I would have so much to say but once I get to you my mind goes blank, words become difficult to say, even moving becomes a problem. All coordination within my brain seems difficult at that moment. Although it would be taking me way longer to just say a

few words, sometimes battling to speak like a toddler you were always very patient with me no matter how busy you waswhile we spoke the wind had blown open my shawl. Unable to get myself to put it right I just stood there still listening to you. Already you had understood what I was going through at that moment, reached over and put my shawl right for me, I remember walking away after speaking to you feeling so loved, understood and special.

I have heard you say a few times in your talks and lectures, that this life should be any offering to the Lord, but on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja I pray to you to give me the strength and mercy so that this life can be a worthy offering to you my dear Gurudeva, and in doing so may I find my way back to you my beloved Gurudeva.

Your most foolish servant,

Jaya Balarama Dasa

## Jaya Gopal Dasa

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

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

nama om̐ 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 Maharaja,

You will always be my standard of what a devotee should represent and strive for. By your mercy, I now have the amazing opportunity to serve all the vaishnavas and to come to the understanding that the more I give Krishna to others, the more Krishna reveals Himself to me. I still remember the instruction you gave me after one explosive kirtan in Simhachalam: “Al-

ways stay with the devotees, because they will give you service to Krishna.” Right now this is manifesting, and I have many opportunities for service.

Of course, sometimes I face struggles and challenges in my spiritual life, but somehow, due to your blessings and your unwavering faith in Krishna, I am given the strength to keep going. I will be eternally grateful for your blessings and instructions, which are now pushing my spiritual life forward.

Another thing you said to me is that, “We need to become serious about the important things in spiritual life.” I am trying to apply this instruction and principle so that it becomes one of the foundations of my spiritual life. I am aspiring to strengthen these foundations: I am attending the Bhakti-sashtri course, trying to increase my association with the vaishnavas, and deepening my relationships with the devotees.

Even though you are not physically present, by striving to follow your instructions and by associating with my god brothers and god sisters, I still feel your presence. Every day I realize more and more how you personify humility, sincerity, devotion, and so many other qualities. With each passing day, I am increasingly grateful that you accepted me as your disciple, and I hope that one day I will fulfil your instructions.

Even though our relationship is that of Guru and disciple, I still feel you as a best friend with whom I can share my deepest thoughts.

Your servant,  
Jaya Gopal Dasa  
(Bulgaria)

## Jayananda Dasa

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my obediences.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Guru Maharaj, you always giving us huge inspiration. Your kirtans, lectures, dealing with devotees, management and simply how to live as devotee. You are example of one who obtained mercy of Lord Caitanya. You did huge amount of service in Vrindavan, Mayapur, Europe and then you went to New York.

In New York you told many of us to stay here and do service. Spread Krishna consciousness, build community, expand harinam sankirtan. Now Kadamba Kafe is finally running, your desire came true. You always came to harinam because it is your life and soul. You mentioned few time."After all services, management, leadership etc I just want to come to harinam and sing." Because that is what truly matters.

You and Rama Raya Prabhu are true gems of harinam sankirtan here. Everyone should follow your example and help devotees to expand harinam here.

Please look upon us, we will do best to get your mercy. We have to make it back to Godhead to see you. We have now two big reasons to go back. Krishna and you.

Forever in your service,

Jayananda Dasa

## **Kasturi Manjari Devi Dasi**

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale  
srimate kadamba kanana svamin iti namine

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale  
guru dasa jayadvaita svamin iti namine

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale  
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine

namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine

My dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

Here I am, year after year, with not much depth in my spiritual life but with some commitment nevertheless. I have faith in the process of devotional service, I have experienced glimpses of ecstasy, pieces of miracles, and above all I have been touched by your mercy. In fact, your mercy is the only thing that ever penetrated into the most hidden depths of my cold, materialistic heart. There you entered, not paying attention to all the rubbish that you found

there - all the attachments, all the greed, all the sinful dispositions accumulated life after life. You have entered as if entering a very fertile soil. Others would only see rubbish, dirt and mess. But your vision was magical, truly spiritual, your vision has changed the little dirty corner of my heart into a garden of bhakti. You have planted many seeds of devotion, many beautiful flowers, fruit-bearing trees, pleasant creepers. Some of the plants have died over time, some are struggling for existence, some are doing pretty well, and new species of plants come into existence - thanks to your vision, your prayers, your mercy, your spiritual power. What a miraculously magnanimous gardener you are. I am a very bad gardener, trying to water the plants of devotion only to the extent that they survive, miserly keeping much of the water of life time and energy for my many materialistic desires. But I have to admit that this little garden of devotional life that you have cultivated really gives me solace, joy and gratitude. Without your merciful touch, I would be but a little rat lingering amidst rotten scraps, but now I can become your successor - the dutiful and grateful caretaker of the garden of bhakti. I am far from being a good caretaker, but the path is clear and I want to walk it all lifelong.

Thank you Gurudeva for all the fragrant flowers of bhakti you are giving to all of us.

Your servant,

Kasturi Manjari Devi Dasi

## **Kesava Bharati Dasa**

Sri Sri Krishna Balaram ki jay.

Sri SriPancha Tattva ki jay.

Srila Prabhupada ki jay.

Jayadvaita Maharaj ki jay.

Kadamba Kanana Maharaj ki jay.

30.01.26

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you. All glories to his holiness Jayadavita Maharaj. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

In the last year I have been thinking a lot about how I can strengthen my relationship with you through listening to Srila Prabhupada. Through listening to Srila Prabhupada and reading his

books. I am starting to feel your presence more and more in my life. I have managed to read Bhagavad-gita, Srimad Bhagavatam, Caitanya Caritamṛta, Nectar of Devotion, Nectar of Instruction and Sri Isopanisad. I hated reading when I was younger but with your instruction to read came the mercy for me to overcome that obstacle and now appreciate Srila Prabhupada's purports. This path of devotional service is truly sublime but keeping engaged in reading enhances the experience and takes you to greater heights in Krishna consciousness.

Thank you Guru Maharaj for your beautiful guidance and for always knowing what is best for me. I am not much of a devotee or a disciple. I know in my heart that it is because of you that I have a chance to become a genuine devotee in Srila Prabhupada's Iskcon.

Your humble servant,  
Kesava Bharati Dasa

## **Kirti Nandini Dasi**

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Thank you. You always give me an example how to serve boldly, happily, seriously, practically, wisely. Just in so many ways to just serve. By your mercy, I feel, for some moments already, I have been, what you want us to become.

I am heavily hoping, my service will become more steady and more with the courage to jump over my own shadow, the courage to change and to please Srila Prabhupada and Krishna.

Your servant,  
Kirti Nandini 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

2025 was a year that Krishna gently used to stretch and humble me in ways I did not expect, yet it became a year filled with my inner growth and quiet mercy. Through many challenges, I began to see His guiding hand inviting me to slow down, to serve with more humility, and to reflect more deeply on my life. During this time, I realised that I could no longer neglect my health. I chose to take some time to look after myself physically, emotionally, and spiritually so that I may serve him better.

As the months passed, I worked on becoming more understanding, more tolerant, and more onscious of how I interact with both devotees and non devotees. I tried to soften my heart, making a sincere effort to be kind and respectful, even when situations were difficult. By dedicating the early morning hours to japa, I found chanting became more natural and nourishing. The more we chant the holy name, the more our hearts become purified of sins; the more purified we become and the more peaceful the mind becomes. And when the mind is peaceful, it naturally turns toward Krishna.

The holy name has reminded me of my eternal identity and my true purpose in this life—to serve Krishna and His devotees with humility and love. Reconnecting with Krishna through attentive chanting has shown me that the greatest transformations often arise from our most painful challenges, when we take shelter of Him.

I humbly pray to you dearest Guru Maharaj for your mercy. Please help me develop a genuine desire to worship Krishna. Help me revive and deepen my relationship with Him, so that I may serve His devotees sincerely, selflessly, and with a grateful heart.

Your helpless servant,

Kisori Radhe Devi Dasi

(Durban, South Africa)

## **Krsna Bhumi Dasi**

Hare Krishna, dear Gurudeva,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to your lotus feet and all the vaishnavas.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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

It's quite funny that I pray to you to send me the right words to write an offering for you, so I hope to be as honest as possible and find the adequate words to praise you in the right manner, although I think it is not possible to bring words in such nice order to glorify you as it should be properly done. So therefore I beg for your forgiveness and your mercy as well.

Last year was a very interesting one for me. On one hand I struggled a lot on the outside and took a

Setback. On the other hand, I felt a lot of personal growth inside. I felt so lost, was in a very painful

physical situation and it felt as if I lost the connection to myself over the years. I questioned myself: Is that what I am doing really in alignment with my true self? Am I forced to act by my own conditionings and shortcomings? Is it really devotion, or am I only a victim of my own guilt, fear and shame? I was questioning myself if I am really honest, or as you used to say, am I really simple and act truthfully? I deepened my prayer, deepened my reflections and really cried out for guidance. To you, to Prabhupada, to Krishna. I prayed to stand 'naked' before Krishna, not in the physical sense, but as a pure soul with all its shortcomings. Actually my prayers were heard. You sent me guidance. Not in the typical Iskcon way, but in a way that I could understand and shift. It showed me that Krishna is really everywhere to find and I needed uncompromising clarity to rise to this state of simplicity, truthfulness and pure compassion.

You showed me what Guru-tattva means in this higher sense, you instructed me through different mediums. You guided me through this crisis even though you were not personally present. With every lesson I learnt that I could feel your presence more intense. I bow down before you and thank you for your mercy. I really do not know how to pay it back. I am so thankful and also proud to be a disciple of a spiritual master like you. You gave an example in every step you took and in every move you made, even in the last phase of your life you set an ideal example without lamenting.

It is still shocking for me that you are physically gone, but through your causeless mercy you show me that you are still here and it is no time to lament, it is time to go on and fulfill your wish to do something for the mission. It is not always easy for me, you know our situation here in Austria, and it would be easy to lean back and do my own thing in silence, but I promise you, I will go on for this higher purpose for your pleasure, for your Gurudeva's pleasure, for Prabhupada's pleasure and for Gaura-Nitai's pleasure. Now I know that I am such a small

particle, even not recognisable in comparison to all this great vaishnavas in history, but on the other hand I am also an expression of one of Krishna's qualities, so for Krishna everyone is meaningful. Now I act in a way that I want to find out, what is that special quality Krishna equipped me, so that I am able to fulfil your desires in a honest and simple way. My beloved Gurudeva, I only wanted to say in my simple words: I thank you for your kindness, I miss you, I will always serve you as good as I can and I love you.

Your daughter and eternal servant,  
Krsna Bhumi Dasi

## Lilamayi Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Happy Vyasa Puja day to you.

Throughout this past year, I have been reflecting on how deeply your guidance, words, and personal care have shaped my spiritual life. There have been many moments when I felt your presence and shelter very strongly, especially during times of inner struggle and uncertainty.

Earlier this year, I felt that I had reached a spiritual plateau. It was not that my practice had diminished, but rather that I felt a lack of progress, which brought discouragement and lamentation. By your mercy, however, I received exactly the instruction my heart needed. In one of your classes, you explained that we should not become disheartened by mistakes in spiritual life, that there is no room for lamentation, and that we must simply continue trying again and again. Your words lifted a great burden from my mind. They gave me renewed hope, strength, and determination. In this way, you continue to guide me with compassion and clarity, always encouraging me to move forward.

I was also deeply inspired by your analogy of children attempting to jump over a stream. As the stream widens, what once seemed possible becomes impossible. You explained how material endeavours are like this — the impossible remains impossible. Yet in spiritual life, because of the presence of Krishna, even the impossible becomes possible. Through such

teach-ings, you constantly open our vision, transforming how we see challenges, service, and our own potential. Your instructions bring both realism and transcendental hope, grounding us while simultaneously uplifting us.

I often remember with great appreciation the personal message you kindly sent me when I was turning 21. You wrote that there would be many limitations and obligations in the world, and choices I would have to make, but that I should not be in anxiety as with time the main things will fall into place. At that time, your words brought comfort and perspective, but now I can truly see their depth. I am witnessing that guidance manifest in my life. Your foresight, wisdom, and kindness left a lasting impression on my heart, and that message remains a treasured source of strength for me.

By your mercy, I have also been given opportunities for service that harmonize beautifully with my creative nature, such as making jewellery for Radha Madhava. To engage my creativity in devotional service has been a profound gift. It has allowed me to experience joy, absorption, and a sense of offering that I would not have known without your blessings. I feel incredibly fortunate to serve in a way that connects both my heart and abilities to Krishna.

Guru Maharaj, your steady guidance, patience, encouragement, and personal care are constant reminders of your compassion. You tirelessly inspire us to deepen our sincerity, to rise above limitations, and to dedicate our lives in service. Whatever little progress I have made is solely due to your mercy and instructions.

Thank you for your guidance, your example, and your boundless kindness. I pray for the strength to better follow your teachings and to serve your mission with greater sincerity and devotion.

Your eternal servant,

Lilamayi Devi Dasi

## **Locanananda Dasa**

Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisance.

All glories to you,

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

Time is passing, external circumstances are shifting but our eternal position remains unchanged. Eternal reality is always existing and is not shaken by the waves of Maya. Each year that passes somehow I can appreciate more how fortunate we are, that we could have been in your presence and for all that you've actually given us. It is undoubtedly beyond our capacity to comprehend, still it's clear that we got priceless gift, the biggest treasure that is otherwise impossible to receive. It is made possible just by the causeless mercy.

Many times you revealed us the spiritual nature and the power of the holy name of Krishna and perfectly showed us how being engaged in pure devotional service is the topmost achievement and brings highest fulfilment within all the three worlds and beyond. I am keeping this memories of you chanting close to the heart and they are helping me to stay on path when the temptations try to knock me down. I am very grateful and happy that I can just be here before you as I am dear Guru Maharaj.

I do not want to offer you just lip service and flattery thoughts from my mental space but I would really like to satisfy you by acting upon your instructions for becoming a practical person in devotional service, man of integrity, man who stands and acts in real life situations strictly in favour of Srila Prabhupada and Krishna. I am far from that but I try to meditate on this instructions and improve and refine my actions and always remember Lord Krishna.

I know that you are always present and therefore know all my activities. You know what is my position and how I am doing, so there is no much need of explaining. Anyhow my activities are of no such importance, so in this year's offering I will be skipping this part. Just please understand, that I would not like to ever disappoint you.

Deep inside the heart I am thirsty for real nectar of devotional service and I am exhausted from material pursuits. Again and again I'm holding of your lotus feet and beginning you for mercy.

His holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj ki jaya.

Your servant,  
Locanananda Dasa

# Madhurangi Devi Dasi

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

Dear Guru Maharaj,

I will never thank you enough for accepting me as your disciple, your mercy is as vast as the ocean.

I commit so many offenses and ask myself at the end of the day, what will Guru Maharaj think and ask for your forgiveness.

In the Caitanya Caritamṛta, “Sri Narotama das Thakura says, sādhu-śāstra-guru-vākya, cittete kariyā aikya One should accept as one's guide the words of the sadhus, the sastra and the guru. A sadhu is a great personality like Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, the sastras are the injunctions of the revealed scriptures, and the guru or spiritual master is one who confirms the spiritual injunctions. Accepting the guidance of these 3 is the actual way of following the great personalities for real advancement in life.”(Cc Madhya-lila, 17.185).

Please guide me from within dear Guru Maharaj to be able to become a better person and follow your teachings. Please help me to become kind.

On this auspicious occasion please bestow your blessings that all disciples remain united and ompassionate to everyone.

All glories to you Gurudeva.

Your fallen servant,  
Madhurangi Devi Dasi  
(Mauritius)

# Madhurika Devi Dasi

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

Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet.

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

Many people go through life trying to find their “lucky charm”—an item, a number and so on. Once they find it, they hold onto it, believing it brings them good fortune. I never realised what my lucky charm was, but I found something better, something greater - good fortune itself. And it was not an item or an object, but rather the personalities in my life. The first devotee who inspired me on my bhakti journey; those who patiently answered my many questions; those who encouraged me to take steps forward. Out of the many wonderful people I have been fortunate to meet, you have been my greatest fortune. You enhanced the mercy that I was already receiving manifold.

You came into my life at a time when I was intensely praying. I called out to Krishna for intervention, and you appeared. I am convinced that my destiny was steered by Krishna’s sanction through your mercy, beyond logic and reason. My faith is still tender, and I continue to stumble. Yet, due to your grace, I have so much to be grateful for—I have come a long way. At the same time, you remind me how much further there is to go.

Having recently entered the grhastha ashram, my appreciation for you has intensified. Previously, I knew of your grhastha background, but the focus was largely on your sannyasa life. These days, however, I often find myself wondering how you managed it all – every role, every responsibility. You were exemplary in all regards, with one-pointed focus. You showed us how to transition through the ashrams.

I am realising how much work goes into personal relationships. Often my thoughts return to you - how you might respond, how you might guide, whether my actions would please you. At the very least, I hope you can see me as a sincere and kind disciple.

kṛṣṇa se tomāra, kṛṣṇa dīte pāro, tomāra śakati āche

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

My head and heart at your feet.

Your daughter,  
Madhurika Devi Dasi

## **Maha S'rnga Dasa**

Dear Maharaj,

I remember you were talking about how much you would like to be in Lord Caitanya's kirtan party. When I think about it, I smile because you would fit right in, singing and dancing ecstatically in total bliss. In one way or another you are enjoying the Spiritual world in full service to Krishna.

I very much miss your association, the enormous spiritual boom you would bring to Sydney, around Australia and all over the world for that matter.

Modern technology when put into Krishna's service is great. Being able to view your lecture's , kirtans, books and CD's is so pleasing. I thank you again Maharaj for giving me the wonderful altar service of their beautiful Lordships Sri Sri Radha Gopinatha. I am very much looking forward to getting the association of Jayadvaita Swami this weekend in Sydney, how fortunate.

I feel very fortunate to have such a nice god family here in Australia and abroad.

Your humble servant,

Maha S'rnga Dasa

## **Mali Caitanya Dasa**

Hare Krishna my dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to you, all glories to Srila Jayadvaita Maharaj, all glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I remember the times when we met in person. You have traveled a lot. Sometimes you visited us and sometimes I went to see you. I realize how precious those moments were. Sometimes you looked at me sternly and I still wonder what you were trying to tell me with that look. I really try not to forget anything we experienced together and I want remember everything till end of my life. I feel presence of you in my life, how you guide and protect me. When I met you my life completely changed. You yourself had unwavering faith in Krishna and you passed it on to others. By your mercy I can feel Krishna presence in my life, understand it philosophically, to serve Krishna and understand that it is the most important activity in life. Thank you for your books which you left for us. I can turn to them and develop my faith. I believe that you are always with me and I pray for your protection. Thank you for everything.

Your servant,  
Mali Caitanya Dasa

## **Mandakini Ganga Dasi**

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

For the last months I have been repeatedly reading about your island:

“My Krsna consciousness is a small island. It is hard to stay there; the mind wants freedom and to explore the horizons. I sit and chant. The three modes of material nature touch the shores of my island. My island is glorious though. It is made of pure, transcendental, cintamani touchstone. It has forests of desire trees of devotional service. It also has some hills of austerity, some trees and creepers of distraction. I sit and chant. In the middle of my island is the reservoir of pleasure and in the heart of it there is a beautiful golden temple of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu’s mercy, where devotees worship the greatest ever jewel of the holy name. Prabhupada is the pujari assisted by his dedicated followers. That is where I sit and chant.” (Kirtaniyah Sada Harih).

The more I read these words, the more my heart melts. I long to chant with you on your island. I know it is not a cheap destination; it requires sincerity, effort, and purification. I pray to deepen my sincerity, so that my heart may become purified enough to always follow your instructions with devotion.

Throughout my mundane life I moved from place to place, unknowingly following the very path where you had preached. And by the mercy of devotees, I finally met you, even if only for

the last 1.5 years of your physical presence on this planet. Only now do I fully understand how fortunate I was, and how easily I could have missed that sacred opportunity — and how fortunate I am today to still be receiving your mercy. I am endlessly grateful to you that you accepted me as your disciple.

You once told me, “Devotional service is the key - it is our treasure. It is the real source of our happiness.” I spent time searching for a service I could perform, but now I understand how merciful devotees are when they share their service with others even with someone like me. And how merciful you are for accepting me into the family of Srila Prabhupada. Whenever I am among devotees, I hear your voice. I feel your presence in their kirtans, in their wisdom, in their kindness.

Recently, I saw you in a dream. I brought my children to your place — naughty boys. I stood on the ocean shore, waiting for the moment when the sunset light touched the line where the ocean kisses the land. When the waves rose, your Gurukula appeared, and you were there with young brahmacaris. We spoke, and you were kind and joyful. But then the conversation shifted. You asked me what was wrong with my children. I burst out, “You left, and now I do not know whom to turn to — my kids are crazy.” You looked at me, smiled gently, raised one eyebrow, and asked, “Are they?” In that moment I understood. It was not my children who were crazy — it was me: impatient, ungrateful, lacking proper manners.

And the words you once said come back to my mind — that children are not small dwarfs who just one day come to the door, knock, and decide to live in our houses. I was the one who did that, and I need to take responsibility. Even in dreams you continue instructing me.

My dear Guru Maharaj, I miss you deeply. And yet, at the same time, you are always with me. Thank you for the guidance that continues to flow toward me like a merciful river. All I can offer

in return is the honest part of me that longs to do more, even on the days when I can barely manage the minimum and still try to follow your teachings with whatever strength I have.

Thank you for continuing to send your best associates to support me on my spiritual journey.

Your insignificant servant,

Mandakini Ganga Dasi

## Merumala Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj

The past year seems to have zipped by in a blur. I struggle to think of anything worthwhile accomplished and so there is not much I can report on. I am thinking if my situation would be different in your physical presence but I doubt so.

My willingness to serve and help others is still lower than before but I assure myself that these busy times raising a family will get better. I still hope that my family and I can visit Vrindavan to refuel on spiritual life but let's see.

Please bless me with the willpower to stay strong in mind and not be swayed.

Your servant,

Merumala Devi Dasi

## Mitravinda Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna dearest Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Srila Praphupada.

Sometimes. I remember our conversations in the old temple in Amsterdam. Like in the following time I got spontaneous a little space and time with you. I took the opportunity and asked you to become your disciple. You looked at me and smiled, then there were a few seconds of silence from your side. After this few seconds during which for me it seemed like the time stood still as if I had fallen in another dimension, you answered, "Yes, you can be." I do not know what I was expecting, but at this time it felt like an ancient burden had fallen away from my back and it was like a door opened. Something new, fresh and pure entered my consciousness and my whole-being. Encored by your welcoming reaction I asked you spontaneous and quick about initiation. I think we all know your mimicry- with a little shocked impression and at the same time looking like a deep source of love and gentleness. "Initiation, yes we can talk later, but you have to learn mantras and a few things more." "Yes, of course I will do. And there is this 2nd initiation, will do that too." Your mimicry did not change.

"But you have to learn more mantras again, "You said. "I will do that." I answered. Your smile than was priceless. That mood of being accepted and being bonded in these few seconds after you did not reject me, I took in my heart until now and forever. Like a new natural born baby staying with the mum after the turbulence of taking birth.

Now while I remember this situation my eyes are flooded with tears, but not numb and paralyzed like during the time of your last time in Vrindavan and the first year after your departure. I want to say thank you for your lovely and kind support over the years. It strengthens my faith and trust even though not every moment is a lovely and easy experience. But you made and still make it happen that we all get to overcome our obstacles softly and with more love that I had ever expected or thinking I deserve.

Without you my life definitely would be boring and filled up with nonsense and false thoughts of how life should be. Thank you for opening my eyes with your endless deep illuminating torch of knowledge, kindness and love. My life got a purpose and a deeper sense of what really counts. Yes of course it has to increase. I will tell you something from deep down of my heart Maharaj, it will, slowly but constantly. Because of your fundament you create in my life. All glories to you and in spite of my deep inner conversations with you I still miss you. You always have the biggest place in my heart.

When I wrote inspiring, my phone wrote instead insisting, this is what I never told you in person, my phone knows it better the small change in the letters make my deep feeling and connection to you more visible.

To insist to be your disciple is what I like to express.  
With all my love Maharaj all glories to you.

Your servant,  
Mitravinda Devi Dasi

## **Mohini Devi Dasi**

Hare Krishna lieve Guru Maharaj,  
Aanvaard mijn nederige eerbetuigingen alle eer aan Srila Prabhupada,

Dankbaar ben ik voor het jaar 2025 waarin ik Uw spiritueel leraar heb mogen ontmoeten.  
Elke dag mag ik Zijn naam noemen en nu heb ik Hem in levende lijve mogen ervaren en mo-

gen ontmoeten van zo dichtbij. Jaya his holiness Jayadvaita Swami ki jaya.

Voelde heel speciaal voor mij en wat lijkt u op Hem. Dank U dat ik Uw leerling mag zijn, U bent voor altijd in mijn hart. Guru Maharaj ki jaya. Voor altijd present.

Your servant,  
Mohini Devi Dasi

## Nadia Mani Devi Dasi

Please accept my humble obeisances on to your divine lotus feet

Dear Guru Maharaj.

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine  
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe  
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe  
śrī-kṛṣṇa-caitanya prabhu nityānanda  
śrī-advaita gadādhara śrīvāsādi-gaura-bhakta-vṛnda

Hare Krishna Dear Guru Maharaj,

planning to join your Tirobhava this year.

Last year 2025, Nadia Mani was there two times, in Sri Vrindavan Dham, after 17 years.

Felt back home, home where you left your body, we have the opportunity to visit your Samadhi, Dear Guru Maharaj and also do Samadhi seva for you.

Everytime when Nadia Mani was there she felt your presence more and more. You said thank you for coming home Dear Nadia Mani. In Nadia Mani's dream. Now for the first time Nadia Mani will be joining for your Tirobhava, Dear Guru Maharaj.

Also to meet the god family who comes on your Tirobhava festival. sadhu sanga and kirtan not to forget. Everything to please you. Sometimes we do want to do more but due some health issues not always possible.

Yes, still Nadia Mani visits our Dear Guru Mother, Isani Mataji. Last time she did held my hands in her hands, like not need to worry. Felt your presence more and more.

Realise that since 2016, never felt alone since Nadia Mani's parents were gone and then you later Guru Maharaj. Because of the presence of Guru and Gauranga.

Till we meet again Dear Guru Maharaj.

Your servant and daughter,

Nadia Mani Devi Dasi

## **Nadia Prakash Dasa**

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisance.

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

When you did kirtan in Radhadesh once. You continued singing the names of Krishna more than 3 hours. While I knew that you need to go to toilet every 30 minutes because of the cancer, you did not stop before the kirtan finished. Also at the middle of that kirtan I saw how the energy of the body went down but you shook your head and continued for long more time and with even more power. That is the moment I accepted you as my guru. Because I thought that this person has transcended the body sickness and death, which is my dream. I am probably one of the worst disciples of yours. My faith in guru sadhu sastra is very small and unstable. I do not deserve but if you hear this message please help me. And I promise to never leave your mission.

Your servant,

Nadia Prakash Dasa

## **Namanta Devi Dasi**

Dear Rafiki (friend)

In your last year with us here, and before I knew that it would be the last, I iced you out of my

heart. When I realised what was happening, I tried to break it. You always welcomed me. But something remained frozen. Years have passed now, and I am still out in this cold, more so than ever, so far away from you.

I cannot bear to see pictures of you. Cannot read your books, cannot listen to your lectures or associate with god family. I have gone back to our messages. I had to leave again. Your kirtan, once in a while, is all that continues to carry me. Sometimes I dream of you. Is it true that really rather it is that you come to me in dreams? I don't know Rafiki, maybe that is not such a good idea, because for one thing I can never seem to remember what they are about and what they might mean - except that you were there - and so then also, the pain of waking up is too much more than I can bear.

Is all of this just the fragile, cold, inconsistency of my love? Or the love I never learned how to hold and now have nowhere to place? Sometimes I talk about you and my heart bursts open for a moment. It always shuts down again promptly. There was a time, it lasted for a few days at most, when you felt close. Then you left me once again. Maybe things will get better with more time. I have written a few times, though never here. I thought this time I would try, and maybe it would reach you.

I am sorry, I have nothing important to share, no great account of the progress I have made, nothing you would want to hear and no wonderful composition of glorification as would be appropriate. I had to think about what I'd most want to say to you, if this may be my only chance, the only words you will hear in the years that have passed, maybe years more to come.

I am so sorry, Rafiki. I never meant to hurt you. I miss you. More than I can show. More than I can say. More than I can bear.

I have to stop here.

You know I am doing fine though. On the very periphery of this society but Krishna stays with me. Taking care of my baby and he is growing beautifully. I still know all your dreams for me and I hold them close. I am moving slowly but with certainty.

Thank you, Rafiki. For everything you were and everything you are to me. I pray I will see you again at the end of my road. You are the best person I have ever known.

Namanta Devi Dasi

# Nara Narayana Dasa

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

Hare Krishna dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Year after year, as I offer these words, I am reminded of how much growth I still need in order to properly follow in the footsteps of Srila Prabhupada. Rather than offering many words, which I struggle to do due to my own shortcomings, I wish to make this simple offering, thanking you for being my spiritual compass. Even during the most challenging moments in this material world, I often ask myself, "What would Gurudeva want me to do?" That question continues to keep me on the proper path. For my many shortcomings, I sincerely apologise, and I pray that in this lifetime I may gradually make amends through sincere effort and service.

I continue to beg for your shelter and guidance, and I hope to use this human life in service to the devotees, to you, to Srila Prabhupada, and ultimately to the Lordships.

Yours in service,

Nara Narayana Dasa

# Navina Sundari Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada,

Another year has gone, and I look back with gratitude what happened to me in this year. I feel that this was the first year when I could draw a stronger line within my relationships between the surface and the deeper level.

Meditating on your instructions bring you close. Although we did not met personally many times, but all of these occasions are very much vivid for me, and I recall these precious moments to deepen my understanding.

With small steps I could start some preaching through our Kadamba Garden and through the treasures of the garden and I also feel braver about direct preaching in small groups who I cook for from time to time. I am able to do this only because of your mercy, without that I would be lost. I feel saved and I would like to return what I recieved from you. You always said that we need the mercy of the vaishnavas, and I feel that need deeply. I ask for your mercy daily. You are so kind that you gave us this big family, so we can have wonderful associations and the mercy from so many wonderful vaishnavas.

The Hungarian translation of your book Guru and Disciple is now at the final stage and I would like to continue translate your books because that kind of association with you is very special. Deep, direct and personal. I hope that the Hungarian books can reach out to many people and in that way the mission of Srila Prabhupada can be also strenghtened.

Thank you for your shelter. Thank you for your mercy.

Your servant,  
Navina Sundari Devi Dasi

## **Nila Madhava Dasa**

Happy appearance day Srila Gurudeva,

Where do I start? During my first encounter with Gurudeva at the Drakensberg retreats, I had one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life. His vision of festivals, His attention to detail, everything was on another level.

His energy, his class, his kirtana He was truly ahead of his time. I am eternally indebted to Gurudeva for accepting me as his disciple. This wretched soul was never worthy, yet he accepted me wholeheartedly. On the day of my initiation, when Gurudeva walked into the temple room

and could not see me, he immediately asked Swarupa Damodara Prabhu, “Where is Navin?” My head was clean-shaven, ready to take initiation, yet he noticed my absence instantly. That moment remains deeply etched in my heart.

Today, as I reflect, I feel saddened that I did not take shelter sooner. Still, I have full faith that you continue to guide me on my path in both material and spiritual. I experience this guidance first hand. Simply by praying to you, the impossible becomes possible, and my anxiety literally disappears. Your instructions have changed me. Your messages are clear, purposeful, and transformative.

My chanting is still very inattentive, Gurudeva. I chant my rounds poorly. On auspicious days, I try to compensate by chanting more rounds, taking my bead bag with me into shops, malls, and wherever I go just to ensure my rounds are completed, no matter what. I sincerely pray for your mercy and blessings so that my chanting may improve daily, with greater attention, sincerity, and devotion.

With loads of love and appreciation,  
With immense gratitude,

Your eternal servant,  
Nila Madhava Dasa

## **Nilacala Devi Dasi**

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada,

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj.

So much has happened over the last few years. So many challenges to overcome but I am still here and trying to push my best.

As you know, I spent quite a few years at home after my parents passed away. I have now been back in Cape Town for over a year and have been doing my best to serve Sri Sri Nitai Mayapurcandra and Their devotees. I have taken on more responsibility by trying to preach to new people. I am not sure how I will get it done because as you know, I tend to be closed off and like to keep to myself. But I try to remember your words about opening up yourself to others.

I have also undertaken more responsibility as a healer and accepted the responsibility that comes with that. I beg you for your protection, so that I may always do right by everyone and maintain a level of care in that regard.

There is so much more I would like to mention, but I will end off by saying I treasure the moments you appear to me to reassure me that I am doing well.

As always, I want to thank you for giving me something to live for and a sense of purpose.

Your servant,  
Nilacala Devi Dasi

## Niskincana Caitanya Dasa

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

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to param Guru Jayadvaia Swami Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I hope you are well and having a fantastic time in whatever mission you are currently involved in for Krishna's service. You and Srila Prabhupada are the 'North star' focus and anchor of my life. I am truly hopeless without your presence in my life on a daily basis. Not that I am nowhere near as focused as I could be. Guilt harasses me from time to time as I fail again and again in my endeavour to fulfil your wishes. Nonetheless engaging with you gives me warmth, determination and purpose.

I was just recently hearing one of your lectures on the 'Nectar of Devotion,' and you were mentioning how Srila Prabhupada said failure is the pillar of success. You went onto give the example of how as a child in Holland, you were learning to ice skate as is common in Holland

in the winter. It wasn't easy, you had to fall again and again. You needed time to get over each fall, and deal with the after effects like brushing the snow off your clothes. But soon enough you were back on your feet and each time you got up you going further and further until you reached our goal. Similarly in our bhakti, no matter what happens we have to just keep going no matter what happens. I found that very inspiring.

I am really loving listening to your lectures in the morning as I drive to work. It has become such a sweet meditation for me. When you were here in your physical form, I used to associate with you a lot by driving you to various places and listening to you speak. It looks like that has not changed, driving you around still continues. The more I listen to your lectures the more I appreciate the different sides to you. Your compassion, pragmatism, humour your appreciation of history, your scholarship and especially your infinite love for the holy names. You are a warrior and a sage.

I sense when you started off in the movement, your kshatriya bhava was very strong which was you were leading the movement in so many different ways and Krishna really engaged you in that way. But throughout it all, your immersion in the holy names was constant. However I do feel, the inner sage in you was also coming through as the years rolled on. By the time you left us, you were a truly transcendental sage but still with that warrior spirit. I saw that even in your very last message when you were speaking to us about the greatest treasure. Externally you were frail but that inner strength and indomitable spirit was always there. I'm fortunate to be your disciple, just need to work on living up to it and following in your footsteps in my own individual way as you have mentioned consistently through our various talks.

I look at your disciples, they also are a group of warriors and sages. They are plucky, feisty, dynamic but also very thoughtful. Just like you. By and large I love spending time with your disciples, truthfully some of them require a little adjustment in how I interact with them but I do appreciate all of them and deep down I love all of them. My apologies, apart from a select few, I do not think I am doing enough to connect with our god family maybe that will be something I will work on more going forward. I need to find my own way in how I connect with and serve the family.

When I hear you talk about naam sankirtan and hear you do kirtan, it reminds me of that famous verse from, The Caitanya Caritamrta:

“kibā mantra dilā, gosāñi, kibā tāra bala  
japite japite mantra karila pāgala

My dear lord, what kind of mantra have you given Me? I have become mad simply by chanting this mahā-mantra!” (CC Adi-lila, 7.81).

I do not have much taste for the holy names yet. I pray that I get to that stage very soon where I can be mad with the holy names.

As far as my own updates, the older I get, the more I need to give myself to the process and the movement to spread it. But I feel I have to be intelligent about it. With age, time and energy becomes more precious. I need to think carefully as to where I need to give myself, to have as maximum possible impact as I can. I have identified certain areas where I feel I can really invest myself in. Areas that will utilise my eccentricity and creativity too. I suppose that's progress but as you know I move slow and it is a habit I am trying to cut. I know I need to move faster. I am doing services such as preaching, teaching, guiding and so on here and there. It is nice and through it people are getting to know more about Krishna and getting engaged in his service. But I am also doing everything in a somewhat 'coasting' fashion. Maybe I needed it at the moment, to just glide for a while. But I am also feeling 'itchy'; to start soaring, embrace more intensity and really get my 'teeth' into something. Just like how you would go, 'all into something'.

I see many of my god siblings who are truly in the, 'thick of it all', it is very exciting and whilst I wanted to glide, I feel I need to get into the mission in a more engaged manner which I know I can do.

I know you would want that for me too. As far as your wish that Bhaktivedanta Manor becomes a centre of education, it is slowly happening in a somewhat 'grassroots' manner. It is not exactly the dominant drive of the Manor yet. I think that may take time, with gradual shifts in culture, mood and the way in which the Manor operates and sees itself. I think it's about the 'long game' and being attuned to implementing things at the right time with the right combination of actors in place. But it is always an exciting place to be.

Maharaj I know you are proud of many of your disciples, their bhakti is getting deeper and deeper and many of them are doing incredible things for you in their own unique ways. I hope I can start to rise up more and more and fulfil my potential in your service and for the mission and be immersed in the holy names. It is the best thing in life and what I deep down want the most. I have had enough of just 'licking the bottle' (as Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Maharaj mentioned), I want to 'taste the honey.' I pray and strive to please you and be a 'solid' disciple of yours.

Your insignificant servant,  
Niskincana Caitanya Dasa

# Nitya Krsna Dasa & Nipuna Sevaki Devi Dasi

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale

srimate kadamba kanana-svamin iti namine

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale

srimate guru dasa jaiadvaita-svamin iti namine

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale

srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine

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

Maharaj, we often find ourselves meditating on how you are truly, "Forever Present," in our lives. Although we were not fortunate enough to have many physical interactions with you, we still deeply miss your presence. There are so many things we wish we could speak to you about now. Yet, your instructions, books, and recordings continue to guide us every single day, serving as a huge source of comfort during the hard times we have recently faced.

We are forever grateful to you for giving us the shelter of the holy name and for showing us by your example how to be bold and dedicated servants of Srila Prabhupada. You taught us how to overcome adversity and how to maintain our spiritual focus even through difficult situations. Your roaring kirtans still resonate in our hearts, giving us strength and comfort, and enabling us to push forward in our spiritual lives.

Our only prayer is for your mercy. Please bless us with the intelligence and determination to follow your instructions, to do something practical for the mission, and to do something big for Srila Prabhupada.

We pray that we will always remain connected to you through our service.

Your insignificant servants,

Nitya Kṛṣṇa Dasa & Nipuna Sevaki Devi Dasi

# Nivedita Devi Dasi

All glories to your lotus feet dear Guru Maharaj, to Jayadvaita Maharaj and to Srila Prabhupada.

As I begin re reading the Srimad Bhagavatam, I often think about your classes on each verse, and how you had this innate ability to speak the Srimad Bhagavatam as it is and still make it practical for our everyday learning. With each verse I try to remember the import of your words, and the significance it has on my everyday life. What it means and its' relevance to me in my Krishna consciousness, that is:

To serve Guru, to serve Srila Prabhupada's mission, to serve the devotees and to serve Krishna. I endeavour every day, sometimes with failure and sometimes with success, but each day comes with remembrance of your unfailing commitment, passion, and dedication when you served. I remember anecdotes of your life you shared with us before and in Krishna consciousness and that becomes my daily inspiration.

So this is a small thank you for keeping me motivated in and still enthusiastic about my spiritual journey.

Your forever servant,  
Nivedita Devi Dasi

## Nrsimha Caitanya Das, Giridhari Puja Dasi & family

Hare Krishna, Dear Guru Maharaj.

Please accept our humble obeisances.

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Maharaj.

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Another year has passed since your disappearance from our material vision. And although

theoretically we understand that you are here with us through your instructions, through your kirtans, and we also understand that ultimately this association with you is much more powerful than the association with you personally when you were still here physically. We still miss you.

We also understand that the association through vani is eternal. But still we miss you. You have been the anchor of our lives, and suddenly the anchor is not here in the physical form. We cannot longer just drive somewhere or purchase a ticket and fly somewhere to visit you; to be part of your kirtan; to listen to your classes; if possible to exchange a few words, and to receive some private encouragement from you. This is no longer possible and although one theoretically understands and accepts the situation, the reality is that it is not so easy to adjust to the new status quo. Myself and Giridhari share same thoughts on this.

We are in need of your help and we desperately need your guidance and your presence. It has been a rough couple of months for us and we would say we are in a survival mode. We do not follow our vows of chanting sixteen rounds.

We also do not follow our brahminical vows of chanting Gayatri three times a day. We are very much preoccupied with taking care of children, with work, and with providing the necessary facilities for life. When we think back to all your instructions, we see that if we had implemented them more vigorously and had taken more action, our situation now would have been different.

You told me (Nrsimha) that I should establish my financial situation well before I get married. I thought I have done it but unfortunately the solution was only half baked and eventually it crumbled. So now I have to start from the beginning. You also told me that I should delegate the padayatra services as much as possible, but still, out of my foolishness, I delegated only a small percentage of the services that could be otherwise done by other people. You told me that if it becomes too much I should just quit padayatra and I regularly contemplate this option.

However, at the same time my service for padayatra is the only thing through which I feel connected to the sankirtan movement of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu especially now when my sadhana is in shambles. Dear Guru Maharaj, the Vyasa-puja offering is meant for glorifying the spiritual master and yet we are here begging for help, begging for your blessings, begging for strength and determination. We have tried so many times again and again to renew our commitment because that is what you said: that we should always - even if we fall down - renew our commitment.

But once a person stops chanting his rounds it is very hard to bring the mind to start again. We have failed so many times that each time we try again it feels like our determination is

weaker and weaker because our mind is telling us: "You are not going to make it, not again, you will fail as you did many times before." Therefore, our dear Guru Maharaj, we beg for your grace and mercy.

We beg you for blessings. We beg you for a special energy kick to jumpstart an electric shock that would make sure that our determination will not falter. Dear Guru Maharaj, we now have two wonderful sons - Dhananjaya Giriraj and Shyamananda Tivra. Amidst all desperation and hopelessness our joy is that they both enjoy kirtan and that the older one (Dhananjaya) is chanting nicely holy names.

We also started to invite devotees to our home on a monthly basis for kirtan. We host them for one afternoon where we chant for three hours and then we accept prasadam. These are things that we can do now. I hope they will help to attract your mercy and grace as well as Jayadvaita Maharaj's, Srila Prabhupada's and Lord Caitanya's, and that gradually we will again renew our commitment and get back in our sadhana tracks.

Dear Guru Maharaj we miss you and we would like to renew our connection with you. We would like to be connected to the transcendental bliss and associate with you during hari-nam's, kirtans, Krishna katha and other innumerable transcendental pastimes. Please continue to shower us with your blessings because without your blessings it is clear that we would not have been here anymore. Thank you for your grace, and thank you for your mercy.

Your humble servants,  
Nrsimha Caitanya Das, Giridhari Puja Dasi,  
Dhananjaya Giriraj & Shyamananda Tivra

## **Padmanabha Dasa**

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Swami. All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Swami.

Another year has passed. Another year in your absence. Funny enough, you really are forever present because the efforts of your disciples, by putting you on social media, have increased a lot. So we see you every day, even though we miss you in your earthly form.

I have been asked to say something on the appearance day of Lord Nityananda, tomorrow at Govinda Valley. Mainly because the usual speaker, Atmarama Prabhu, will be in a plane on

his way to Mayapur. So apparently, I am the next one to speak about Lord Nityananda, and I will.

I was listening to some of your lectures on Nityananda Trayodasi this morning. I am amazed at how you effortlessly weave all your sastric knowledge, all the facts that you know about Lord Nityananda about Lord Caitanya, about Jagai and Madhai into a story which is so attractive to listen to. So easy to comprehend, yet so full of depth, so full of details, so full of rasa, nectar.

You have left a legacy which is hard for us to follow into, but we want to and we try. What stood you apart from others was your effortlessness which didn't come without effort. By that I mean to say that to be so effortless, you put a lot of effort in. You did put a lot of energy in. Your talks, your kirtans, your attention that you gave to us, your disciples, and to any other devotees who wanted your guidance or attention. Up to the last moments of your earthly existence, you kept on sharing of yourself despite great physical difficulty, pain. You refused to stop kirtans, to stop public gatherings until very close to your moment of passing. Anybody else would have long closed the door to their bedroom and would have said, "No more. No more visitors. It has been good. Thank you." But not you, Guru Maharaj. You kept on giving. You kept on giving us your association. You kept on giving us the highest, the highest that is possible.

So we have a high standard to follow. We have a difficult path to follow, but we do know that you have walked there and that you are waiting for us to walk the same road and that you are there to meet us again. Again we sing and dance in kirtan together.

Thank you, Guru Maharaj, for everything that you've done for us, for everything that you've done for me.

I totally owe my life to you. Thank you.

Your servant in Sydney Australia,  
Padmanabha Dasa

## **Panca Tattva Dasa**

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo  
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi

The spiritual master is not Krishna, but because he is performing the most intimate service of delivering fallen souls, he is extremely dear to Krishna. Therefore he has been given the power of attorney to act as Krishna's representative. If the spiritual master is pleased then naturally Krishna is pleased.

Reflecting on this fact from the position of a spiritual master you once questioned if it is sufficient for the spiritual master to just be pleased or does he have to be really pleased in order for the disciple to receive the full mercy of the Lord. After due consideration you shared that the spiritual master has to be really pleased. Other times you commented that you do not want boring disciples. It is not enough for one to execute their own devotional life. We have to fully grasp your mood and do everything in our capability to try and fulfil your desires.

You are a person of extremes. Simultaneously the most magnanimous, welcoming, accommodating and encouraging of everyone at every level of devotional life. Yet in your personal life and the vision you have for your disciples you desire nothing but the highest. Pure devotional service without a tinge of karma (enjoying the material world separately from Krishna) or jñāna (freedom from suffering) is the platform you want us to reach.

The more I get to know you and your mood, the greater my love and appreciation for you grows. Your life was exemplary in Krishna consciousness. You took on the mission of Lord Gauranga, under the command of Srila Prabhupada, with both hands, giving every ounce of your being to it. Externally you preached, rescued and managed temples, inspired thousands, made millions forget themselves in the ecstasy of the holy name and conquered so many hearts. Internally you cultivated an extremely deep and introspective spiritual life. Your grasp and application of śāstra is unique within our society and forever fills me with so much faith. From the initial time I heard you speak at my first ever Srimad Bhagavatam class I felt so safe and convinced of Krishna consciousness. Since that moment it has been your śāstra-caksusa which I get a glimpse of through hearing from you that keeps me on this path of Krishna consciousness.

Now by your mercy I am trying to be engaged in Lord Caitanya's movement in Liverpool. I am very thankful that you have given me the opportunity to serve alongside and be guided by senior god-brothers. I am praying that by their association I may develop some of the dedication to you that they have. I have the very fortunate opportunity of lots of nama-seva by leading kirtans. Such a service makes me think of you and your instruction - "Play the people, not the instruments." I am also trying to develop an inner life. I like to write and I hope this can be somehow pleasing to you.

I know that all these offerings are meagre and tainted in ulterior motives. Yet I pray that they may please you. If you are pleased then I would pray that you may guide me how I can become an instrument in your hands in the mission of Lord Caitanya and do something for Srila Prabhupada. Thus I may be able to really please you.

Begging to know you, associate with you, love you and serve you lifetime after lifetime in Lord Caitanya's mission.

Your eternal servant,  
Panca-Tattva Dasa

## Pandava Arjuna 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-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

Dearest Father,  
Please accept my most humble obeisance at the dust of your lotus feet.  
All glories to you,  
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,  
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

On this auspicious day of Lord Nityananda's Trayodasi, you said, "Lord Nityananda gives mercy to everyone. He does not select, He gives out the mercy regardless due to His intoxicated state of ecstasy. Therefore, Lord Nityananda is the most merciful."

I humbly submit that by the mercy of Lord Nityananda, you are even more merciful than the most merciful Lord. You do not discriminate who is worthy and who is not. You have an unlimited desire to give Sri Sri Gaura-Nitai's lotus feet to everyone and anyone who would listen. And even if an unfortunate person closes his ears to avoid hearing your transcendental message, your loud roaring penetrates the heart directly, and everyone will be liberated in due course of time, everyone.

You saw my very lowly state, and yet still extended your hand to pick me up, you still gave me

mercy and accepted me as one of your own. I can never understand the extent of your mercy, but I am trying to serve your lotus feet with all my heart, and I am grateful, so grateful.

Sometimes, more than I dare to admit, I get distracted by the glitter of the material world, or browse endless YouTube videos to see what is happening around the world, but then I hear your voice, citing one of the early disciples of Srila Prabhupada: 'If only I had been more serious. Now I regret.'

Your serious, thoughtful voice penetrates deeply: "So let us do it now, because we do not want to regret. At the end of our life, we want to be peaceful and feel, "Yes, Krishna, I can go before you now and offer this life." In one of your last darshan to disciples, you explained what it means to please Gurudeva, to please you, "There is no question of losing inspiration in the physical absence of the spiritual master. It is really about what we offer. And you start thinking about that. What is my contribution? What can I contribute? According to my nature and ability, sometimes the spiritual master has asked for something. Then we can do that. Let me offer something. It is there where the relationship will be strong."

I am trying to live up to your words, Gurudeva, and when I fail, you pick me up and encourage me to continue, "There are many more steps to follow but let us begin. Let us not stay where we are, wherever we are. Let us not stay there, let us take one step up." I am only surviving by your causeless mercy, Gurudeva.

Your unworthy servant of the servant of the servant,  
Pandava Arjuna Dasa

## **Parama Karuna Devi Dasi**

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

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

You are an absolutely extraordinary personality. Despite having your association only a few times, those moments were so uplifting, empowering, and enlivening that they remain very clear in my heart. I value them moments with my whole existence, and I carry them with me as strength through my hopeful many years in bhakti ahead.

Through the mercy of your disciples, well-wishers, and those in awe of your love, I have access to your lectures, books, and small snippets of your pastimes. These are truly such a blessing. They keep me alive and help me feel that you are still here, even though you are no longer physically present. When I listen to your lectures, I feel your humility and deep care for every soul, despite how elevated you are. Your examples, your words, and your truthfulness cut straight to the heart and leave no room for pretence.

You never made devotional life feel artificial or unreachable. You showed that surrender can be honest, raw, and deeply personal. You spoke with such compassion, yet with such clarity, that it felt like you were speaking directly to the part of the heart that is confused, afraid, and still learning how to trust Krishna. In that way, Maharaj, you made bhakti feel safe.

Your love for harinam, for the holy name, is something that deeply moves me. The way you gave yourself fully, holding nothing back, inspires me to try, even in my small and imperfect way, to chant with more sincerity and dependence on Krishna. You remind me that spiritual life is not about perfection, but about sincerity, courage, and showing up again and again. One of your last instructions, as you were preparing to leave the body, was that you wanted - your disciples to simply be kind. In a world where kindness is not always valued or prioritised, this instruction stayed with me deeply. It helped me understand that the true essence of bhakti is not measured by how much seva we do, how busy we are, or even by visible results, but by how we treat Krishna's devotees, who are so infinitely dear to Him. It brings spiritual life out of theory and into daily interactions, how we speak, how we listen, how we hold space for one another, especially when it is inconvenient or uncomfortable. It reminds me that devotion is not separate from our humanity but expressed through it. To be kind is not always easy, yet it is perhaps one of the most meaningful offerings we can make, an offering that reflects genuine humility, compassion, and remembrance of Krishna in others.

Maharaj, I pray that I can carry even a drop of the mood you embodied, humility, fearlessness, and genuine care for others, into my own life. Please bless me that I may remain connected to the shelter of the holy name, to devotee association, and to the path of service, even when my faith feels small.

Thank you for continuing to guide me, protect me, and inspire me from wherever you are. You remain very present in my heart.

Your insignificant servant,  
Parama Karuna Devi Dasi

# Parampurusa Dasa

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

As time passes and a person gradually goes through many spiritual and material challenges and must overcome obstacles, I increasingly realize the importance of the association of devotees, who are truly like wish-fulfilling trees. Through them, the mercy of the Supreme Lord is manifested, and the foremost among them is the spiritual master, who opens the disciple's eyes with the torch of knowledge. This process is so merciful.

I try to make your instructions my life's guiding principle, and yet I still often do and think so many foolish things and commit offenses. Despite all this, you have accepted me and you are still here as our eternal benefactor and well-wisher. I pray that I may never lose your favour, the association of devotees, or the opportunity to serve you all.

I thank you with all my heart for who you are, for the fact that you are and always will be a great inspiration not only for your disciples, but also for a vast number of other devotees all over the world.

Your servant,  
Parampurusa Dasa

# Preeta Madhour

Hare Krishna my Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances my dear Guru Maharaj.

I am forever grateful to have your blessings in our lives. Whenever you came to Melbourne you always have time to come and visit me at home or wherever I live. You have always made my life better than before. I am so indebted to you for being my inspiration for becoming a part of this wonderful community. I fell in love with your voice and I was drawn to Iskcon. My life changed forever. You became my spiritual master and my spiritual papa. Thank you so much. Please accept my humble obeisances

Your spiritual daughter and your servant,  
Preeta

# Prema Vanya Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

I am deeply grateful for your boundless mercy, your powerful kirtans, and your heartfelt teachings. You have reminded us that through Lord Caitanya's sankirtana movement, the darkness of Kali-yuga is driven away and hope is restored through the holy name.

Though I am unqualified and inconsistent, your example and words continue to inspire me to take shelter of the holy name and Srila Prabhupada's mission. Kindly bless me with sincerity, humility, and the desire to serve, so that I may progress, even in a small way, on this path of bhakti.

Your aspiring servant,  
with gratitude  
Prema-vanya Devi Dasi

# Priyavrata Dasa

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to your lotus feet, to Jayadvaita Maharaj and to Srila Prabhupada.

Another year gone by. Not much to say here unfortunately as I haven't done much. I'm doing Loughborough University preaching on a weekly basis. This keeps me going. As it comes to this time of the year I meditate on your instructions.

I am hoping I can apply just one of them to come closer to you.

Praying to stay connected to you.

Your servant,  
Priyavrata Dasa

# Purna Tattva Dasa

Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my very humble obeisance.

All glories to you,

All glories to Jayadvata Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I spent some time with your spiritual master Jayadvaita Swami in Vrindavan in March-April 2024. I must say that it was wonderful time with him. Thank you very much for your mercy that I could live in his company just for a while.

I know that you are with us - our family. I remember so many pictures and moments with you. Once we spent all the day in the car and I was asking you all the time about sun god and Arjuna and you just tolerated my stupid questions. We were talking about Vrindavan a lot as well, because this place is our very favourite place from our young years. I usually visit Vrindavan every year and would like to comply with this standard as much as possible. Maybe I could improve for twice a year. I already have several services there for long time, so I am very happy to return there and stay with my friends and relatives and spend wonderful time in Vrindavan. Once I came alone to Weimar in Germany and you came by train alone as well. You were so surprised that I was there. You were so happy. Oh Krishna, it was such a wonderful time

Last year 2025 was very difficult for me - very serious illness, big troubles in business, crazy price increase of everything and world situation. It was really the toughest year in my short life of 52 years. Hopefully it will not come back any time. Now I must say that I passed all medical treatments and therapy successfully and I am getting ready to do for you and Srila Prabhupada more.

Last year I could not participate in your Vyasa-puja in Radhadesh, because of my first surgery of tumour, even though I had arranged everything to go to Radhadesh and Amsterdam. But never mind, I want to participate Vyasa-puja this year 2026 and I am looking forward to singing and dancing on maha harinam in Amsterdam. Last week I met Vraja Krsna Prabhu from Bulgaria and he promised to come to Amsterdam this year as well.

If you find in my letter some mistakes in the text, please forgive me, my eyes are already not in good condition. I finally arranged to solve this problem by my optometrist. My first glasses should be made within 2 weeks.

My dear Guru Maharaj, thank you very much for all you have done for us. I miss you.

My heartiest regards.

Your servant,

Purna Tattva Dasa

## Puspanjali Dasi

nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine  
nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine  
nama om̐ 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 2026. Three years since now your departure, I continue to strive to remember Krishna and to see and look for him in daily life.

Thank you for always inspiring me Guru Maharaj. Every morning my alarm goes off with you doing kirtan. This somehow gives me assurance that you are not so far away. Listening to your kirtans empowers one to keep forging ahead on this battlefield of life in this material world.

Whenever opportunities present themselves, Krishna consciousness is shared with those who are receptive and have inquiring minds. Will aim to work harder at distributing more information about Krishna consciousness, as it is understood this is the goal and mission of Srila Prabhupada.

When unable to read, audio books are listened to. I listen to your lectures and constantly when there is spare time, Srila Prabhupada's lectures occupies my ears. Thank you Guru Maharaj for accepting me under your shelter as my Guru. As you have said, we are very fortunate

and truly it is with humility that your shelter is not taken for granted, as it was by Krishna's arrangement that this was made possible.

Thank you Guru Maharaj.

Humbly submitted,

Your servant,

Puspanjali Dasi

## Radha Raman Dasa & Radha Priya Devi Dasi

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

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

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

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā  
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ 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 gṛhastha. 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 Kādamba 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 together. 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

## **Rama Raghava Dasa & Ratikeli Siddhi Dasi**

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

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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. I missed you deeply, amidst feeling your divine presence during the kirtans. The success 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 the 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

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 aivaritam

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  
nirviseśa-sunyavadai-pascatya-śeṣa-tarine

Hare Krishna my dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

Again the day has come once again where we have to pour our heart for you, expressing our love for you and gratitude for all the mercy and blessings that are with us each moment though your presence is no more. That gap hurts me every moment. I think of you Guru Maharaj and feel that Krishna should have given you few more years to be with us. I miss you so much Guru Maharaj. Bhakti practices in your absence is so challenging. But your teachings, your books keep me going. Hearing your kirtans daily is an inspiration to fight with material obstacles that come in my spiritual practices and daily dealings with people. Guru Maharaj now I am doing Bhakti satri with your blessings but still I have to go long way to please you. I think pleasing you, will automatically please Krishna.

I try my best to do focused chanting and not touch the mobile till it is done. Your instructions always help me to do chanting nicely. I am so fortunate that you accepted me as your disciple. Whenever people ask me who is your Gurudeva, their eyes shine with a spark when I tell them your name. I feel so proud. But I know Maharaj doing nice bhakti and becoming a nice devotee will make you proud. I still pray you that Maharaj to be always with me and never leave me alone. I feel so relaxed when I do samadhi sevait gives me strength never to leave Krishna consciousness. I thank Samadhi seva management team for their dedication in doing and giving me chance every week to do Samadhi seva and pray for their journey to Bhagavad dham after this life.

Thank you Guru Maharaj for once a while coming in my dreams. I never feel lost, I wake up with new energy to do my practices nicely. Only one thing I wish to confess Maharaj that my hearing and reading is not so up to mark. Please I pray at your lotus feet that please bless me that I read Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad-gita daily at least one verse. While my deity worship seva at home is regular. I pray I remain consistent in hearing and reading Srila Prabhupada books.

Miss you so much on this day of your appearance and disappearance. Love you my father and my Gurudeva. Please never leave me and please come in my dreams to instruct me or scold me for my offenses. Thank you Guru Maharaj. I hope you are doing rocking kirtans there in the spiritual world with Lord Nityananda.

Your insignificant servant .Your disciple,  
Rasapurnima Dasi

# Rasika Raya Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you on the most blessed occasion of your Vyasa-puja,  
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Sometimes I wish you were here in your physical form so I could tell you what I have been up to; to invite you to a sankirtan programme, or to follow you on your travels; to tell you of the service I have been doing based on your instructions; to share our marathon scores and to report how your vision for my life is manifesting.

You encouraged me but never in ways that would boost my false ego. Perhaps a part of me is longing for a pat on the back. Almost like a little boy wanting to proudly show his father a picture he drew at school.

Then again, Srila Prabhupada told Srutakirti Prabhu that the spiritual master knows whatever Krishna wants him to know. So I need not worry. You also evidenced Srila Prabhupada's letters about his own spiritual master to tell us that you would be watching over us. And I know your plan is working, yet the little boy longs to be with his spiritual father.

How do I know your desires are bearing fruit? Because effortlessly the path you envisioned is revealing itself. When you left the planet, I slowly took your instructions to be a sankirtan devotee more seriously. Granted, it was a weighty instruction and the road ahead seemed foggy but I stuck to my service. And organically, without any passionate endeavour, but simply by remembering your words, more service, responsibility and opportunity came my way. Each time, I would think (and I continue to do so): "This is what my spiritual master has arranged." It is not normal what is happening. It is magical. You saw a spark of enthusiasm in me and nurtured it into a blazing fire of potential.

In this way, you are always with me. Opening up avenues that I could never really have conceived of or that seemed unrealistic. I wonder what you have in store next.

I often think of Tamal Krishna Maharaja's question to Srila Prabhupada during his final pastimes.

Tamal Krishna Goswami: Whatever our power may be, we bless you to live, not die, and to continue to instruct us.

Srila Prabhupada: There are some instructions only death can give.

In your physical absence, your mercy is compounding. Your instructions are ever increasingly taking a leading role in my life. Am I beginning to learn to fly my own plane? Is the boy becoming a man, confident that his father is seeing what he has produced because it was he who provided the inspiration, the canvas and the paint?

Whatever is manifesting is by your mercy alone and the only credit I want is that I am simply following you.

Please continue to guide me home, my eternal spiritual father.

Your eternal servant,  
Rasika Raya Dasa

## Revati Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna my dear Guru Maharaj.

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

Sometimes I had the foolish idea that there is no need to write offerings anymore, because

You know anyway what is going on inside my heart and my mind. Somehow You are with me 24/7, watching me and for sure more than once shaking your head in disbelief.

Disbelief because although you made it crystal clear what I have to focus on during these last years of my life, I am foolish enough to think about how I could (and should) do more. As if going back home would depend on external qualifications. But I am working on it! And by Your mercy I begin to realize what really counts.

Your mercy, sometimes it wasn't coming in a "nice" and pleasing way. Recently I heard someone talking about the difference between being nice and being kind. And how someone who pleases us with nice words is not necessarily kind. Because a kind person will tell us what we need to hear, even if we don't like it or want to.

Immediately I had to think of You and again remembered how You were both, nice and kind at the same time! You made it easy to accept even uncomfortable truths about oneself.

Thank You for being so nice and kind, for opening my eyes for my blind spots. In some cases it took me years to really understand. Thank You for sometimes bringing me to my limits, without ever asking too much. And in such a nice and kind way that ultimately it made me happy.

Still doubtful about my "qualification" and feeling fully dependent on a constant flow of causeless mercy there is still hope against hope that after my current body gave up I will finally meet You again. And this time it will be for eternity.

After coming to this point I realize how important it is to express ourselves by writing a Vyasa-puja offering. Important for ourselves, because it makes our own position so clear, that even our "kali yuga pea brains" are able to understand where to work on next. But at the same time to understand that for Krsna it's not just what we do, but about our mood and how it's changing our hearts. Like you used to say, "bhakti? - Krishna is hiding it behind his back".

"Recharged" for my ongoing inner journey I remain,

Your eternal servant,

Revati Devi Dasi

## Rocani Devi Dasi

Dear Gurudeva,

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

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this auspicious Vyasa-puja day I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude unto you for having given me shelter; for having given me a direction in spiritual life; for guiding me always and always being with me to support my endeavours in spiritual and material life. For me even today you are here, I can still communicate with you, I can still talk to you and I feel your presence in my life so much. You have left an eternal imprint in my life and I always remember you. I remember your instructions. I remember the interactions that we had and continue living those moments. For me, even today you are here and you will be forever present. I am sincerely trying to keep bringing the god family together to associate regularly where we discuss about your books; where we associate with each other; sharing our views; taking care of each other and at that time we feel you more amongst us.

In each of your disciple you have invested a quality of yours, so I think it is with association of the disciples itself that we can associate with you more. While listening to your kirtans I can still see you glorifying the Lord and how sincerely and deeply you absorb in the holy names. I remember the parikramas and valuable association I could get while being in Vrindavan and other dhams, those were very precious moments in my life and I am really happy that I could be there at that time and will always cherish those moments.

I wish to thank you for everything. I am not a good disciple, I have so many lackings but I still wish to endeavour to become a good disciple and to become the type of disciple you want me to be. I have to work on myself so much but I know that your mercy is still flowing and this is what is keeping me going.

Please continue to be with me since your guidance means a lot. Please bless me that I am able to do my sadhana bhakti; that I am able to dwell in the holy scriptures; that I am able to serve the vaishnavas and Srila Prabhupada; that I am able to continue to serve Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Golokananda; that I am able to be part of something constructive within this movement, and that I am able to serve my family members by keeping everyone on the path of bhakti. And that I will be a good human being and a good devotee, worthy to be known as your disciple.

Your servant,  
Rocani Devi Dasi

# Rukmini Devi Dasi

Deep dark ignorance and blind I was born

The warming rays of knowledge and love you shone

Opening my eyes, breathing life into dead senses

Unto you I offer my deepest obeisances.

My dear spiritual master

I have been thinking about how our relationship shifted between Nityananda Trayodasi in

2007 to Nityananda Trayodasi 2023.

I was hanging around you for a long time but I never asked, “Will you be my spiritual master?” I was caught up in finding the perfect Guru that I could be the star disciple of. Even though you purchased me with each day, my ego and indecision remained. Then one day you, said: “Are you ready for initiation?” It caught me off guard. You offered before I even asked.

But there were delays, paperwork and technicalities – because I was not ready internally.

During the Drakensburg retreat I was given the service of preparing the special darshans each evening with Yadu, Krsnangi and team. That service captivated me, tested me deeply, brought me to brink of collapse and finally made me bow down. It changed my heart. I wrote to you on Lord Nityananda’s appearance day in 2007, humbled and ready. You responded:

“Guru Tattva is about stealing people’s hearts and dragging them back to Krishna.”

You knew just how to steal people’s hearts and how to drag them towards Krishna. It was your super power.

I must be getting old, because these days I look around sometimes and think, “This one is green”. It reminds me of how much of my immaturity you tolerated, and I squirm. I was the one who sat next to your door in Srila Prabhupada’s room every moment I got the chance. It was inappropriate. Ridiculous, really. Once I had a cough and you said, “Go get some cough mixture. I have to know you are alive every time you cough.” But you did not chase me away. You called me your lion. “Prabhupada has two lions, one on either side of his Vyasasana,” You said, “And I have one Rukmini”. Only when you were diagnosed with cancer in 2016 did you ever ask me for space. 12 years you tolerated me.

Yadu and I took the hoodies we won during book marathon to you in 2006. It was at the most irate moment, when you were ready to pack your bags into the car. I asked, “Can you make it

maha?” You looked at us incredulous, “How do I do that?” Then in a Harry Potter move you held your hands over the hoodies as if magic was shooting out your finger tips and said, “It’s maha.” Did I really expect you to wear my powder blue hoodie?

I listened to one of your Lord Nityananda Trayodasi lectures and you said that the most amazing thing was to be an instrument of Lord Nityananda’s mercy. Humbly, you said that when you see people come straight off the streets and enter your kirtan and start dancing, it felt like magic was shooting out of your fingertips.

You tried to teach me generosity. And I failed to learn. I thought I was being just when I was in the initiation committee. You thought I was a hypocrite. I was. “Do not stand in the way of mercy, “You said, “Who do you think you are?” I had taken 2 nd initiation myself only a year before. “A leader must be generous. Rules are made for fools to follow and wise men to be guided by.” You made me repeat it twice, word for word.

Oh wise man, you conquered me with your generous heart. I am bound to you. Even now when I cannot see you, when I slip and fall, still I am bound. In Vrindavana, before Nityananda Trayodasi in 2023, we cooked all night to offer a feast to Srila Jayadvaita Swami’s Krishna Balaram deities. He requested a feast and we were eager to assist. In the morning the flower pandal was being set up in the altar area of your flat. You wanted me to watch and learn so we could do it our selves if it was needed again. I was falling asleep, and you caught me. But later, before the Nityananda Trayodasi class, you emerged from your room and placed Lord Nityanada’s garland around me. “This is for your service.”

I knew it was the last garland I would receive from you. I knew that it would be the last time I could please you, in the flesh. I felt each flower as divine protection, as an embrace. The thing about an embrace is that it is close, intimate, touching and then we let go.

I miss you deeply. I would welcome death if it would take me to you but it is not that easy, is it?

Would you look at me and say, “Fool. Go do something useful.” Or would I have pleased you? Would you smile at me, satisfied from the heart?

Oh Lord Nityananda, today I beg of you: My spiritual master may be close to me, even at this very moment, but I am so far away. So many stupid, useless things barricading my path. Please Lord, whatever it takes; kindly bring me closer, make him smile.

Your daughter,

Rukmini Devi Dasi

# S.B.Keshava Swami

Dear Maharaj,

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

As a species of the cautious and careful, I was heading for a life of conformity. Left to my own devices, there was no way I would break away from the insulated world of the known. Finding comfort and fitting in would have been the gold standard of success. How boring! More worrying than physical expiry is what dies in us while we're alive—the death of curiosity, creativity and adventure. Somehow, your divine grace resuscitated me.

Srila Prabhupada—and you, his living representative—changed the game. You disrupted, deprovincialized and displaced me from the narrow path that I had identified as the entirety of life. You told me that I had become your disciple because I was shy and you were bold. “I am going to push you, and it won't be easy” you said, “but it will be fun.” I couldn't resist your push, because you never asked me to do anything you hadn't done yourself. You took a bullet for Krishna and proved you were ready to lay it all down. You embraced every risk and responsibility that landed at your doorstep. You conquered me by your care and attention. You took a personal interest even though I was so impersonal. Your uncomfortable push was empowered by heartwarming love.

We live in times of great sensitivity, and cynicism pervades the air. Questionable leaders have asserted more authority than they deserve and made demands that have caused harm and hurt. The charismatic push has damaged and disorientated people's lives. In this climate, teachers more readily assume the role of friendly advisors, requestors, counsellors and coaches. It's safer, leaving a healthy responsibility on the student's side. That said, I can't help but think something beautiful has been lost. Where will we find the strength to venture beyond our self-imposed limitations? Without your spiritually compassionate push, I'd be nowhere that exciting.

Bhakti Tirtha Swami once returned to see Srila Prabhupada after risking his life distributing books in Communist countries. Prabhupada was overjoyed, affectionately rubbed his head, and wept tears of joy. He told Bhakti Tirtha Swami, “Your life is successful.” Maharaj replied, “Prabhupada, we're only doing things because you are forcing us. Otherwise, how can we do anything?” Though his body was weak, Prabhupada's voice became strong: “Yes, and that is the parampara. My guru has forced me, and I am forcing you, and that is how things are going on.”

Srila Prabhupada said this is a “pushing” movement. We must push it on, but we need to be

pushed ourselves. Maharaja, please keep pushing me—through your instructions, your arrangements and your representatives. Let me not slip into the illusion that I've made it—that the pushing is done and I have reached my destination. Keep reminding me that there is more to do, more to discover, bigger dreams and plans on the horizon. Wake me up to the fact that we're just getting started here. I'll wait for the push, listen deeply for the call and rise to the challenge when it comes. I know it won't be easy, but as you said, it will surely be transcendently fun.

Your servant,  
S.B. Keshava Swami

## **Sachimata Devi Dasi**

My dear Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj,  
Please accept my most heartfelt obeisances at your lotus feet.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada, Guru and Gauranga.

I recently listened to a lecture you gave in November of 2021, on the occasion of the disappearance of Srila Prabhupada. You told many heart-warming stories of the, "early days," of the movement when Srila Prabhupada was still going by Swamiji, and was involved in every way and every day with his disciples in New York, and then San Francisco. You told how he brought a group of those early disciples to India, to kind of show them off to the critical Hindus there in Mumbai and Calcutta. He was so very proud of the progress that they made from, 'hippies' to 'happies.'

One time when you were visiting New Vrindavan, I asked you how you liked it, and you had many nice things to say about it, and about its former leader, but you said to me, "I am really a New York kind of man." Maharaj, I feel that although you really did not formally join the movement till after Srila Prabhupada physically left the planet, you are not only a New York kind of man, but you are a Prabhupada man. In most of your lectures, and conversations, you are always praising Srila Prabhupada, and encouraging us to follow his instructions. Although you noted, especially in this class, how so much has changed in Iskcon over the years, you said that any of us could still live with Srila Prabhupada by following his instructions.

Just like in your final book, "Forever Present," we can be with you through your instructions,

and through the instructions of Srila Prabhupada. All we need to do is follow.

Maharaj, I want to thank you again from the bottom of my heart, for renewing my desire to truly serve Srila Prabhupada. I want to thank you for giving me the desire to be a dedicated first class devotee. Although my spiritual journey with Srila Prabhupada started around 1974, I want to thank you for giving me that extra push to really be a devotee. I want to thank you for inspiring me to realize the exceptional gift that Srila Prabhupada gave us bhakti yoga. He gave us Krishna, along with Sri Radha, and all of His associates. He gave us Vrindavana, and the special ticket to go there - not only by foot, by car, by train or plane...one can travel with the speed of mind - Vrindavana can be our state of mind.

May I never forget and be grateful for that 2nd chance you gave to me.

Your insignificant servant,

Sachimata Devi Dasi

## **Saci Indira Devi Dasi**

Hare Krishna dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this sacred occasion, I would like to offer my heartfelt gratitude for your boundless mercy and guidance. Even today, you are helping me remain focused on the true goal of life. Through your lectures, your prayers, and the loving shelter of my god family, you continue to guide and protect me, even from afar.

I am deeply grateful for the service I am able to do for you and for the devotees. Though my service may be small and imperfect, it is a great blessing in my life, and I cherish it as a precious opportunity to stay connected to you.

While listening to your lectures from the 1990's, I feel your presence very strongly. Although I could not be physically present when you delivered those lectures, hearing your voice and instructions takes me back to that time and place, as if I am sitting before you, receiving your mercy directly. This transcendental association gives me strength, inspiration, and renewed determination to continue on the path of bhakti.

By your mercy, I am slowly coming out of my shell and learning to offer myself more sincerely in service. Whatever progress I am making is only because of your compassion, patience, and example.

I pray to always remain under your shelter and to continue serving with humility, gratitude, and sincerity, birth after birth.

Your grateful and humble servant,  
Saci Indira Devi Dasi

## **Sadbhuja Dasa**

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada

A year has passed. Busy year on our side. We had a very successful tour through China in the Springtime. We did 5 Kirtans in different cities with around 50 people each which is really big for China. Since Kore is quite famous now on Chinese social media, many doors are opening up. We joined a yoga festival, then an alternative Festival with 3000 visitors each with stage kirtans and presentation.

Also, Kore organized her own festival with 100 visitors. Renting a hotel, inviting more facilitators we had a very developed and classy event attracting very qualified people. One of them is organizing concert tours in China and after joining the kirtan she had the desire to organize a concert tour for us. Another couple are managers of a very established cloth company and they liked it so much that they booked us to do 3 events for their employees. So we came back in autumn to do 3 healing days for 350 people in 3 cities. They gave us a generous budget to make it a memorable event for all who joined.

Also we got invited to a luxury Hotel to do a retreat for CEOs. Since the owner of this Hotel chain already knew Kore from social media, she spent quite some time with us and introduced us to more people of her calibre. This year we will do an elaborate tour in Springtime. Kore at the moment is planning a festival for 300 people. Through all these connections from last year she could get some famous people joining to attract more people. Our attempt is to present Krishna consciousness to a wide audience and it looks like we reach a lot of influential people who are open to this topic.

In the summer we travelled a lot through Germany, I had many seminars, concerts and retreats.

I notice that in the circles I am involved people more and more turn to Krishna consciousness, connect to temples and online offers. I also gave an online Bhagavad-gita course with 55 people, mostly very new to Krishna consciousness and they liked it so much that they wanted to continue. So we go through the Sri Isopanisad now. In March I will bring 20 people of this circle to India to give them more spiritual input.

Dear Guru Maharaj. I want to thank you for all your time and inspiration, and the example you gave to me for this is the basis on which we are able to do all these things right now. Thank you for being authentic, straightforward and with genuine care. It is giving me a lot of strength and shelter.

Please bless us to be guided by Krishna and you. We hope for your presence in all our events. I usually start with Guruvastakam prayers to take shelter and ask for blessings.

I hope you are pleased by our endeavours.

Sadbhuja Dasa

## Sadhu Hridaya 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 payayaty anivaritam

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śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

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

Dear Guru Maharaj,  
Hare Krishna,

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja I would like to wish you a happy Vyasa-puja. De-

spite your physical absence from this realm, you continue to inspire us and we still have so much to learn from you.

I always try to find ways to connect to you in some way or the other - in kirtan, in your books, in your classes and now I took shelter of your lotus feet in your teachings on the Kadamba Kanana Swami Blog. These are just gems that you have given us, and I try to share it with the god family here.

One which particularly caught my attention, was 'Wear it like a jewel,' it talked about the instructions given by the spiritual master to the disciple - how we must take the desire of the spiritual master and wear it like a jewel. How the relationship with the spiritual master must become our greatest treasure and how we must have full faith in it. How we must offer our whole existence in that relationship and how we must become what he wants us to become, not what we want to become. With all these gems, you are forever present in our lives and we are forever grateful to you Maharaj.

Also dear Maharaj, with your blessings we have continued to maintain our monthly Guru puja ongoing at a different places every time, sometimes at a disciples place and sometimes at a neutral location so that we can connect with the God family in some ways. It is not always easy to get everyone on board but we are trying our best to get all involved.

With your blessings we are now expecting a baby in coming weeks. Please bless the baby to become a pure devotee of the Lord.

Please also bless me so that I can continue to serve your instructions to the best of my abilities.

We are forever indebted to your kindness Guru Maharaj.

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

Your servant,  
Sadhu Hridaya Dasa

# Sanatani Devi Dasi

My dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to your lotus feet,

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

vāñchā-kalpitarubhyaś ca  
kṛpā-sindhubhya eva ca  
patitānām pāvanebhyo  
vaiṣṇavebhyo namo namaḥ

All over the world I see how my god family is fulfilling your dream of spreading Srila Prabhupada's mission. So boldly preaching in remote places, arranging amazing festivals and taking on responsibility no one else wants. But your disciples take it only to please you, our dearest spiritual master. I am so grateful to everyone that serves you so selflessly. On one side some god sisters are saying the same to me, how you are so pleased with the seva I do, that you are proud of me, but on the other side I do not feel like I am doing anything for you. I try to be a kind person that I do, so that I represent your kindness, because you are so kind.

You are an embodiment of Srila Prabhupada's mercy and kindness. When someone tells me I am kind, at least I feel that I am serving your wish. But aside from that, I lack so much good sadhana and steadiness - where did they go? I was reading through an offering I wrote to you in 2013, and that made me wonder that Krishna consciousness was so 'easy,' back then. But now being a single mom, having responsibility for Iskcon Oslo and working full time as a teacher, it is hard to juggle spiritual life, material life and the mission.

In 2013 I got my second initiation from you in Vrindavan and in the offering that year I wrote this: "So many words of wisdom came from you and entered my heart. It is time to be a leader and when others feel weak, it is our responsibility to be strong and steady." I followed that for so many years, Maharaj, but after you left, I felt that I lost that strength and I also felt that I lost my leader that was strong and steady. I need to start praying that I may again become that strong and steady leader you want me to be.

I was so fortunate to have your physical association for 12 years, and I have so many amazing memories, most of them are sweet memories of how you always saw everyone at their exact level and mood. You saw what everyone needed, if it was supporting words or some chastisement, you just knew it. Most of my memories that are just under the surface, are those of you chastising me. Krishna knows I needed it. A rough and tough Norwegian Viking. At the moment the chastisement hurt, but later years it all felt like a deep deep mercy that you showed how much you cared for me.

When I feel deep in my heart I have so many other moments where you showed deep compassion in a soft way. You were amazing with Kamala Gopi, always. Showering her with mercy and blessings.

In my offering from 2013 I wrote this poem to you, and it somehow feels appropriate to share it again. Just to remind myself how fortunate I am to have you as my Guru.

Mercy  
Mercy comes in different forms  
Sometimes joyful,  
Many times painful.  
Anyway it's mercy.  
And I do want mercy  
– especially from my spiritual master.  
He is an ocean of mercy.  
His rising Leo comes out  
And it scratches a hole in my identification.  
And it bleeds,  
It hurts,  
It hurts more.  
The wound is deep, deep into the bone.  
I hope there will be a scar  
A deep scar  
One that does not heal,  
But is there to remind me of the mercy I was given.  
Like a scar in the face,  
Which one is always reminded of in the mirror.  
The sharp claws of my Gurus words marks my soul  
and awaken me from my sleeping state.  
He is helping me to become a better servant,  
serving him, serving Krishna,

serving the devotees.

The claws scratch a whole

So the air in my puffed up personality

- will diminish – slowly.

Painfully but slowly.

Bitter in the beginning

Nectar in the end.

There is no other choice

than to surrender to his mercy

I am very fortunate to receive it.

So personal and close to my heart.

My dear Guru Maharaj.

Sanatani Devi Dasi, 2013.

Can't wait to see you again. I pray that whatever little service I do may please you and Srila Prabhupada.

Your servant,

Sanatani Devi Dasi

## **Sandhya Devi Dasi & Visnucitta Dasa**

Hare Krishna Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obseciences unto your lotus feet.

All glories to param Guru Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this sacred occasion of your Vyasa-puja, I bow down at your lotus feet my beloved Gurudeva, with deep gratitude and reverence. I am forever thankful to you for guiding me towards the path of Krishna consciousness and teaching me the true purpose of life. Because of your mercy, I have learned how to chant the holy names, serve with devotion, and see Krishna's presence in every aspect of my life.

Although, you are not physically present with me, I firmly believe that you are eternally pre-

sent in the divine abode of Lord Krishna. From there, you continue to shower your blessings and guide me at every step. Your teachings, instructions, and example live in my heart and light my path even today.

With your divine blessings, we are also fortunate to serve the beautiful Gaur Nitai and Radha Krishna deities at Iskcon Amritsar. This opportunity to engage in deity service is a priceless gift of your mercy, and it constantly reminds me of your compassion and guidance.

You have transformed my life by showing me the way of devotion, humility, and surrender. I pray that I may always remain connected to your instructions and become a sincere servant of your mission. Please bless me so that I may always remember Krishna, follow your guidance faithfully, and never forget your mercy.

Always miss the times spent with you, in Vrindavan, Jaipur, Coimbatore, and Amritsar. My home which is actually your home that you always said, and longing for your next visit. I recall all the priceless instructions you gave us always, the time spent with you in Coimbatore was the best time where you gave us very deep instructions, as I opened my heart to you.

During your final days, you blessed me to do Giriraj and Sadbuja sewa the best mercy ever. My heart still does not believe that you are away. I always long to go to Vrindavan that seems to be my make. But I am always in tears on having your Samadhi darshans and paying obeisance at your flat. The whole picture of your last journey fills my eyes with tears.

Gurudeva, please forgive me always for any apradha if ever we commit unknowingly. We are just fallen souls, not even a single dust particle of your lotus feet. Please forgive us and keep us under your shelter always. Please accept my respectful obeisance again and again at your lotus feet on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

Always at your service.

Ever yours,

Sandhya Devi Dasi & Visnuchita Dasa

# Sattvatanu Dasa

Hare Krishna dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

As I write this Vyasa-puja offering on the divine appearance day of Lord Nityananda Prabhu, I find myself reflecting deeply on His boundless and causeless mercy. In my very limited capacity to meditate on His compassion, my heart is naturally drawn to you. Lord Nityananda is known as the most merciful incarnation, approaching even the most fallen souls with patience, compassion, and forgiveness. In reflecting on His nature, I am reminded of the mercy I constantly receive through your divine grace.

Lord Nityananda Prabhu distributes love of God without consideration of qualification, and it is only by His mercy that one can approach Lord Caitanya. In the same way, by your compassion and tolerance, you have opened the door for so many of us to have faith in devotional service. Through your unwavering faith in your spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada, you have shown us how to depend fully on the holy name, the holy dham, and the worship of the deities as our shelter in this life.

Despite my many shortcomings, limitations, and offenses, you continue to tolerate me and allow me to engage in some small service. This tolerance and kindness are not lost on me, and I know that whatever service I am able to render is only possible by your mercy.

On this sacred day, I pray that you may continue to guide, direct, and protect me in my service. Please bless me so that I may gradually develop the qualities so dear to Lord Nityananda Prabhu, true humility, tolerance, simplicity of heart, and a sincere desire to serve without expectation. May I learn how to depend more fully on mercy rather than qualification, and to serve with gratitude and sincerity.

Begging for your mercy and aspiring always to remain under your shelter,

Your servant,

Sattvatanu Dasa

# Savita Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Your absence no longer feels painful as I have learnt to take comfort from the wealth of media you have left behind. I still laugh at your jokes when I listen to your classes and reminisce on how you always showed us to make Krishna consciousness so practical, so liveable and so real. When I read your book, "Forever Present." It feels as if you are actually here guiding us, slashing away all our doubt and uncertainty as if you already know what the problem is. My only regret is that I had little time with you, but alas I am grateful for our connection. My initiation vows are like an anchor in the turbulent seas of life and I will sincerely try my best to honour them until my last breath.

Yours in service,  
Savita Devi Dasi

# Seshasayi Dasa & Hema Gauri Devi Dasi

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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 Krishna conscious appearance day dear Guru Maharaj  
Offering from Seshasayi Dasa and Hema Gauri Devi Dasi

We are very much grateful to you dear guru Maharaj for guiding us, inspiring us with your books, kirtans and lectures to chant good rounds and serve Krishna and his devotees nicely with pure heart.

Our family is progressing well in Krishna consciousness year by year. We are very much grateful to you dear Maharaj for blessing the kids. They received the most valuable prasada which is guru blessings. They are cultivating spirituality at this small age is possible only with the assistance of vaishnavas and your mercy.

We just started to make programs at home to bring new devotees into Krishna consciousness. Please bless us to serve more and more and bring Krishna in many lives.

Please forgive us if we offended anyone or If we made offences unknowingly.

Hare Krishna.

Your servants,

Seshasayi Dasa & Hema Gauri Devi Dasi

## **Sharad Bihari Dasa**

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to you and your glorious services to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja 2026 celebration I just wanted to humbly submit my insignificant words of gratitude to you. It has been almost three years since you have unmanifest yourself and your pastimes from us. But of course I know that you are still present, still guiding me and still watching my every step like a loving father.

These past few months I have been trying my best to fulfil your instructions regarding your final wish, "mission". As you mentioned many times; unless and until every living entity in all the material universes do not receive the mercy of Lord Caitanya, the mission is still incomplete. Just a few days ago, I was reflecting on how exactly can I please you? I know that you wanted me to commit to my services in Vrindavan to the 24hr kirtan mandal. But then I heard a lecture from you entitled, "Let's do something extraordinary." This made me contemplate on how serving the 24hr kirtan directly is definitely the ultimate way to please you, but to also

from time to time go out and preach this mission of, yare dakho tare kaho krsna upadesa to every town and village, thus returning back to the 24hr kirtan not alone but with few other enthusiastic devotees, prepared to give their lives to taking shelter of the holy names and helping out this 24hr kirtan, is something extraordinary. This is also confirmed by His grace Aindra prabhu who says that the heart of transcendental book distribution is to serve the compassion of Srimati Radharani, which is not to serve Krishna alone but to gather everyone else down to the most fallen jivas in the service of the divine couple. This was also the mood of Lord Caitanya's mission.

It is also interesting how even though I had this realisation it was only after you arranged for me to serve in this way, could I actually attempt to please you. You have sent me to Irkutsk, Jaganath Puri, Surat, Australia, Europe and so on only for this purpose. Even though I have no qualification whatsoever to serve you, you accept my menial service, and engage me further in more services. What would I do without you dear Guru Maharaj.

In the Caitanya Bhagavat, antya kandha 6.97 it is mentioned:

" Siddhir bhārati vaneti Samsayo cyuta seminam,  
Nih samsayas ta tad bhakta Paricaryaratatmanam.

There is doubt whether or not the servants of the Supreme Personality of Godhead will attain perfection, but there is no doubt that those who are attracted to serving His devotees will attain perfection."

Dear Gurudeva, even though I am full of faults you make use of the little good in a bad bargain, to fulfil your missionary services to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. I was doubtful if could really please you simply by my futile attempts to spread harinam sankirtan. But just then you mercifully appeared in my dream clearing my doubts by your loving words, "I came to you in your heart giving you hints but maybe you did not take them seriously. Just so your heart does not break I decided to come in person."

I cannot repay you even with millions of lifetimes. All I can offer you is my tears of gratitude, sweat and blood in boldly preaching Lord Caitanya's mission, and these insignificant words of humility appreciating your causeless mercy upon me. Please kindly accept me Oh Lord and master.

I pray to continue serving you every moment, every breath of my life. I pray to further witness your mercy upon the fallen jivas of this world. And I hope to witness your divine glance and smile upon me.

Your insignificant servant,

Sharad Bihari Dasa

# Siddheshvari Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Thank you for everything - for accepting me and not giving up on me. You used to remind us that a disciple is Guru's property. I pray I can demonstrate that through my achar and prachar every moment. I pray this mission and this movement which is everything to you becomes central to my existence too.

Guru Maharaj, when you initiated me, you said in the lecture, "Some of you might be feeling it's a roller coaster, but don't worry everything is in Krishna's control." I did not understand when upon your departure vaishavas used to tell me now you would become more available. And ever since you left this world, there has not been a moment when I have felt you are not with me. I can never forget the MRI experience which was so frightening for me and your memories and kirtan let those hard moments of my bad health pass like a breeze. It felt your roar of 'Jai Radhe Jai Krishna Jai Vrindavan,' is a victory on maya and that your disciples are not battling alone.

Guru Maharaj, you would be pleased to see that how happy and nourished Pradyumna is at Gurukula. He sings vaishnava bhajans. He reminds me saying, "look mummy, Guru Nana is chanting, Prabhupada is chanting."

I hope I can give him Krishna the way you desired. Kartikey too has immensely progressed in bhakti and aspires to go deeper in bhakti because of your mercy. Guru Maharaj I also have a desire to serve Gaura Nitai in their deity form. But I also struggle in my health and hence hesitate if I will be able to serve them nicely. Radha Madhava and Jaganntha Baladeva Subhadra mai are already tolerating me and yet are so merciful. If you sanction, I am sure They will come.

Your servant,

Siddheshvari Devi Dasi

## **Sri-Govinda Dasa**

My dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Life has thrown me several curveballs, and I feel like a total failure. I am embarrassed that I am a weak disciple. I deeply miss your kind association and keen intellect. Krishna mata, Krishna pita, Krishna dhana-pran

Struggling

Sri-Govinda Dasa

## **Sri Ji Devi Dasi & Ravindra Svarupa Dasa**

Dear Maharaj,

Our lives without your physical presence are thankfully filled with beautiful memories of you. Sri Ji and I have been quite ill for quite some time, but only thanks to the strength we receive from you has this suffering become quite bearable.

I myself have a serious lung disease, and every time it worsens, I think of your suffering during these last years on this earth. This gives me great comfort and relief.

Thank you for coming into our lives once and for always remaining in our lives, wherever you may be.

Sri Ji Devi Dasi and Ravindra Svarupa Dasa

# Sruti Rupa Devi Dasi

Dear Gurumaharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to Srila Prabhupada.

There's lots of forms of love. At least what we think it is. We are looking for the essence of it in our life. That's why all those relationships with humans and objects, chasing happiness, we are looking for the fulfillment and meaningful connection. Usually we just forget what's the real side, that's where you came to life of your disciples.

I have been very lucky to being engaged in helping in your service. I have learnt about love, human uniqueness and acceptance. About individuality, about humor, about anger, about importance of expression, about humility, about boldness and about respect. About following and living Krishna consciousness. About mistakes and about carrying on after.

There's so much more layers to it, but I've understood this movement is based upon real genuine deep appreciation and relationship. How could we actually see you serve years after years? We feel simply attracted. We understand instructions but we simply must feel something more than society offers.

You have embraced us, understood our personal challenges but showed us better way. And you did in a way which was full of life, lightness, humour, never sturdy, but very straight, with acceptance of differences. You cared of every each one of us. You were able to recognize shortcomings and skilled in giving instructions based upon individual needs and potential.

Thank you so much for giving us a real love, it's not even a trace. It's something I'm uncovering by following instructions, serving and associating with the devotees. Thank you for giving us home - Vrindavan, family - all God sisters and brothers. I personally thank you for showing me love for Srila Prabhupada. You have been always his man and you've been highlighting that connection, not skipping importance of your guru, but understanding deep connection. You have gave us initiations - it means we belong to you. Temporary will fade away eternal will be coming to the front. Please bless me and tolerate my mistakes, I will keep on trying to be better in your service.

Your servant,

Sruti rupa devi dasi

# Sudama Dasa, Rupa Manjari Devi Dasi & Family

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to HH Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj

We wish you a happy Appearance Day.

Vyasapuja is a great time to offer our heartfelt gratitude and seek your blessings, dear Guru Maharaj!

It offers us an opportunity to reflect upon where we are with meeting our commitments to you. By your causeless mercy and divine blessings, we have been able to undertake numerous preaching engagements on a daily, weekly, monthly, and annual basis. These endeavours include:

- Organising numerous outreach initiatives, including the auspicious Sri Rama Navami celebrations, a few Srimad Bhagavata Saptahas—sevenday continuous Bhagavata retreats, Youth preaching, and various festival gatherings. These endeavours have attained notable success and have now become significant instruments for expanding the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and promoting Kṛṣṇa consciousness among the broader community throughout Germany.
- Inaugurating Srimad Bhagavatam study circle on weekdays under the Nityam Bhagavata Sevaya initiative to further deepen our collective spiritual sādhana. Through this sacred practice, we remain intimately connected with the divine vāṇī of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupāda, while conscientiously honouring your revered instruction to engage in the daily study of Srimad Bhagavatam.
- Commencing an online BhaktiŚāstrī program, undertaken in a spirit of humble service, with the aspiration to faithfully execute your divine directives and support sincere seekers in advancing their understanding of śāstra.
- kicked off BhaktiVṛkṣa devotee care program, strengthened by the affectionate support of our Godfamily, to cultivate steady devotee association and facilitate systematic spiritual growth within the community.

• Three of us attended Samskara training and started offering services to the devotees. In SB 3 rd Canto Vidura asks Maitreya what are the necessities for the spiritual master and his disciples (guru-śiṣya-prayojanam). In the purport, Srila Prabhupada highlights a striking point: “In order to elevate the living entity to this standard of knowledge, there is the necessity of spiritual association. The bona fide spiritual master desires that his disciples know the process of rendering transcendental service to the Lord, and the disciples also know that they have to learn about the eternal relationship between God and the living entity from a self-realized soul.” Our good fortune arose when we came in contact with you, and since then, you have been opening our eyes through your wonderful teachings.

Later, in the same Canto, after hearing to Lord Kapila, Mother Devahuti asks: what kind of devotional service is worth developing to attain the service of Lord? In the purport, Srila Prabhupada reveals another valuable point: “The devotional service most suitable for different types of devotees is determined and fixed by the mercy of the spiritual master.” So based on one’s eligibility, the spiritual master determines and fixes the most suitable devotional services. However, our personal experiences show that even though we are not qualified, you have always shown trust in us and wanted us to do something huge and great.

Although we encountered various challenges in rendering some of those services, the thorough training we received through years of your personal association has empowered us to meet every obstacle with confidence, unwavering determination, and dedicated service to Śrīla Prabhupāda’s mission. Whatever success has manifested is solely a testament to your divine blessings.

In those difficult times, we deeply felt your presence guiding us at every step. Just as Queen Kuntī teaches that challenges intensify our remembrance of the Lord, those moments drew us closer to you and your instructions. It felt as though you were with us, personally strengthening, guiding, and comforting us throughout. Our deepest gratitude for your merciful guidance and blessings, which sustained us through every challenge. Immensely thankful to you for arranging support system in the form of God family who stood by us in every circumstance alike.

Here is a short offering at your lotus feet:

Dear GuruMaharaj!

What’s your plan for us is unimaginable, and what we have done so far is just negligible

We are neither eligible nor sensible except for being too terrible and truly horrible

Still, Your kindness is incomparable, and Your grace makes the impossible possible

Your vision always has been impeccable and the guidance is incredible

Your instructions are invaluable, and may we follow to stay eternally inseparable!

Vrajendra Nandana Dāsa and Śrī Vibhav Kṛṣṇa rendered heartfelt service in nearly all the programs,

desiring only to please you and offer their contribution to Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu's saṅkīrtana movement.

Kindly continue to shower your divine blessings upon them, for it is through your mercy that they gain deeper inspiration, taste, and success in the saṅkīrtanayajña.

Your evercompassionate glance and blessing-laden hands are their saving grace, O dear Guru Mahārāja.

Please bless us all for another successful year of Preaching and Pleasing your divine grace.

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.

Today I spoke to somebody about you. I told them how our relationship was always an open one, where I could express myself truly and freely. I never hid anything from you, and the amount of trust I put in you, I did not put in anyone else. No one can ever replace the place you had in my life.

I can never turn to another person with the amount of trust and love that I had towards you. Every word you said, I accepted. Every instruction I held dear. I had complete, one hundred percent faith in you to take me back to Krishna. I knew that whatever you told me was for my own spiritual growth, for my own spiritual good. You never had any ulterior motive. Your only concern was to make sure that I became a devotee of Krishna.

That relationship is now gone. Your instructions remain, but the void created by the loss of that relationship also remains, a void that can never be filled by anyone else. Now, if I am struggling, if I have doubts, if I have questions, there is no one who can answer that need the way you did.

I can turn to devotees and ask for advice, or I can ask a question and wait for a reply, but I will never trust them the way I trusted you. Because of that, the answers I receive are never final. They remain as questions in the back of my mind. No one can answer my questions the way you did.

I miss that, and I need that. I miss you, and I need you in my life, not only as a picture on the altar, not only as a remembrance of the past, recorded lectures, and printed books. You are with me every day, obviously, but it is not the same.

And yet, you had such a compassionate nature, and you were able to foresee things in the future of my devotional life. You were so caring that you wanted to make sure I would be safe in my practice of devotional service for many years to come. You knew you would not be around at that time, and that I would not be able to approach you if I had difficulties, concerns, or doubts. I would not be able to personally ask you, and you would not be able to personally answer my questions.

So you prepared me for the worst. At that time, I was not able to see what you were doing. But you knew very well, and you were not concerned that I did not understand then, because you were speaking to me in the future.

I am so grateful to you for that, because now, as I stand in a new situation in life, what you told me back then makes some things clear, about what you wanted from me and about what I should do.

At this moment in my life, I know I fall short in many ways. I am not proud of what I have become. And although you prepared me for some challenges, you were not able to prepare me for all of them. I am now trying to find a way to continue my devotional life with the void of not having you in it, with some questions answered, but many more unanswered.

Your servant,  
Sukhayanti Devi Dasi

# Sundar Gopala Dasa

Dear Gurudeva,

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

On the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, I offer this humble offering at your lotus feet. Although you are no longer physically present among us, I continue to seek your shelter through your instructions, your example, and the legacy you have left behind.

Gurudeva, I honestly feel that I am still struggling in my spiritual life. Maya often attracts my mind, and I find myself weak again and again. Still, I am trying, with whatever sincerity I have, to follow your instructions. Remembering your determination and your compassion gives me strength to continue and not give up, even when the path feels difficult.

By your mercy, the association of the god family you gave me has become a great source of inspiration. Being surrounded by devotees who are trying to practice Kṛishna consciousness reminds me that I am not alone on this path. Even when the attractions of the material world become strong, this association encourages me to continue moving forward.

Gurudeva, your kirtanas, lectures, and the books and teachings you have left behind remain my constant shelter. Meditating on them helps me stay grounded when my mind becomes restless, and at the same time they push me forward to keep trying in devotional service with hope and determination.

Recently, I received an opportunity to render service to our param Gurudeva, his holiness Jayadvaita Swami Maharaja. I felt very fortunate to receive this mercy. At the same time, a feeling arose in my heart that I was not so fortunate to have had similar opportunities to serve you directly while you were physically present. This feeling has deepened my longing to serve you more sincerely by carefully following your instructions in my life.

Gurudeva, I pray that you please continue to guide me through your vani and bless me with steadiness, sincerity, and humility in devotional service. Kindly forgive my shortcomings and offenses, and allow me to remain connected to you by sincerely trying to serve your mission.

Begging for your mercy,

Your aspiring servant,  
Sundar Gopal Dasa

## Surabhi Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

Again, one year passed by so fast. A year full of ups and downs, full of realisations, distress and joy. This material world full of contradictions. In all this chaos of struggling through often I remembered you. How you would advise me to handle this and that situation. You are always with me, and I am eternally thankful to have such a wonderful spiritual master.

Your humble disciple,  
Surabhi Devi Dasi

## Surabhi Kunja Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

Once I heard you tell a family that you always live in their home. That statement intrigued me and remained in my mind. I have been reflecting on what it means to have my spiritual master always living with me. It is more than just having your photo on my altar - it's about moulding my life in a way that pleases you at every moment. Ideally, every activity I engage in should be of service to you and Krsna, not to my senses and mind. My focus should be on how to increase my offerings to you, in quantity and quality. My mind and intelligence should reflect on how to develop the qualities of a vaishnava so that I can properly represent you. These are lofty goals, and I am so far away from them that they seem impossible, but I really want you to always live in my home too. So that means that I have a whole lifetime of work to do, to become that person that you want me to be.

I am always remembering how you made the journey of purification a very joyful one, in which spiritual life became an adventure. I thought that after your physical departure from this world, that adventure would also end, and I was bracing myself for a mediocre future. But you are constantly showing me that you are still present in my life by giving me different Krsna conscious adventures in service.

Recently, I have been extra appreciative of another gift you have given me - the association of your amazing disciples. I receive great nourishment and inspiration from serving with them, and I feel even more connected to you through them. Each of your disciples carry a piece of you in their hearts, so I experience your mercy through their saintly qualities.

I am trying to serve you in different ways according to your instructions. Even though my service is full of faults in mood and execution, I am praying that you will accept my defective offerings and make them perfect with your purity and devotion, as you offer them to Krsna. I am praying to always have the energy and enthusiasm to serve you.

Your servant,

Surabhi Kunja Devi Dasi

## 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.

Just recently I listened to the Zoom meeting you hosted in January 2023 for the Cape Town family. The topic you chose was, "Building friendships." I now understand that it was not just a random topic. That was your relationship with the Cape Town community. I think we can all say that you were our friend and Guru. And you are actually still our friend and Guru – the situation has just changed. We are now the ones that must visit you, and you have left enough resources for us to visit you regularly.

I also asked a question at the Zoom meeting. And because you realized that you had to change my perspective, you really got into explaining how we can connect with the spiritual master and others, on the spiritual level. In a sense, I can now see that there were two parts to this question. I was asking how I can know if I am connecting with the other person in spirit and not only engaging with the mind and intellect (which is part of our material covering)?

All we see of another person in this life is his material covering, the body, the personality,

mannerisms and even activities performed with body and mind. At that time, I had just lost my husband and my mother three months prior and was preparing for your departure too. I therefore wanted to know how I could know whether my thoughts were connected to their spirit, the everlasting part, and not only the material manifestation that I remembered?

You answered very elaborately, explaining that body, personality, mannerisms and such are not so important, but that our connection becomes spiritual if Krishna is somehow involved. It is almost the same as thinking about activities that can either be material if focused on the self or spiritual if focused on Krishna, it looks the same from the outside. It is only now, after three years, by your mercy, that I can understand where my reasoning was wrong. I knew the spirit soul is covered by the senses, mind and intellect and everything is tainted by the modes of nature. People act mostly on the material platform, engaging with the world through this temporary material covering, to progress upwards or downwards according to their own actions. We as devotees are part of this earthly society, subjected to the same laws, but we have the knowledge and means to act on the spiritual platform. Where my reasoning went a little off track was in the thought that the body, mind and intellect are separate from the soul. As if when engaging in something material, the soul was not involved. I now understand that the soul is always the one acting but acting through the body, mind and intellect. In other words, all thoughts, words and actions within an animated body stem from the soul, although the nature there of is according to the acquired modes of the covering.

This is very difficult to express in words, because our understanding is sometimes beyond what we can express with words. I am just happy to know that every thought of you is connected to you as spirit soul. Whether it is thinking how you showed your deepest connection with Krishna during your last message or whether it was you joking about your Dutchness and love of cheese. It was still you expressing yourself through the purified material covering. I now finally understand what is meant by “the soul is always pure but covered while in this world”. We cannot change our material identity or give it up. We can only learn to engage it properly, in the service of Krishna and devotees, to purify it and make the actions more spiritual.

Guru Maharaj, I can only pray that we will do our part to stay in touch and follow your merciful instructions to be kind and to stay on the path, our eagerness determines how much of your mercy we can absorb.

Your indebted disciple,  
Tanumadhya Devi Dasi

## Tarun Caitanya Dasa

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, I wish to express my gratitude for your guidance, mercy, and personal care. I feel very fortunate to have received your association in Radhadesh through your lectures, personal exchanges, and especially your enthusiastic kirtans, which I deeply miss and continue to remember with inspiration.

I am striving to follow your instructions and to continue my service in Radhadesh, even when it is challenging. On difficult days, your words give me strength and direction. Although, I know my shortcomings well, I sincerely hope to gradually become more steady and worthy of the trust you have placed in me.

By your mercy, my wife has now taken up full-time service in Radhadesh, and she has developed a sincere appreciation for Keshava Swami. I am grateful to see how your shelter and the spiritual family you nurture continue to guide and protect us.

Guru Maharaj, I beg for your blessings that I may persevere in devotional service, sincerely practice what I have been taught, and always remain grateful for the mercy I have received.

Your servant,  
Tarun Caitanya Dasa

## Tejasvini Radhe Devi Dasi

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

I hope you are blissful and happy in your wonderful service, wherever you may be situated at this moment. Three years have already flown by since we first met in Vrindavan. Witnessing how your health was visibly deteriorating before our eyes, yet seeing how little that affected

your spiritual strength and focus, allowed me to see a living example of the power of the process of bhakti-yoga. You showed us how to be gravely ill with style. I still remember you poetically saying once, during a conversation related to pregnancy, that you felt as if you were “pregnant with death.” Nevertheless, you did not look or behave like an ill old person. At times I really thought that your diagnosis was some kind of black humour joke.

After meeting you and witnessing all this, I could no longer continue living my life as I had before, I could not forget it or act like it never happened, but neither wanted to. And so it happened — you kindly agreed to accept me as your disciple, and so the real journey began.

It is astonishing how one life and personality can be dismantled multiple times, in different ways and intensities, within just a few years. Living through all of this has been a true roller-coaster — at times beautiful, but, to be honest, very difficult and painful as well. Materially, there have been challenge after challenge; spiritually as well.

For a small soul in a woman’s body, with a somewhat fragile mind and a heart that has already been broken so many times, it has been quite a ride. On my own skin, I have experienced what it means when you decide to make me into a Tejasvini, after a lifetime of feeling weakened and victimized.

Whenever I feel weak, or when everything feels like too much, I remember your superhuman strength and faith. By your mercy, I hope that one day soon I will truly embody the qualities of the name you so kindly gave me.

Thank you for everything that you are, thank you for being most merciful upon my soul.  
Kindly lead the way.

Your aspiring servant,  
Tejasvini Radhe Devi Dasi

## Tulya Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

These days I am seeing you in your disciples, my god brothers and sisters. They are such wonderful souls, dedicated to you. I feel very blessed for their presence and company.

I want to thank you. Most of all for opening our darkend eyes. You once said we need to turn to satisfying the heart and that comes with love. You also said we need to realize and connect with our real desires. And to do that, we just need to engage with devotional service. Service to Krishna which is the perfection of life. I am so grateful to you for showing us to be a servant of Krishna.

I miss you. I miss your words of wisdom. There is nobody like you. I just pray to serve you more deeply and sincerely.

With love,  
Your servant,  
Tulya Devi Dasi

## Tusta Krishna Dasa

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet, dear Gurudeva.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Today, on the auspicious occasion of Sri Nityananda Trayodasi, I am remembering a moment when I felt a deep connection with you. I distinctly remember witnessing you chant the holy names with such love and absorption for more than three hours during kirtan at the Iskcon North Sydney temple. At that time, I felt that your love for Kṛiṣṇa's holy name was completely pure, and I prayed that if I could receive even a tinge of that love, I too could learn to truly fall in love with Kṛiṣṇa.

Your dedication to Srila Prabhupada's and Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission is extraordinary. I am deeply moved by the fact that even during your departure pastime, your final concern was the mission—to spread Kṛiṣṇa consciousness and inundate the world with Kṛiṣṇa-prema. This has left an indelible impression on my heart and continues to guide my spiritual life.

Over the past year, I have been reflecting deeply on your instructions. I am gradually realizing that chanting sixteen rounds is only the beginning—to enter the proper mood—and that real chanting means striving to remember Kṛiṣṇa constantly, just as you once instructed me: *kīrtanīyaḥ sadā hariḥ*. Although chanting sometimes becomes a struggle, I feel your mercy giving me strength. By Kṛiṣṇa's arrangement, I remain engaged in deity worship and in organizing various festivals, which keeps me connected to devotional service and protected by service.

This year, I also had a realization regarding detachment. I had been saving money with the intention of purchasing a Tesla car, but when the new temple construction required immediate financial support, I donated all the savings I had accumulated. Through this, I am trying to learn how to detach myself from material desires and adjust my life to move closer to Kṛiṣṇa, without dependence on material opulence.

Dear Gurudeva, I sincerely pray for your blessings so that I may chant more purely, commit fewer offenses, serve the vaiṣṇavas with sincerity, and engage more deeply in Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission. On this sacred occasion, I renew my vows to strictly follow the four regulative principles of no meat-eating, no illicit sex, no gambling, and no intoxication, and to chant a minimum of sixteen rounds of the Hare Kṛiṣṇa maha mantra daily.

Begging for your causeless mercy.

Your servant and friend,  
Tusta Krishna Dasa

## Urjesvari Devi Dasi

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I remember in 2021 in Radhadesh, you said to me that we must take responsibility for Srila Prabhupada's movement and by doing this be part of his inner circle. You said that we can do this by taking up responsibility for the projects that were important to Srila Prabhupada. To my utter surprise you asked me to take up leadership and responsibility. You were very specific and this was not a general discussion. I felt completely inadequate for such a serious role.

I wanted to remain in

my comfortable bubble and just participate in the movement. Of course I had planned to continue doing service, but it would be more low-key and simpler and, in this way, just pass the years. Staying very much within the closed space of my little bubble.

But you wanted something different for me. You made me realise that we have a mission to do and it required full dedication. You joked that I was neither too young nor too old, and that now was the perfect time to fully dedicate my time and energy for the mission. No half measures. All in. I knew at the time that this would be challenging but there was no turning back

now. You kindly blessed me to be able to follow these instructions as you saw my nervousness and many shortcomings.

It was a kind but firm call to battle. You had recruited me for Mahaprabhu's army. You explained the disciplic succession and how the responsibility moves down the chain in order to keep the mission going. Making it relevant and personal. Since that time, I have tried to follow your instructions by taking up services that align with what you wanted me to do. I was so unsure of what I needed to do or how I would fulfil your instructions. But something magical started to happen, things started to reveal themselves, opportunities began to come to me, you sent guidance in various forms and started to nudge me along on the path. I started to feel your presence more and more. I felt your kindness and guidance. In times of purification I would feel your loving care and protection.

Something that I have more recently been reflecting on is that despite the serious instructions that you gave me, you wanted me to be happy and have fun in the process. You would often say that we must have fun and devotees should be happy. This would remind me of Srila Prabhupada's mood who also wanted everyone to be happy. Srila Prabhupada said in a class how he came to share Krishna consciousness in order to make people happy. What an incredible gift that has been passed down through the Guru parampara. Love and happiness – two fundamental needs of every living being which you have passed on.

To be deeply loved changes a person. It moves the person to be and do better. To live a life that is less ordinary. To not occupy just a small space but to break free and go out into the world sharing the love and happiness by connecting them to the Supreme sweet and loving Sri Krishna.

You are the perfect spiritual master, the embodiment of true love and compassion. Please continue to bless me that I remain always faithful to your instructions and carry your mood in everything I do. May I take the responsibility and do my part to pass on the love and happiness.

Your humble servant always,  
Urjesvari Devi Dasi

# Vaidarbhi Devi Dasi

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

It is said that the spiritual master is the representative of Krishna and is always looking after his disciples. I sincerely believe this to be true.

I had a long-cherished desire to worship Sri Giriraj at home, and this year that desire was fulfilled. I feel it is nothing short of a miracle. By the mercy of Sakhi Rai Prabhu we have starting worshipping Him.

By the mercy of vaishnavas and the Guru, we receive Krishna, and by the mercy of Krishna, we receive the mercy of the vaishnavas. This desire also developed by observing your loving service to Giriraj.

Once, in a lecture, you mentioned that while worshipping Giriraj you perceive all forms of the Lord, especially Lord Jagannath, and how His large eyes are always focused on the sincere efforts and good qualities of the devotees. Reflecting on this, I am praying this year for the mercy and strength to focus on the good qualities of the vaishnavas. I pray that I may not commit any offense, even in my mind, and that whatever ability I have in speech may be used only to appreciate and glorify the vaishnavas.

I deeply appreciate the beautiful relationship you share with your Guru, his holiness Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj, and how Maharaj continues to serve you by visiting and supporting the community here at Burbank. I am very grateful for his presence and feel your vapu presence through him.

When I read my offering from last year, I noticed that I had expressed a desire to go on hari-nam. That desire still remains. I try to participate as much as I can, although I know it is still not enough.

I pray that this year my offering may be special to you. In whatever small acts of devotion I am

able to perform, I always remember that they are possible only by your causeless mercy and that I am just an insignificant instrument.

I humbly request your blessings that I may be able to serve your foremost instruction—to preach, or to assist those who are preaching.

Your unworthy daughter,  
Vaidarbhi Devi Dasi

## **Vallabhi Kanta Devi Dasi & Gargamuni Dasa**

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances.

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

On this sacred day of your Vyasa-puja, we humbly offer our obeisances at your lotus feet. We are deeply grateful for your boundless compassion and patience, and for the way you continue to guide us towards Krishna, even when we stumble or fall short.

Through your words and exemplary life, we have learned that spiritual progress is not merely about acquiring knowledge, but about cultivating sincerity, service and dependence on the Lord. Your steadiness and mercy inspire us with hope and strength to persevere on this divine path.

We pray that we may always remember your instructions, serve with a humble heart and become a small instrument of your mission.

Thank you for accepting us and giving our life a higher purpose.

Your servants,  
Vallabhi Kanta Devi Dasi & Gargamuni Dasa

## Vamsi Gita Devi Dasi

My dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you, All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this most auspicious day of the appearance of Lord Nityananda I seek blessings from our eternal spiritual master.

I will always be grateful for your continued spiritual guidance, blessings, mercy and love. I feel your presence daily in my life, although I long for your physical presence. Every time I serve their Lordships, it is for you. When I speak I try to speak for your pleasure. I see the Lord and you in Lord Caitanya's sankirtan party. I hear you from your lotus lips as you praise and worship the Lord. May my entire being always serve for your pleasure.

I am eternally grateful for all that you have done for me. You carry what I lack and with your mercy you help me preserve what I have.

May Lord Nityananda always bless you.

Happy Vyasa-puja Srila Gurudeva.

I love you eternally.

Your most rascal servant,

Vamsi Gita Devi Dasi

## Varsana-lila Dasi

Hare Krishna 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.

Happy appearance day Maharaj, wishing that you are having joyous celebration and beautiful experiences each day.

By your grace and blessings past year was filled with many nourishing associations, enriching experience, important life lesson, deep introspection and service. Thank you, Maharaj, for enabling me to be appreciative and grateful for all the blessings.

Another year has passed without your personal presence. But you were present in each day and yet I missed you each day. Your words are the guiding lights and the goal to live up to, and your dear disciples, a great support to lean on to. Slowly but surely, I am endeavoring to move ahead. Thank you, dear Maharaj, for inducing the courage and strength needed to be on this journey to you.

Every time when I needed some light and warmth on my rainy day your happy expressive eyes, infectious smile and radiant face were my boost of energy. Your incredible life in devotion - fierce and focused, independently thoughtful and committed, dynamic and disciplined, exciting and uplifting, meaningful and successful, of kindness and compassion, of service and of love has given me encouragement to be my genuine self. It has brought me closer to you in many ways than I can express. Thank you, Maharaj, for accepting me, making me feel relatable and inspiring to have a deep and real connection.

I would like to beg your forgiveness Maharaj for acting foolishly and unintelligently resulting in committing mistakes and unwilling offences. I will sincerely make attempt to not repeat them. Please Maharaj keep me under your guidance and shelter so that I overcome my lower nature and act from the place of knowledge.

Kindly help me Maharaj, as I have many faults but please make me eligible to be with you and to offer you my unadulterated services. I pray for you mercy and blessings to be the disciple of your vision.

Happy Birthday Maharaj. Thank you for appearing and thank you so much for accepting to be a solid constant in my (undeserving) life of many variables to guide me out of the temporary towards permanence.

May Sri Sri Radha Shyamsundar bless us all to always please you and be worthy of assisting you in your loving devotional service unto them.

Your insignificant servant,  
Varsana-Lila Dasi

# Vasant Pancami Dasa

From the darkness of ignorance,  
the spiritual master bestows the light of knowledge.  
By his mercy, vision awakens.  
To that spiritual master, I offer my respectful obeisances.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to you. All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this auspicious day of Vyasa-puja, I would like to offer a few heartfelt words of gratitude. Vyasa-puja reminds me that the spiritual master is the living connection to Srila Prabhupada and to the entire disciplic succession, and that this connection is maintained not by sentiment, but by sincere practice and service.

I have heard that what really pleases is not grand gestures, but steady engagement in devotional life — serving the mission through preaching according to one’s capacity and beyond, with sincerity, and learning how to genuinely please and care for the devotees. You have reminded us that kindness and respect toward every living being is not optional, but an essential expression of Kṛiṣṇa consciousness.

One prayer from you in a musical compilation reflects your own mercy and self-evident total freedom from envy, and expresses your compassionate heart— the prayer of Prahlada Maharaja.

“svasty astu viśvasya khalañ prasīdatām  
dhyāyantu bhūtāni śivaṁ mitho dhiyā  
manaś ca bhadraṁ bhajatād adhokṣaje  
āveśyatām no matir apy ahaitukī

Purport

The following verse describes a Vaiṣṇava:

vāñchā-kalpa-tarubhyaś ca  
kṛpā-sindhubhya eva ca  
patitānām pāvanebhyo  
vaiṣṇavebhyo namo namaḥ

Just like a desire tree, a Vaiṣṇava can fulfill all the desires of anyone who takes shelter of his lotus feet. Prahlāda Mahārāja is a typical Vaiṣṇava. He prays not for himself but for all living entities — the gentle, the envious and the mischievous. He always thought of the welfare of mischievous persons like his father, Hiraṇyakaśipu. Prahlāda Mahārāja did not ask for anything for himself; rather, he prayed for the Lord to excuse his demoniac father. This is the attitude of a Vaiṣṇava, who always thinks of the welfare of the entire universe.

Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam and bhāgavata-dharma are meant for persons who are completely free of envy (parama-nirmatsarāṇām). Therefore Prahlāda Mahārāja prays in this verse, khalah prasīdatām: “May all the envious persons be pacified.” The material world is full of envious persons, but if one frees himself of envy, he becomes liberal in his social dealings and can think of others’ welfare. Anyone who takes up Kṛṣṇa consciousness and engages himself completely in the service of the Lord cleanses his mind of all envy (manas ca bhadrām bhajātād adhokṣaje). Therefore we should pray to Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva to sit in our hearts. We should pray, bahir nṛsiṃho hṛdaye nṛsiṃhaḥ: “Let Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva sit in the core of my heart, killing all my bad propensities. Let my mind become clean so that I may peacefully worship the Lord and bring peace to the entire world.”

Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura has given us a very fine purport in this regard. Whenever one offers a prayer to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, one always requests some benediction from Him. Even pure (niṣkāma) devotees pray for some benediction, as instructed by Lord Śrī Chaitanya Mahāprabhu in His Śikṣāṣṭaka:

ayi nanda-tanuja kiṅkaram  
patitam mām viṣame bhavāmbudhau  
kṛpayā tava pāda-pānkaja-  
sthita-dhūli-sadṛśam vicintaya

“O son of Mahārāja Nanda [Kṛṣṇa], I am Your eternal servitor, yet somehow or other I have fallen into the ocean of birth and death. Please pick Me up from the ocean of death and place Me as one of the atoms at Your lotus feet.” In another prayer Lord Chaitanya says, mama janmani janmanīśvare bhavatād bhaktir ahaitukī tvayi: “Life after life, kindly let Me have unalloyed love and devotion at Your Lordship’s lotus feet.” When Prahlāda Mahārāja chants om namo bhagavate narasiṃhāya, he prays for a benediction from the Lord, but because he is also an exalted Vaiṣṇava, he wants nothing for his personal sense gratification. The first desire expressed in his prayer is svasty astu viśvasya: “Let there be good fortune throughout the entire universe.” Prahlāda Mahārāja thus requested the Lord to be merciful to everyone, including his father, a most envious person. According to Cāṇakya Paṇḍita, there are two kinds of envious living entities: one is a snake, and the other is the man like Hiraṇyakaśipu, who is by nature envious of everyone, even of his father or son. Hiraṇyakaśipu was envious of

his little son Prahāda, but Prahāda Mahārāja asked a benediction for the benefit of his father. Hiraṇyakaśipu was very envious of devotees, but Prahāda wished that his father and other demons like him would give up their envious nature by the grace of the Lord and stop harassing the devotees.(khalah prasīdatām).” (Srimad Bhagavatam, 5.18.9).

Whenever I remember this prayer, especially as I have heard it in your own sweet voice, it reminds me that devotional life is not meant to make us withdrawn or narrow, but rather expansive in heart and compassionate in vision.

The good qualities expressed in Srila Prabhupada’s purport are a description of your lifelong activities, and how that life so clearly reflects you as a sincere follower. I understand this to be something you genuinely desire for your disciples as well, indeed I fall short and way below this perfection you exemplify.

Srila Prabhupada teaches that the real way to honour the spiritual master is by sincerely trying to follow his instructions, even imperfectly, but honestly. Remembering this gives me hope and encouragement, especially when I see my own shortcomings.

On this day, I simply pray for your blessings — that I may continue to grow in steadiness, humility, and service mood, and that I may always remember why I have taken shelter of the spiritual master and this path of devotional life.

Thank you for your patience, your clarity, and your quiet example of faithfulness to Srila Prabhupada.

Your servant,  
Vasant Pancami Dasa

## Vedasara Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Here is your insignificant and super conditioned servant from Simhachalam Germany, Vedasara Dasa.

With every year that passes more, I realize how little I know and how much I am still proud of any tiny little bit. More and more layers of ignorance, illusion, false identification, anger, lust

and greed unfold and come to the surface of my consciousness, fore mostly through the offenses I commit to the Lord and his devotees.

Therefore it is more astonishing to me how you could accept such a sinful and fallen person as myself. My desire to take up spiritual life was genuine, but in actuality I was not at all aware of the extent of my contamination and diseased condition.

Thank you so much for your great mercy of giving me a chance and your big investment of trust and confidence, that I may ultimately become purified. I read it sometimes, that the spiritual master is absorbing the sinful reactions of his disciples, therefore it is to be treated with a lot of caution to accept a disciple.

That is why I thank you from the bottom of my heart that you accepted me as your servant. I hope you hadn't had to suffer much because of me and I pray that I become a better servant and pure devotee for your pleasure and the benefit of as many living entities as possible.

It is so wonderful how expertly you guided me when I took your shelter, fanning the spark of enthusiasm to transform and to serve; and showing me through your instructions the way how to engage my qualities, interests, desires and doubts in Krishna consciousness for that I become more fixed and devoted eventually. Whenever there was a difficult situation, decision to take or doubts to dispel, you were there for me; you gave shelter and instructions.

Still I am remembering very often your instructions and I have to smile and remember you favourably, when through divine arrangement I come in contact with the same and similar teachings in Sastra, lectures or personal exchanges with devotees.

Please help me to never deviate and grow my roots deeper and deeper into our spotless vaishnava culture. Please guide me through your representatives how I can engage myself most pleasing for you. Please give me your mercy, that I will be able to recover my spiritual body, get rid of all material contaminations and go back home to godhead and to your very self.

Your eternal servant,  
Vedasara Dasa  
Hare Krishna

# Visnurata Dasa & Kamala Sundari Devi Dasi

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

gauru-krpamrtam prapto vraje mayapure'pi yah  
prabhupada-priyo lokam payayaty 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  
nirviseśa-sunyavadai-pascatya-śeṣa-tarine

Hare Kṛṣṇa 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 auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, it is my great fortune to be able to glorify your service in the mission of Srila Prabhupada, Lord Nityananda and Lord Caitanya. It is even my greater fortune to write the offering on the most glorious day of Nityananda Trayodasi – the appearance of Lord Sri Nityananda Prabhu, the most merciful Lord.

On the current Nityananda Trayodasi I was recalling your pastimes and how you are having kirtan together with the devotees in Sri Sri Krishna-Balarama Mandir in Vrindavana – you were dancing in ecstasy in front of both Gaura-Nitai and Krishna Balarama and singing:

“Jaya Krishna-Balarama. Jaya Gaura-Nitai”

His divine grace Srila Prabhupada is stating in a Nityananda Trayodasi lecture in 1977 that we can't return Back To Godhead and approach Sri Sri Radha-Krishna without the Mercy of Lord Chaitanya and we can't approach Sri Caitanya Mahabprabhu without the Mercy of Lord Nityananda. They are both non-different from Krishna – Balarama. (Cited in Lord Nityānanda Prabhu's Āvirbhāva Appearance Day Lecture, Feb. 2, 1977 — Bhubaneswar, India, Srila Prabhupada).

This is confirmed in Srimad Bhagavatam, where it is stated that we cannot even restrain from sense gratification and keep the senses under control without the shelter of Krishna – Balarama:

SB 7.15.46

नोचेत्प्रमत्तमसद्विन्द्रियवाजसूता

नीत्वोत्पथं वषियदस्युषु नक्षिपन्ति ।

ते दस्यवः सहयसूतममुं तमोऽन्धे

संसारकूप उरुमृत्युभये क्षिपन्ति ॥ ४६ ॥

nocet pramattam asad-indriya-vāji-sūtā

nītvotpathaṁ viṣaya-dasyuṣu nikṣipanti

te dasyavaḥ sahaya-sūtam amuṁ tamo 'ndhe

saṁsāra-kūpa uru-mṛtyu-bhaye kṣipanti

Otherwise, if one does not take shelter of Acyuta and Baladeva, then the senses, acting as the horses, and the intelligence, acting as the driver, both being prone to material contamination, inattentively bring the body, which acts as the chariot, to the path of sense gratification. When one is thus attracted again by the rogues of viṣaya — eating, sleeping and mating — the horses and chariot driver are thrown into the blinding dark well of material existence, and one is again put into a dangerous and extremely fearful situation of repeated birth and death.

Purport

Without the protection of Gaura-Nitāi — Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma — one cannot get out of the dark well of ignorance in material existence. This is indicated here by the word nocet, which means that one will always remain in the dark well of material existence. The living entity must get strength from Nitāi-Gaura, or Kṛṣṇa-Balarāma. Without the mercy of Nitāi-Gaura, there is no way to come out of this dark well of ignorance. As stated in the Caitanya-caritāmṛta (Ādi 1.2):

vande śrī-kṛṣṇa-caitanya-  
nityānandau sahoditau  
gauḍodaye puṣpavantau  
citrau śandau tamo-nudau

I offer my respectful obeisances unto Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda, who are like the sun and moon. They have arisen simultaneously on the horizon of Gauḍa to dissipate the darkness of ignorance and thus wonderfully bestow benediction upon all.”

This material world is a dark well of ignorance. The fallen soul in this dark well must take shelter of the lotus feet of Gaura-Nitai, for thus he can easily emerge from material existence. Without Their strength, simply attempting to get out of the clutches of matter by speculative knowledge will be insufficient.

My youth age was filled with a colourful mixture of happiness and distress and when I joined the Hare Krishna's, I was very happy and satisfied, so naturally I did not trust some of the negative aspects of the material existence, described in sastras. Now approaching the age of 40, I can see how the body and mind are slowly changing and one needs tīvreṇa bhakti-yogena (SB 2.3.10) to succeed in spiritual life and to be able to remember the Lord at the end of one's bodily existence. You have given a perfect example for tīvreṇa bhakti-yogena in all your stages of spiritual life.

Today I was reading the pastimes of Jagai and Madhai, as being described in Bhagava-gita 7.15

as the perfect examples of narādhama and obviously I fit exactly in this category. I do not know, who is Lord Nityananda, I do not know, who is Lord Caitanya, I do not know, who are Radha and Krishna, I have never met Srila Prabhupada. But I went to live in Germany to meet a Guru: a Guru is a disciple of his bona-fide Guru and one, who dissipates the darkness of ignorance. I hope never to forget the Ratha-yatra in Leipzig, when I have joined your ecstatic kirtan for the first time and my first Nityananda Trayodasi, when I was washing pots in the Leipzig temple whole evening. It has been all of Lord Nityananda's mercy.

Srila Prabhupada is stating in his lecture that a devotee must become a dog of Guru, vaishnavas and Lord Nityananda. I would like to thank you for your kindness and mercy. I am praying to remain a student, always learning and serving in a humble way and that one day out of gratitude I will become a humble dog of the vaishnavas.

Kamala Sundari would like to offer the following personal gratitude:

Thank you so much for your fatherly care, acceptance, kindness and sheer love.

Missing your physical presence and association and praying for your mercy and blessings.

Your indebted servants,

Visnurata Dasa & Kamala Sundari Devi Dasi

## Vraja Rupali Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

Guru Maharaj, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for bestowing your causeless mercy unto me. I still recall how I felt when I was in your physical presence, even though those moments were few and fleeting. They were marked by your humour and openness. Thank you for accepting me even though I have miles and miles to go.

There are things you mentioned in your lecture on the day I took initiation which come to my mind and show up in my life as if you knew what was coming. I often reflect on the things you said.

Thank you for always making Krishna consciousness so accessible for me. Your lectures make so much sense and your words, which follow Srila Prabhupada's unflinchingly, have given my heart solace and life meaning. Thank you for connecting me to the Guru parampara.

I wish I could have known you physically for longer but it was not written that way. Now what is left is for me to make a sincere endeavour to please you, again and again. I feel I am falling short. I ask that you please kindly forgive my shortcomings and please bless me so that I may never stop trying.

Thank you Guru Maharaj: his holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj ki jai.

I beg you please always keep me at your lotus feet.

Hare Krishna

Your servant,

Vraja Rupali Devi Dasi

## Vrajajana Dasa

Hare Krishna, dear Guru Maharaj,

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

The more time passes since you left your body, the more I feel connected to you. The more time passes, the more I realise your greatness and all that you have achieved. Iskcon all over the world misses you, and I also miss our personal exchanges and uplifting fellowship with you.

You said that when the guru leaves, it is a great tragedy. In my experience, it is usually the mother who holds the whole family together. In the same way, you held the KKS family together. I have been thinking about our KKS family over the last few weeks. I have not seen some of your disciples, whom I always enjoyed meeting, for a long time. That makes me sad. It is very important to me to have contact with god brothers and sisters and to do service or carry out projects together with them. For me, this is an opportunity to feel close and connected to you again.

You have communicated your wishes to us sufficiently and left us your instructions so that we may serve you accordingly and thereby maintain our connection with you. It is even an incentive to remain earnest and to serve to your satisfaction.

We are truly fortunate to be connected to an authorised guru-parampara. Srila Prabhupada, Jayadvaita Swami, Kadamba Kanana Swami – an unparalleled power line.

Thank you once again for everything.

Your servant,  
Vrajajana Dasa

## Vrajesvari Devi Dasi

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale  
srimate kadamba kanana-svamin iti namine

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale  
srimate guru dasa jaiadvaita-svamin iti namine

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale  
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine

Please accept my humble obeisances in to your lotus feet.

My dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to your beloved guru Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Maharaj,

You have told us that vaiṣṇavas have the power to bless. In Caitanya-caritāmṛta (Madhya-līlā 19.151) it is said:

“Out of many millions of wandering living entities, one who is very fortunate gets the opportunity to associate with a bona fide spiritual master by the grace of Kṛṣṇa. By the mercy of both Kṛṣṇa and the spiritual master, such a person receives the seed of the creeper of devotional service.”

I have received so much mercy and I am still receiving it. I am one of those fortunate souls—I had the chance to meet you as my spiritual master, and taking shelter at your lotus feet is a milestone in my spiritual life. You open our eyes with the torch of knowledge, removing the darkness of ignorance, because you have seen the truth and you lived it. In this way you give us a living example and inspire us with enthusiasm to become attached to Kṛṣṇa.

Therefore, the aim of our life should be your satisfaction—that is the secret of our advancement in spiritual life as well (Bhagavad-gītā 4.34). My desire is to satisfy you by my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I know that I still have much work to do, but knowing that you are always there and that you patiently wait for each one of us gives me hope.

The appearance day of the spiritual master is the most important day in our lives as disciples, because he comes into this world for us. You came, and just as bumblebees are attracted by the fragrance of Kṛṣṇa’s flower garland and fly around it, your disciples came to you one by one, attracted by your sincere love for serving Kṛṣṇa and your desire to give Kṛṣṇa consciousness to everyone who is ready to hear, to accept, and to make the necessary changes in life.

You are always there for us—an example of how to live with Kṛṣṇa in the centre of our lives, and a humble giver of knowledge as it is. This is your gift to us: the seed of the creeper of devotional service. As you have said, service opens the door to heaven—only by your mer-

cy. In this way your presence is felt in our lives at every moment, and it will always be so.

As Prahlada Maharaja says, who is he to deserve the attention of God, especially since he was born among the asuras? But this did not stop him from always thinking of and praying to the Supreme Personality of Godhead. In the same way, I continue to pray to become worthy of your mercy and love.

Dear Guru Maharaj, I bow down in your lotus feet again and again.

Hare Krishna.

Your eternal servant,

Vrajesvari Devi Dasi